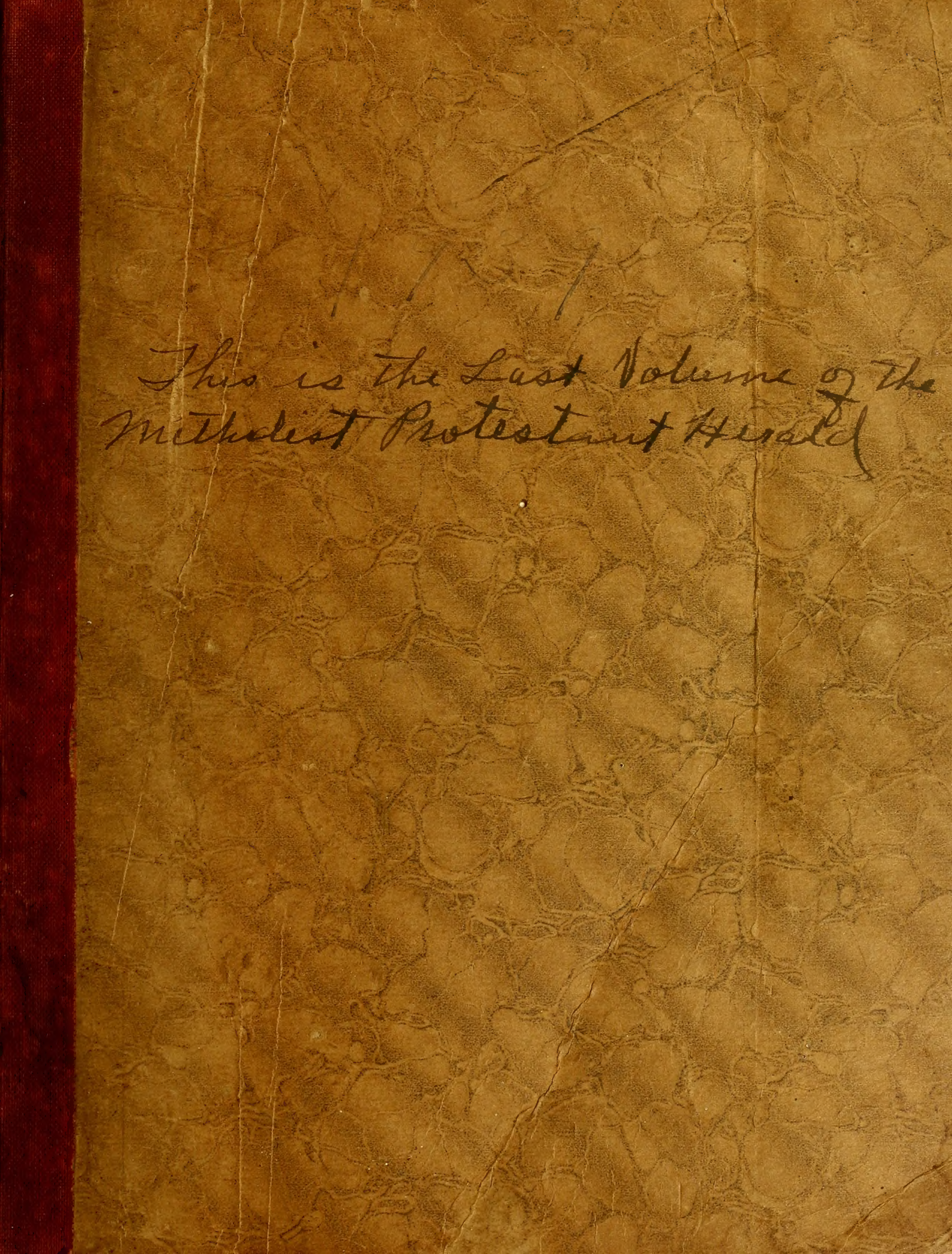

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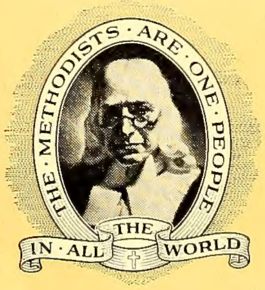
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The Measure of a Man

Wallace Dunbar Vincent in the *Christian Index* asks a series of questions which should if pondered result in a worthwhile examination of one's self. It is with the hope that our readers may seek to find a satisfactory answer to these questions in their own hearts that we give them a place in this column.

How high are you? Where is your thinking done—
Close to the earth, or upward near the sun?
Do pretty things absorb your ev'ry thought—
The game, the latest crime, what's sold and bought?
Do noble deeds and lives inspire your zeal,
Or are you more concerned about a meal?
How high, or low, is your most cherished plan?
The answer marks your stature as a man.

How broad are you? Where does your good-will end—
Does race or creed determine who's your friend?
To your snap-judgments do you cling with pride,
Or do you listen to the other side?
Quick to condemn are you—prompt with the rod,
Or do you leave the chastening to God?
How loyal is your heart to all mankind?
The answer marks the broadness of your mind.

How deep are you? Where does your honor start?
Is it embedded in your inmost heart?
Do you count virtue a convenient thing
To practice, or, sore tired, aside to fling?
Have you the courage by your code to bide,
And fight for right, though on the losing side?
'Tis thus God reckons, through life's little span,
The veritable measure of a man!

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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

New Year's Greetings

As we stand at the beginning of a new year I take this opportunity to wish all of our people a prosperous and happy new year. While these words are easily said yet we are always deeply conscious of the fact that it is hardly to be expected that all of our people shall be able to go through the year without some sickness and sadness. To some sorrow and bereavement will come and in some other cases death itself will come. But I trust all of us may be prepared for whatever comes and that we all may realize the presence of our Heavenly Father with us in every day of the year.

Appointments Cancelled

On account of the death of my step-mother, Mrs. Susie C. Amick Pritchard which occurred on Friday evening of last week at the home of her nephew, Mr. R. C. Causey in the southeastern portion of Guilford County, it was necessary for me to cancel my appointment at Mebane last Sunday morning and to be absent from the Glen Raven quarterly conference on Sunday afternoon. Tragic as death seems to be yet there are some lessons we can learn from it. One of these is that we seldom ever realize just how much our friends and relatives are worth to us until they are taken away. For thirty-seven years I had known that I had a good step-mother but not until she began to slip away from us did I realize to the fullest extent just how much she had been worth. Another thing which I had failed to comprehend was the meaning of a telephone call, a note of sympathy or some flowers or even the presence at the funeral. For years I had been trying to comfort people in distress and had written some notes and sent a few flowers and have attended hundreds of funerals but I never knew what it meant. Now I know. And as I continue to do these things in the future which seem to be such little things I shall do them with a greater appreciation of their value. And I might say this to all our ministers, you do not always realize how much your words in the funeral service mean. Many of them will continue to live in the memory of those for whom they were spoken. The tribute of Rev. J. W. Braxton in the funeral service at the home last Sunday afternoon and that of Rev. Joel B. Trogdon in the service at Giles Chapel are indelibly fixed in my mind. If people could always realize how much their work means to others life would be quite different. To have been linked with the Amick and Causey families for all of these years has added a great deal to the enrichment of my own life.

The Conference Program

While I have no churches to write about this week let me say a few words about what we are expected to do. First, there is the regular schedule of the Annual Conference. We have been running on this schedule for several years and it has not been repealed. Certain months are set aside when certain things are to be done and certain payments are to be made. This schedule is still in force and I will call attention to it from time to time. There is the Young People's Day program which always falls on the last Sunday in January. Please observe the day and get just as large an offering as possible for it counts on the World Service apportionment. And then there is the expenses of the delegates to the Uniting conference. We are asked to send this to the Conference treasurer not later than April 15th. Then, those who are working to get on the Appreciation Year Honor Roll have until April 30th to finish that work. One thing of especial concern to us just now is the financing of the Herald. We just cannot do our work as we ought to do it without the Herald. Nothing that we are asked to do is of more importance to our work right now than getting subscriptions for the Herald.

Annual Conference Expenses Called For

For a number of years the months of January and February have been set aside as the time to raise Annual Conference expenses. I am now calling for this assessment during these two months. Churches which have run on this schedule have found it easier to finish at the end of the year.

Appointments

Sunday, January 8th, 11 a. m. Liberty; 2:30 p. m. in District Rally at Welch Memorial, High Point.

Sunday, January 15th—Pending.

Sunday, January 22nd, 11 a. m. Asheboro.

Sunday, February 5th, West Forsyth charge, 9:45 a. m. Stoney Knoll, 11:15 a. m. Baltimore.

J. E. Pritchard.

THE CONFERENCE JOURNAL

I received my suppy of the 1938 Conference Journals Saturday, as I suppose the rest of the brethren did. But I hope you didn't do with them what I did—left them at home Sunday.

The preachers may be disappointed—or relieved—not to see their life histories in the Journal. Some thirty failed to send in their histories; I didn't want to publish part of them; so I left them all out. But I have them in a file, which any one who is entitled to the information may see. I would like to complete the file. So I am asking those who did not get the information blank in at or after Conference to send it in now. If you do not have a blank, write me and I'll send you one. But let's make it a hundred per cent complete.

Now, back to the Journal. It is, I think, about the best we have issued. The pictures in it make it of historic value, as well as the fact that it may be our last Conference Journal.

Please dispose of your allotment as quickly as possible. And as soon as you have the money in hand, send it in. I am very anxious to get this bill paid at the earliest possible moment. But, of course, I can't pay Brother Reiner until you send the money to me.

With every good wish for the best possible New Year in Kingdom service.

C. W. Bates, *Secretary*.

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU

New mercies, new blessings, new light on thy way,
New courage, new hope, and new strength for each day;
New notes of thanksgiving, new chords of delight;
New praise in the morning, new songs in the night;
New wine in thy chalice, new altars to raise;
New fruits for thy Master, new garments of praise;
New gifts from his treasures, new smiles from his face;
New streams from the fountain of infinite grace;
New stars for thy crown, and new tokens of love;
New gleams of the glory that awaits thee above;
New light of his countenance, full and unpriced—
All these be the joy of thy new life in Christ.
—*Frances Ridley Havergal.*

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When a good cause is defeated, the only question its advocates need ask, is when do we fight again?—*Chas. W. Eliot.*

On the simple grave stone of D. L. Moody are these words, He that doeth the will of God abideth forever.

Of all pulpits from which the human voice is sent forth there is none from which it reaches so far as from the grave.—*John Ruskin.*

"I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."—*Stephen Grellett.*

"There's the man who thinks he thinks,
And the one who thinks he knows;
But bring me the man who knows he thinks,
And I'll show you one who knows."—*Selected.*

The curtain of Yesterday drop down, the curtains of Tomorrow roll up; but Yesterday and Tommorrow both are.—*Carlyle.*

I have seen Jesus my Lord lose many a battle; but I have seen enough of His triumph to make me forever believe in His divine sovereignty and follow Him forever and forever. Amen.—*Dr. J. M. Rowland.*

Personal Mention

Brother and Sister W. V. Routh of West End Church are spending several weeks at Fort Pierce, Fla.

B. X. Routh, Jr. left this week for State College where he will remain for the remainder of the year.

Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, Mrs. Carroll and Miss Dodsen toured Florida during the Christmas holidays.

S. H. Stapleton motored to Pasadena, California, to see the Duke and the Trojan teams play in the Rose Bowl.

Dr. J. D. Williams has moved his family from Stokesdale to 408 Elam Avenue, Greensboro. He continues his practice at Stokesdale at the present, dividing between that community and Greensboro.

Please, Please

We are running in the "Red" this week; we greatly need those subscriptions you are going to send in. We hope to mail out lists of expirations right away, but do not wait for the list; if you know of subscriptions expiring, Herald Agents and Pastors please solicit renewals at once.

Making A New Start

After Christmas every church has really to make a new start on its regular program. With many of our pastors and local organizations, but little had been accomplished by Christmas any way. And then comes the usual Christmas rush and confusion, the visiting of and absence of the members who are usually faithful in their attendance at the church, the family reunions, the Christmas entertainments, etc., all of which tend to slow down the regular activities of the church; so we are forced to start over again much after the same manner we began at the adjournment of the annual conference. It is now January, and two months of the conference year have passed. And to add to this state of unreadiness, there is the Uniting Conference and the merging of our denominational and local church activities just ahead. He would indeed be a queer pastor and church official were he not much concerned over the difficult tasks before him. We surely need to be much in prayer these days.

Subscribe For The Herald

In view of the fact that the Uniting Conference will meet the last of next April and there will be very many other matters in which every member of our church will naturally be interested, who not subscribe now for the Herald? This may be the last year the Herald will be issued, but whether that be so or not, it will furnish you the *facts* about Methodist Union which no other church paper can give you. All that is of importance which relates to our denomination will get into the Herald, if we can get it. So subscribe now. But here are your local interests, all of them are to be taken care of as of last year; you may find the Herald quite helpful as your assistant—take the Herald. And for old times sake, because of what the Herald has done for the churches in the North Carolina Conference, you ought to keep it coming to your home each week. Yes, there are many reasons why you ought to have the Herald every week; just admit one of them and send us your two dollars for the entire year. Box 2017, Greensboro, is the new address. We shall be glad to mail to every pastor or Herald Agent the names of the subscribers whose subscriptions are expiring now or within the next few weeks. Drop us a card if you want them sent now.

NOTICE

To the president of N. C. Branch, Mrs. R. M. Andrews, all officers and members of the auxiliary, State Street Church, Lexington, N. C., extends a cordial invitation to the quarterly meeting to be held with us on January 12, 1939.

We are expecting you to come so don't disappoint us.

Mrs. Fred Cox, *Sec. & Treas.*
State Street Auxiliary.

Lexington, N. C.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The New Year

There is nothing strange about a new year and its accustomed suggestiveness. There come new years however when we know new experiences of far reaching consequences are certain and which set apart these years as epochal, such years as never to be forgotten.

We have a way of speaking of Methodist Union as a thing rather apart from any determinate influence upon ourselves, that with a few slight changes things will go on much as before. To some extent that is true. The layman will feel it much less than the minister. The layman will continue to worship in his own church; the pulpit will be supplied by the same type of men; the message and the activities to which he has been accustomed will remain. Most laymen will never know the difference, save that he will be brought into new associations, enlarged conceptions of Christianity, wider opportunities of service.

The ministry however will realize that a new days has come. Since it lies primarily with the minister as the acknowledged leader, both in temporal economy and spiritual direction of the church, he is the man who must face up to the new order. It will, or should, do much to all his thinking for he must know his task and discover all the implications of the union. Our Methodist Protestant men in particular will definitely be affected, but to some extent so also will the clergy of the other two churches be made to see a difference. Not one of the three churches can ever go on as they have been—all must make definite readjustments. But this preacher man, his entire life is involved. His message will be the same, he will declare the same gospel, he will preach the same redemption and the same Lord of all. But his life will be trust out into new fellowships and in many instances he will be compelled to break the associations of a life time. This should not bother him, for this wider utility will but increase his privileges as a minister, and anyhow he is supposed to be accustomed to change. This was with him when he started out. He knew then and was reconciled to it that for him and his family there would be no permanent abiding place and a thousand times has he sung—I'll go where you want me to go''— and that means Methodist Union, as well as North or South, as well as Home or the Far Seas. But he will have the priceless assurance that he is still on the way and the Gracious Lord is still his Master and his Guide. Whatever of physical or material adjustments may be necessary he will find a larger brotherhood than he has ever known, where loss on one side will be gain on the other. His own confidence in God's loving care will only strengthen the power of his ministry among others who need kindly shepherding. For believe it or not there is more material protection and security surrounding the ministry than in any other walk of life.

Well then, beloved, layman or minister, here is the Great Year. To our last day we will remember it. The date in Methodist history will be as fixed as in 1784 and 1828 and 1844. Now, three dates converge in one and probably twenty-five million American people will have a revised calendar.

May God in His tender mercies direct the paths of us all and may we in renewed devotion walk in those Paths, unto Eternal Life.

JAMES H. STRAUGHN.

ANOTHER HEARTY THANK YOU

This has been the most bountiful Christmas the Children's Home has ever known. A few friends came in at 6:30 Christmas eve to see the Christmas tree and to share with us in the joy of the occasion, as the presents were given out by Santa Claus and a few of the older boys and girls. It was truly a happy hour. We wish all of you could have witnessed it. Some wonderful things happened this year to add to the joy of the occasion.

The Rotary Club of High Point followed its custom of giving a present to every child, and their committee was present throughout the hour. Each child also received a present from three other sources, making four presents for each child.

Just before Christmas two business men of High Point called, with a good large package of brand new one dollar bills, and after a brief conversation, they gave us $1.00 each for every child in the Home. This to be given to the children that they might spend it for themselves for Christmas. Then the Home, out of designated Christmas funds, gave each child the usual amount for Christmas spending money. Among other things they bought with their money, the children bought presents for each other and for the workers. We have never had a happier lot of children at Christmas. They say Thank You, and so do we to everyone who helped to make it such a happy occasion. We are well started into the New Year with our children all back in school today, and still the happiness lingers. God bless every one of you and make this the happiest year of your lives.

Coupons

Mrs. Dixon asks me to say,—Hurry your coupons of any and every description along. The company has given her ten days extra to get them packed and shipped, so if you get them here on or before the 10th of January she can ship them and still get the benefit of any bonuses. Thank you.

In His service,
A. G. DIXON.

RALLY OF THE NINTH DISTRICT

Beginning at 2:30 p. m., Sunday, January 8, a District Meeting of the Ninth Conference District will be held at the Welch Memorial M. P. Church in High Point.

The Conference Appreciation Year plans will be the theme for discussion at this meeting. The program will consist of three fifteen or twenty minute addresses on the following subjects: 1. Gratitude for Our Church's Past; 2. Gratitude for Our Church's Contribution to the New Methodism; 3. How the Local Church Can Best Express This Gratitude. The second and last of these topics will be discussed by Dr. P. E. Lindley and Dr. J. E. Pritchard respectively. Dr. S. W. Taylor has been invited to discuss the first but as yet we do not have his reply. Rev. Edward Suits will conduct devotions.

Prior to this meeting every pastor in the Ninth District is requested to appoint an Appreciation Year Committee for his church or charge and be sure to have this committee present if possible. We sincerely hope that a large attendance from all the churches in High Point and on Guilford Charge will be present.

J. C. MADISON, *District Chairman.*

WITH THE POETS

Elizabeth Vera Idol

RING OUT, WILD BELLS

By Alfred Tennyson

"Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night,
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die."

On the last night of the old year cries of "Happy New Year," and the gay, glad chime of bells came over the radio, hour by hour, as somewhere around the world the New Year came in. Whatever the dying year may have brought to a nation or individual of sorrow or joy, of sadness or gladness, of poverty or prosperity, the birth of the New Year brings with it the happiness of renewed hope — the "hope that springs eternal in the human breast" that a newer, brighter day of greater things may be dawning. So it is rarely with regret that we say farewell to the old year; the bells that ring out the old and ring in the new always ring with a glad, a happy note.

This New Year song, section CVI of *In Memoriam,* is one of the best known portions of Tennyson's long elegy written to the memory of his friend, Arthur Henry Hallam. The story of their close, devoted friendship begun in 1828 at Cambridge, deepening as the years went by, and accentuated by Hallam's engagement to be married to Tennyson's sister Emily, is well known. His untimely death in Vienna in September, 1833, produced such deep grief in the heart of Tennyson that he was long in recovering the buoyancy of his spirits, and in reaching the triumphant faith that could cause him seventeen years later, as he came to finish his long poem, to cry as he does in the lines which he used as a prologue to the elegy:

"Strong Son of God! immortal Love,
Whom we, that have not seen thy face,
By faith, and faith alone, embrace,
Believing where we cannot prove;"

It was in 1838 on the occasion of the fifth New Year after Hallam's death that Tennyson wrote this section. By this time the personal has passed from the poem and we find Tennyson's heart full of the needs of mankind. As he bids the bells ring out all evil and ring in all good, he celebrates at the same time his own victory over the sorrow that had sapped his mind, producing mournful rhymes; now he becomes the fuller minstrel singing of the better world, of a Christ that is to be—a time, as he himself says, "when Christianity without bigotry will triumph, when the controversies of creeds shall have vanished. Many occurrences in the churches of late, including the plans for unification in our own Methodist churches, have proved Tennyson to be here, as in many other forward-looking ideas, to a certain extent at least, prophetic. His own victory over sorrow has taught him the victory over the sorrows that await the race. In detail he views the errors of the past—personal, national, and universal,—not with a pessimistic note of unavailing futility of sentimental regret, but with the substitution of good for every evil, and the hope that these very errors may be used as "stepping stones of our dead selves to higher things."

In those things for which the Victorian Age stood, great change and stirring intellect, of reform laws, wider colonization, and of greater interest in social and economic affairs, Tennyson was vitally interested. Again and again in his poems he expresses this interest. His desire for peaceful reform, as expressed elsewhere,

"Where Freedom slowly broadens down
From precedent to precedent,"

is even more specifically stated in this stanza:

"Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws."

Throughout this section is the same note of hope for the future as in Locksley Hall which he wrote in 1842. His hope for world peace, when the common sense of most shall lead to a universal law which shall hold a fretful realm in awe and lap a kindly earth in slumber is more melodiously and figuratively expressed here:

"Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace."

The tone of the whole poem is happy. One of the great charms of Tennyson's poetry is his mastery of melody, and here is a striking illustration of this power. His choice of vowel sounds is particularly happy; the recurrence of the word "Ring" gives a cheerful note to the whole. The setting of the poem—the appearance of nature itself in the first and second stanzas—the flying cloud, the frosty light, the snow—all create a joyousness of atmosphere that is followed throughout as he bids all the evils of the past to die; all the good of the present and future to live; as the bells ring out to a climax of the best that is to be:

"Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be."

Over and over God paints the skies,
Over and over He makes the sun rise;
Over and over He tints the flowers,
Over and over He sends the showers,
Over and over He guides the stars,
Over and over the dawn unbars.

If over and over God deigns to work,
Why should we faint—our duty shirk?

—*The Girl's World.*

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

WHAT IS OPPORTUNITY?

One day a student came by the desk after class and asked if I thought there was any hope for a boy who came from a poor, uncultured, primitive, mountain family—a home that offered none of the things we ordinarily call elements of opportunity. Well, I, having no idea whose home he was talking about, told him that the chances were against such a person, that one coming out of such terrible conditions would not likely get far. Then the boy said he was describing his own home! I was, of course, on the spot and had some time trying to smooth out my first answer. The boy was one of my best students; he graduated with a good record for scholarship and character, and is now teaching in a good school system, instructing other boys and girls in the high and noble lessons of life.

I was sorry for my blundering way of answering the young man's question, apology was in order, for I admired the boy very much. Yet I have often thought that it was, after all, a fortunate conversation since it proved that oportunity is not what we usually think it is. That boy represents hundreds of others who make good when all conditions around them seem negative and uninspiring.

Often I ask, What is opportunity? So many boys and girls who have the best chances do little with them while others with half the outlook come through with flying colors. Just what makes the difference? Is it opportunity? Maybe it is something else we fail to see, something that ought to be called opportunity but something that actually is marked down as misfortune.

Well my definition of opportunity is this: That condition that tends to bring out the best in a person. It may be money, poverty, hardship or culture. Whatever it is it must be some situation that causes the individual to strengthen the best elements of his being. Since what one most often needs is good habits of work, determination, grit, and character, the seemingly poor circumstances often prove best. If a home fails to develop these qualities it, after all, offers little opportunity, while on the other hand, the home that does make the use and growth of these traits normal and natural—that home is succeeding whether you call it opportunity or not. Frequently the very things we consider opportunity turn out to be the opposite. The deer in the story, you know, boasted about his horns and felt ashamed of his muddy feet, yet when the hunters came his fine horns caught him in the bushes while his feet would have saved him.

Environment is a good thing, but inner power is better. Outward conditions are important, but they can never take the place of ambition, and in most cases, I think, this ambition has a better chance in homes or ordinary means. He who has the hunger for knowledge can find it, but he who has no appetite for fine things will never take them regardless of how much you pile them around him. Better have the thirst for learning with no books in sight than live in a library with no taste for books.

So opportunity is not what we usually think it is. In fact what many call opportunity is their very undoing. To illustrate: The mouse likes cheese, but if you take a twenty-pound cheese and throw it on the mouse you kill him. In this case the mouse would be killed by opportunity.

No, let no one think he has no opportunity. Everybody has opportunity, and perhaps what you consider your handicap is after all just the thing you need, for as I said above, opportunity is any situation that tends to bring out the best there is in a person. Face the new year with this attitude and you can succeed. Opportunity is more abundant than is the willingness to see it. And no person need pity himself because he had neither riches nor fame to start with. If he had a situation that made him honest, thrifty, ambitious, then he had real opportunity, call it what you please.

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FREE YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY MATERIALS FOR EVERYONE

FOR PASTORS: You will want to use one or more of the three sermon outlines written by Rev. Howard C. Emrick of Pittsburgh, Rev. J. Elwood Carroll of North Carolina, and Rev. J. N. Link of Maryland, Also, the morning worship service entited, "Gratitude for Our Church and Religious Heritage." Found in the worship leaflet and preparation bulletin.

FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS: You will need the Church School worship service entitled "Gratitude for Our Sunday School Workers." Found in the worship leaflet.

FOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS: The Christian Endeavor Page in the Methodist Protestant Recorder and the METHODIST PROTESTANT HERALD for Sunday, January 29. Also, articles written by Methodist Protestant delegates to the Christian Youth Council of North America, entitled "Why I Am Grateful for the Methodist Protestant Church." Found in the preparation bulletin.

FOR THE EVENING SERVICE: "Shrines—Our Religious Heritage in Chancel Drama." Suitable for a small, average, or large church. No memorizing required. This worship service thrills one as Our Heritage is portrayed. It is timely because it brings us to see the birth of a "New Methodist Church." This is printed in an attractive booklet form which is free.

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If you have not already placed your order for Young People's Day materials, please do so at once. Order from F. L. Gibbs, Board of Christian Education, 3269 W. Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh, 16, Pa.

PETER COMMENDED AND REBUKED

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, January 8, 1939

By O. L. EASTER

Lesson Text—Matthew 16:13-25.

Golden Text—Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God.—Matthew 15:16.

We are now entering upon a series of studies in the life of Simon Peter, an apostle of Christ. Through this study we shall come to see a picture of the whole drama of the Kingdom of God that is at work in the world today. For as Christ deals with the individual life, so he would deal with society as a whole. If you would like to see what a Christian world would be like, then you may be observing the life of a truly Christian individual. This is as yet the only way to see the Kingdom of God, for if we look at the world as a whole or even at nations as such we shall not get a completed view. After two thousand years of Christian preaching we see much of sin and darkness among nations. In spite of the angelic herald of the Prince of Peace there is so little of peace between nations today. Those today who have not felt the power of Christ in their own hearts and who have looked for it to come suddenly to the world are giving out loud cries of pessimism and defeat in these troublous times that are upon us. Only as we see the marvelous power of Christ at work in the lives of individuals like Peter who have laid down the nets of this world to truly follow Him can we fully see Christ's power in this world. We are told in John's account of His coming that He came into the world and the world knew Him not, but that to every individual that did know and receive Him He gave power to become the Sons of God. So we would say that as long as even one life will, like Peter, make that great confession man will not be able to deny the Saviour-hood of Christ but will at least silently yearn in his heart of hearts for the day when every knee shall bow to One who has such healing in His wings.

It is thus we single out for our study the life and struggles of Simon Peter. He in a most thrilling way followed the Christ and became like Him in spite of his human weaknesses and failures. We would have you quickly note that Peter's apostleship did not happen in a moment. When he first dropped those nets to follow the Carpenter from Nazarus Simon was a long way from being the Saint Peter of later years. No, Christ said in calling him that it would be a gradual process: "I will make you to *become* fishers of men." John's account has Jesus saying to Simon these significant words: "Thou art Simon, Son of Jona, but you shall be called (or became) Cephas." Here, we might say is the key to the study of his life. If you would conclude that Simon became Cephas when he first dropped his nets to follow Jesus then you are in for some very shocking disappointments in the study of this diamond-in-the-rough called Peter.

In our lesson here we see that very close on the heels of his great commendation received for his confession there follows a strong rebuke for his blindness. We shall see him for a long space in his schooling with Christ thus; at one moment manifesting qualities that can be used for the very foundation stones of Christ's Kingdom and in the next moment showing qualities in his blindness that loom up before the Master as stumbling blocks in His Kingdom. However, it will be in these moments of triumph and failure that we as students of his life as related to Christ shall profit most in these studies. Here will be seen the mastery of our Christ over the sins of the world and here will also be witnessed that thrilling drama of Simon, the uncouth fisherman, becoming Cephas, the great apostle. If out of this study there shall come to each Sunday school teacher a vision of the many Simon's before them who may become a Cephas to inspire them with the greatness of their task these studies will not be in vain. Let Christ commend or rebuke as he must he is still a builder of lives that shall rise up out of sin and flaws to become Sons of God of whom Peter leads the rest.

"There's a fleck of rust on a flawless blade—
On the armor of price there's one:
There's a mole on the cheek of the lovely maid—
There are spots upon the sun.

"But the blade of Damascus has succored the weak,
The shield saved a knight from a fall:
The mole is a grace on my lady's cheek—
The sun, it shines for all."

S. A. WALKER.

IT PAYS TO BE TRUE

In a remote district of Wales, we are told, a baby boy was lying dangerously ill. The widowed mother walked almost five miles in the night through a drenching rain to get a doctor, but the doctor hesitated about making the unpleasant trip, knowing that he would receive no pay for his services. Too, he no doubt felt that this boy in a remote district would never become anything more than just a poor common laborer. But love for humanity and his esteem for professional duty overcome him, and he made the trip taking the poor mother to her humble home. In the end the life of the boy was saved.

Years after, when this little boy grew into a great man—Lloyd George—and became Chancellor of the Exchequer, the old doctor said: "I never dreamed that in saving the life of that child in that humble farm home that I was saving the life of a great national leader."

This story comes to me from a minister's scrapbook and was gathered from the Sunday School Chronicle. I am passing it on that the young people who read the Biblical Recorder may be impressed with the truth of the story, which will feelingly apply to the life that many people live in their inattentiveness to the little, but most worth-while things of life. It seems that many of us allow our thinking equipment, as it is sometimes bluntly expressed, to become sluggish. It is acknowledged that people of vision, people of responsibility and a wider range of activities, are those who, in early life, gave due consideration to the initial thinking of little things which, after all, become great things.

There are too many little boys and girls in the humble homes of our land today without a chance in life because of physical handicaps. No doubt some of them would become national leaders, as did the little ill Lloyd George, if they only had a chance.

BURNING FACTS ABOUT CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is obvious that there is much dead wood in our churches. The writer has analyzed the situation covering a period of ten years in 125 churches, representing fifteen different denominations. The analysis revealed the fact that fully 90 per cent of our new members come from the Bible schools. In looking for the cause of church inactivity it is therefore necessary to analyze the Sunday school situation. Is the Sunday school giving us members faithful in church attendance and loyal in financial support?

The life of the Sunday school is not integrated with the life of the church. Many schools boast worship programs better than those of the morning worship service. Many dare even say they have teachers in adult classes who can preach better than the pastor of the church. The Sunday school in many instances has become a successful competitor of the church. Rarely do we find a church service as largely attended as the Sunday school. The writer visited a church where the Sunday school attendance was 242 and the church attendance was only 54. Out of such an atmosphere come most of our new recruits who unite with the church by baptism on confession of faith. They come into the church before the church comes into them. Many do not get beyond being only names on the church rolls. For example, fifty churches in Toledo, Ohio, reported an aggregate attendance of 6,778 pupils and 861 teachers in their Sunday school session. Of this number only 3,524 pupils and 689 teachers remained for the church service which followed. On a given Sunday a group of Dayton Sunday schools reported an attendance of 1,588 scholars and 177 teachers. Of these 850 pupils and 140 teachers attended the church worship service. Eighteen Cincinnati Sunday schools reported a total attendance of 423 teachers and 4,232 pupils. Of these only 326 teachers and 2,029 pupils remained for the church service.

This shows a wide gap between the church and her main recruiting field. Evangelistic programs, mass meetings, personal work, and Sunday school evangelistic campaigns are putting members into the church, but evidently, from the reports of our Local Church Emphasis Committee, there is need for a campaign to put the church into the members. We must look to the source of supply if we would have live churches. Our churches are slowly committing suicide. Streams of our youth pour out of our Sunday school and miss altogether the worship service of the church. In addition the Sunday school offers a substitute competitive worship program which seemingly makes attendance at the public worship service unnecessary. We start a great procession of Sunday school youth toward church membership and church activity and then permit that procession to be distracted by a substitute for the public worship of God. The procession is turned away from its true course.

There is needed also a better understanding of what constitutes real spiritual worship. The Sunday school should confine itself to teaching. In the Bible school we talk about God. In the worship service we talk to God. Worship belongs to the church. We must not make worship too common by having it in too many places. Our oncoming church members should be taught the essentials of "worship in spirit and understanding." Our youth should be educated in worship essentials and the forms which express them, in addition, to the history of worship. God is seeking worshippers and has set apart a day for worship. We have dedicated buildings for worship. The morning service in those buildings is especially planned for the worship of God. Let us keep step with God in seeking worshippers.—McKeesport, Pennsylvnia. (Abridgement of article by Rev. Arthur B. Strickland in *The Watchman-Examiner*.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY IN THE N. C. CONFERENCE FOR JANUARY, 1939

By REV. F. L. GIBBS

What Is Young People's Day?

It is one of the four major special days authorized by the General Conference and has come to take its place along with Easter, Rally Day, and Children's Day.

It is a time when a special effort is made to enlist the active participation of Young People in the life and work of the local Church and to bring a spiritual message to all connected with the organizatoins of the local church.

It is an occasion when a special effort is made to raise the World Service money for the support of World Service enterprises.

Where Does the Young People's Day Offering Go?

It does not all go to the Department of Religious Education! Instead, it is used as other World Service money is used. After a certain administrative expenses and flat appropriations are paid for Evangelism, Superannuates, Children's Home and Home for the Aged, it is divided as follows:

67 per cent to Board of Missions.

28 per cent to Department of Educational Institutions.

5 per cent to Department of Religious Education.

Therefore, this offering goes to the support of the entire program of the General Conference. Each local Church receives credit on its World Service apportionment for the amount raised, as well as on Appreciation Year Allotment.

Some Things You May Wish To Do For The Promotion Of This Day.

1. Make it a definite part of your Church program for 1939. It is your first Special Day of the New Year!
2. Inform your people as to what Young People's Day is, the purpose for which it is held, and where the offering goes.
3. Urge that someone in your Church place an order for the Young People's Day materials. Samples have been sent to the Pastor, Sunday School Superintendents, and Christian Endeavor Leaders of each Church.
4. Pray earnestly that this part of your Winter Program for 1938-39 will mean much for your church and the cause of Christ beyond your local Church.

Your cooperation during the past ten years for the observance of this Day has been greatly appreciated. Due to Methodist Union this will possibly be the last year we will promote it under the present auspicies. Therefore, we feel sure that you will help to make this observance the most successful of all.

Wishing you a most enjoyable and successful 1939.

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NEW YEAR'S THOUGHTS

Greatly begin! Though thou hast time
But for a live, be that sublime.
Not failure, but low aim is crime.
—*Lowell.*

Can We Improve Our Record?

In your President's report to Annual Conference in November, 1938, she stated that there were 118 active auxiliaries, and 224 churches in the conference. Mrs. Kearns' receipts of money from 118 auxiliaries during the conference year was the basis for this statement. This leaves a vast field of work for pastors, district chairmen and interested women in North and South Carolina and Virginia. Will we live up to our opportunity?

The report to conference stated that of the 5,500 women in the churches having auxiliaries, 3,200 women are co-operating in auxiliary work. This was an increase of 500 co-operating members. Surely there is some person in each auxiliary who can do some missionary or educational or "Fellowship Furtherance" work of some sort to win each of the 2,300 women not co-operating to active participation in the work. There are more of us than of them.

Thank-Offering Season Again

If you are alive, you ought to be thankful.

If you are able to *walk*, you ought to be thankful.

If you have the use of both hands, or even one hand, you ought to be thankful.

If you have the use of two eyes, or even one eye, you ought to be thankful.

If you can hear with two ears, or even one ear, you ought to be thankful.

If you have food and fuel, you ought to be thankful.

This page could easily be filled with causes for thankfulness.

God so loved the world that He *gave* His only begotten Son.

If we are truly thankful we will *give* for gratitude.

The Minnis Salary

There remains only three months in which to complete the raising of $1,500 which the N. C. Branch obligated itself to pay for the salary of Rev. J. F. Minnis in India. Will you who read this, stir those who have not given to this cause, so that our obligations will be met in full on March 31, 1939.

Quarterly Meeting January 12

Don't forget the hour for this meeting, nor the place.

10:30 A.M., State Street Church, Lexington.

Please be there, all Auxiliary Presidents expected to give helpful information for the benefit of churches and auxiliaries who need plans and methods.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

"FINDING HIDDEN TREASURE"

Christian Endeavor Topic for January 15

By REV. JOSEPH COBLE

The Text: 2 Tim. 3:14-17; 2 Pet. 1:19-21.

There is no more appropriate subject that we could have for our consideration at the beginning of the New Year than that which we have for our Christian Endeavor discussions for three Sundays—the study of our Bible. If we make our lives a success throughout the coming year it will be because of the inspiration and teaching that we get from our Bible.

Paul in his letter to Timothy gives us some advice that is worthy of our consideration. "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them: And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Tim. 3:14-17.

Our Bible is so full of Hidden Treasures that we only have to open the cover to find them, but of course, there are some gems that are more meaningful than others—and yet our Bible is so classified that we can always find the type of hidden treasure that we are in need of at the time. The Old Testament books may be classified as follows: Law—Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy; history — Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Exra, Nehemiah, and Esther; poetry—Job, Psalms, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes; prophecy—Isiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. The New Testament books may be classified as follows: Biography—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John; history—acts of the apostles; epistles—Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and 1 and 2 Thessalonians; the pastorial epistles—1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1 and 2 Peter, 1 and 2 and 3 John, and Jude; prophecy—Revelations.

The best preparation for a successful study of the Bible, which will lead to the hidden treasures, is deep devotion to Him who is its Author, and to the Saviour of whom it speaks. Only second to this is a good method of study, which will conduct the mind naturally into the subject, and lead it on. Without love to God the Bible has little chance of being much read: but without an intelligent method, a great love for it may be arrested or even extinguished. Love quickens study; and study, pursued in the right way, increases love.

There are several ways that we can go about finding the hidden treasures: We can study the Texts as a child does by reading and memorizing small portions at a time. Or we can study, not just verses or chapters, but whole books at a time. Then we can consider whole groups of books to get the history of the laws. But if we are to get the real meat of the Bible we must go farther than this and study the Doctrines of the Bible. It is by this method that we get the deepest meaning and the real genus of our Bible.

There are any number of places where we can find recommended verses and chapters to read in time of suffering, sorrow, or distress. Somewhere in most Bibles and in much of the religious literature that comes into our hands such lists are found. Use them, because they are helpful in trying to find the Hidden Treasures in the Bible.

Holy Bible, book divine,
Precious treasure, thou art mine;
Mine, to tell me whence I came;
Mine to teach me what I am.

Mine, to chide me when I rove;
Mine, to show a Saviour's love;
Mine art thou to guide my feet;
Mine to judge, condemn, acquit.

Mine to comfort in distress,
If the Holy Spirit bless;
Mine, to show by living faith
Man can triumph over death.

Mine to tell of joys to come,
And the rebel sinner's doom;
Oh, thou holy book divine,
Precious treasure, thou art mine.
—*John Burton.*

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHOIRS IN EVIDENCE

It seems that there is a growing interest in the organization of young people's choirs among our churches. This is a healthy sign, for it not only helps to tie our youth a little closer to the church, but it provides the nucleus for the choir of the next generation. Also, it adds variety to the church music.

We know of such groups in our churches at Asheville, Mebane and Reidsville. There may be more, and we should like to know about them. With the proper supervision and direction, and with regular rehearsals and opportunities to sing, these choirs should be able to accomplish much for the churches of which they are a part.

An opportunity to use their talent is afforded these singers on Young People's Day, the fifth Sunday in this month. They may also be privileged to sing during Christian Endeavor week, if meetings are held, and the next Sunday, which is Christian Endeavor Day. Encourage them, help them, give them a chance, pastors and officials.

Reidsville, N. C.

E. LESTER BALLARD.

There must be—if democratic processes are to survive—an intelligent obedience to duly constituted authority.—Governor Frank Murphy.

Our Children's Home

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Spring Hill S. S., N. Davidson	$ 8.04
Woman's Auxiliary, Harger Memorial, Detroit, Mich., for shoes	5.00
Mt. Carmel S. S., Forsyth	3.34
Fair Grove S. S., Haw River	.78
Woman's Auxiliary, Tiffin, Ohio, for shoes	6.00
Cedar Falls S. S., Richland	13.53
Union Ridge S. S., Forsyth	5.00
The Ethel Hemstead Circle, Inwood, L. I., feeding child	10.00
The McCullock Class, Grace Church, Greensboro, clothing child	4.00
The Golden Rule S. S. Class, First Church, Burlington, for shoes	3.00
Woman's Missionary Society, Opeliha, Ala., for shoes	2.25
The Missionary Society, Haynesville, Ga., for clothing	4.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Stephen's Memorial, Kansas City, Kans., for shoes	3.00
Graham Auxiliary, for shoes	3.00
Friendship S. S., Haw River	5.00
Hickory Grove S. S., Guilford	4.80
Woman's Auxiliary, Brower's Chapel, Richland	6.00
Alleghany S. S., Davidson, November and December	1.50
Chase City S. S.	1.85
Mr. J. W. Hopkins, Brown Summit	2.50
Mt. Zion S. S., Pinnacle-Mt. Zion	3.50
Tabernacle, W. Forsyth	1.00
Kistler's Union S. S., Cleveland	3.35
Caroleen S. S.	3.77
The Kiwanis Club, Asheboro, for five children	10.00
China Grove S. S.	3.36
Hebron, Orange	4.50
Bethel, Alamance	7,20
Mrs. Kate Pearson, Richmond, Va., annual pledge	1.00
Rockingham S. S.	2.00
Bethesda, North Davidson	3.00
Union Chapel, Granville	14.55
Ladies Aid Society, Elwood, Ind., feeding child	5.00
Maple Springs, Forsyth	5.00
Mt. Zion S. S., Weaverville	1.00
Bellmont S. S., Mt. Hermon	5.54
Canaan S. S., N. Davidson	3.50
Mt. Pleasant S. S., N. Davidson	1.61

The above is a list of the regular offerings for the last two weeks in 1938.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Offerings

The following is a list of a few belated Thanksgiving offerings, and the Christmas offerings which came during the last two weeks of 1938. Many of the Christmas offerings came designated for special children, and for special purposes. One $25.00 comes out of a bequest, the income of which must be "spent for Christmas joy for poor children."

Mt. Zion S. S., Orlando, W. Va.	$ 6.30
Big Springs S. S., Ridgeway, Ohio	5.10
The Children's Missionary Society, Baldwin, N. Y.	5.00
Mrs. J. J. Crawford, Orange Chapel, Saxapahaw	1.00
Auburn S. S., Ind.	5.00
St. Johns, Baltimore, Md., White gifts	25.00
Graham, Additional T. O.	2.00
Mrs. Nettie Chilcutt, Prospect Hill, N. C.	1.00
Mt. Olivet S. S., Arlington, Va.	35.00
Glen Burnie S. S., Md., White gifts	5.00
The Rae Missionary Society, Dunbar, Pa.	5.00
Mr. C. E. Shaw, Cumberland, Md.	2.00
Herds Gap Auxiliary, Sylacouga, Ala.	2.25
Boliver Circuit, Baliver, Mo.	1.40
Rev. J. F. Wooden, a Superannate, Westminster, Md.	1.00
York Church, Media, Ohio	1.00
A Friend, Asheboro,	2.00
Chestertown, Md.	5.00
New Hope, Georgia Conference	10.00
Mrs. Emma B. Siler, Additional for Siler City	3.00
The Jesse Ricketts Estate, Starr Church, Baltimore	25.00
Falls Mill, W. Va.	1.20
C. E. Society, Hillsdale, Pa.	5.00
Special, Friendship, Friendship-Love's Grove	8.25
Hurlock, Md.	3.00
The Missionary Society, Harger Memorial, Detroit, Mich.	10.00
Grayson Church and Missionary Society, Grayson, La.	5.00
Mt. Zion, Mahaffy, Pa.	5.50
High Point Church, Medena, Mo.	1.00
Dunbar S. S., Dunbar, Pa.	30.52
Mr. Louis Wilson, Magnolia, Ark.	.60
Beulah S. S., Bangs, Ohio	6.65
Coshocton Circuit, Coshocton, Ohio	5.00
Adams Basin S. S., N. Y., White gifts	10.59
Mr. A. B. Owen, Gibsonville	10.00
Mrs. J. G. Whites' S.S. Class, Gurnsey, Ohio	1.00
Class No. 3, Avery Church, Morgantown, W. Va.	.23
New Marshfield S. S., Ohio	5.00
Mrs. W. C. Scott, Baltimore, Md.	50.00
Chestnut Ridge, Orange	10.63
Todd's S. S., Stockport, Ohio	1.00
The Woman's Aux.-Central, Asheboro, Special	5.00
The Junior and Primary Departments, Turtle Creek, S. S., Pa.	5.00
Mrs. A. A. Ramsey, Lillington, Memorial	3.00
Miss Juanita Amich, Washington, D. C., Special	10.00
Miss Bonnie Silver, Asheville	10.00
The Intermediate Dept. - Trinity Church, Baltimore, Md.	2.50
Missionary Circle, Washington, Pa.	3.00

Thus closes the financial report for the calendar year, 1938. It makes a good report. Especially is that true of the last three months of the year. We are thankful to all who helped to make it so. We trust that 1939 will be even better.

Clothing and Other Gifts

This list is long, so we are abbreviating as much as possible to save space in the HERALD.

Asheboro—A box of Christmas packages and 2 boxes of oranges.

Cleveland Charge—184 half-gallon and 17 quart cans of fruit and vegetables.

Bess Chapel—97 half-gallon cans of fruit and vegetables. A few potatoes were put in the boxes with these two donations.

Mecklenburg—Beulah, 24 cans of fruit and vegetables; Stallings, 50 cans of fruit and vegetables; Antioch, 16 cans of fruit and vegetables, and New Hope, 112 cans of fruit and vegetables, 2 boxes of corn and a package of sage.

Friendship-Love's Grove—Love's Grove—2 packages of lux, 8 packages of rinso, 13 packages of Chipso, 18 cakes soap, 3 pints of jelly, 10 lbs. sugar, 8 lbs lard, 22 half-gallon and 12 quart cans fruit and vegetables.

Friendship—4 bags corn, 2 bags potatoes, 43 half-gallon and 16 quart cans fruit and vegetables, 4 pumpkins, 2 pr. shoes, 3 cakes soap, a box of candy, a bushel of oranges, 48 lbs. flour, 25 lbs. rice, 1 lb. coffee, 1 gal. syrup, 1-2 bu. oats, 45 lbs. sugar, 6 bowls, 6 plates, 10 cups, 3 pr. pants, and 3 dresses.

Mr. C. E. Lowman, 8th grade shop classes, High Point schools—5 doll beds, 5 wheel barrows, 2 servings and 4 doll cradles.

Fairview, Anderson, Ladies Aid Society—10 half-gallon and 4 quart cans fruit and vegetables, 1 package corn meal and package sweet potatoes.

Mr. Cecil Bulla, Asheboro—One bag of oranges.

Mr. LeRoy Sykes, High Point—One bag of oranges.

Girl's Missionary Society, Worthville—A box of towels, washcloths and handkerchiefs, 10 quarts and 2 half-gallon cans fruit and vegetables, 2 pr socks, and a tube of tooth paste.

The Rainbow Class, Lebanon S. S., High Point—16 yards print dress goods, 8 pr. socks, and 8 pieces underwear.

The Ladies Aid Society, Hollister (Essix)—A Christmas box.

Mr. R. R. King, Greensboro—One box of oranges.

Shiloh, Shiloh—4 half-gallon cans of fruit and vegetables.

First Church, Salisbury, Md.—Christmas box, 7 cans fruit.

Mrs. Lee Butcher, Aurora, Mo.—Christmas box.

Mrs. Fred J. Nichols, Lansing, Mich.—Linen and handkerchiefs.

Mrs. Elmer Cook, Lansing, Mich.—1 quilt.

Mrs. J. R. Kanan, Hazlett C. E. Soc., Cherry Tree, Pa.—Box of towels, etc.

Mrs. Wm. Hammett, Kelly, La.—1 quilt.

Mrs. B. M. Edwards, Klondike, Tex.—Towels, washcloths, etc.

Mrs. Geo. Olson, Westville, N. J.—Christmas box.

San Angelo, Tex.—Box clothing, 3 quilts.

Mrs. Tempie Bynard, Caroleen, N. C.—1 quilt.

Mrs. Wm. Howard, Cherry Valley, N. Y.—Clothing, toys, etc.

M. P. Aux., Panama, Okla.— Clothing and a blanket.

Mrs. Nettie Vickey, Princeton, Ill.—Box of clothing.

Mrs. H. A. Hart, Bridgeton, N. J.—Christmas box.

Rev. J. W. Townsend, Snow Hill, Md.—Towels, etc.

Miss Olive Jackson, Lynbrook, N. Y.—3 boxes of Christmas packages.

Harmony M. P. Church, Washington, C. H., Ohio,—Clothing, fruit, washcloths, soap.

First M. P. Church, Anderson, Ind.—Christmas box.

Deer Park Miss. Soc., Westminster, Md.—Christmas box.

Mr. Charles Robertson, Frankfort, Ind.—Clothing, etc.

Mrs. J. M. Chandler, Parksley, Va.—Box of handkerchiefs.

Mrs. Vena Glancey, Foss, Okla.—Christmas gifts for girls.

Miss Lucile Reynolds, Elwood, Ind.—Box of dolls.

Mrs. C. C. Evans, Notasuiga, Ala.—1 quilt, coupons and clothing.

Mrs. Joshua Warfield, Woodbine P. O., Md.—Box of dolls and Christmas packages.

Mrs. K. Harding, Arkport, N. Y.—Box of clothing.

Woman's Miss. Soc., Newton, Iowa,—Toys, towels, washcloths.

Mrs. F. A. Phonemus, Sabina, Ohio—Christmas box.

Woman's Miss. Soc., Oceanville, N. J.—Christmas box.

214 Meek Ave., Byesville, Ohio.—Christmas box.

Friendship Class, Dallas Tex.—Box of clothing.

Mrs. John P. Roth, Richwood, Ohio—Christmas box.

Mrs. H. R. Smith, Washington, Pa.—Christmas box.

Mrs. W. W. Cousins, Enfield, N. C.—Bag of nuts.

Mrs. H. E. Dickey, Chauncey, Ill.—Box of clothing.

M. P. Church, Stahlstown, Pa.—Box of clothing and Christmas presents.

M. P. Church, Uniontown, Pa.—A present for each child.

Rev. Mr. Edwards, Tarrytown, N. Y.—2 Christmas boxes.

Ladies Aid Soc., M. P. Church, Newcomerstown, Ohio—Christmas box.

Mrs. H. E. Demart, Castle Shannon, Pa.—Christmas box.

Miss Alva Marple, Buckhannon, W. Va.—Box of Christmas cards.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffith Miles, High Point, N. C.—A present for each child.

Mrs. R. B. Winter, Hannibal, N. Y.—Christmas box.

N. Glebe Road, Arlington, Va.—Christmas box.

Mrs. T. E. Landis, First M. P. Church, Lynchburg, Va.—Christmas box and coupons.

Sunbeam Miss. Band, St. Paul's M. P. Church, Greensboro, N. C.—Box of handkerchiefs and coupons.

Mrs. A. B. Dark, Siler City, N. C.—Box of clothing.

Plymouth M. P. Church, Adrian, Mich.—Christmas box and 2 quilts.

Mrs. Earl Bulla, Asheboro, N. C.—Christmas box.

Friendship, Fallston, N. C.—Christmas box.

Miss Hazel M. Hackney, Amity, Pa.—Box of towels and soap.

Miss Naomi Pickenpaugh, Morgantown, W. Va.—Christmas box.

Mrs. Elmer Hessell, Hampton, Va.—Box of clothing and Christmas presents.

Mrs. H. Houldsworen, Three Rivers, Mich.—Christmas box.

Mrs. M.'Shunk, Westminster, Md.—Box of clothing.

Mrs. Howard Perrin, Cumberland, Md.—Christmas box.

Mrs. D. G. Raynor, Oceanville, N. J.—Christmas box.

Miss Katherine Gerwig, Pittsburgh, Pa.—Christmas box.

Mrs. M. V. Durman, Birmingham, Ala.—2 boxes of socks.

Spragg M. P. Church, Spragg, Pa.—Box of towels, soap and tooth paste.

3503 Beechwood Blvd., Pittsburgh, Pa.—Christmas box.

Mrs. J. Lee Boller, Marion, Ind.—Christmas box.

Mrs. E. K. Barss, Coshocton, Ohio—Christmas box.

Rev. J. E. Tripp, Medina, Ohio—Christmas box.

Mrs. E. S. Wulzer, Long Point, Ill.—Christmas presents and box of candies.

Ladies Aid, Essex M. P. Church, Richwood, Ohio—Christmas box.

Sunshine Circle, Central M. P. Church, Asheboro, N. C.—Christmas box.

Rev. G. B. Evans, M. P. Church, Garland, Mich.—Christmas box.

Mrs. J. G. Whites, Guernsey, Ohio—Christmas box.

Mrs. C. A. Isner, West Lafayette, Ohio—A box of handkerchiefs.

Mr. T. C. Bailey, Wilmar, Ark.—Christmas box.

Mrs. A. Wells, Grayson, La.—A box of towels and soap.

Mrs. A. L. Steinfeldt, Charleton, Ill.—Christmas box.

M. P. Church, Morrisville, Pa.—Christmas box.

Mrs. A. A. Lackey, Fallston, N. C.—Christmas box.

Mrs. O. L. Easter, Lebanon, High Point, N. C.—Box of cookies.

Mrs. Mary Dean, Frankfort, Ind.—Christmas box.

Mrs. D. J. Hatley, Albemarle, N. C.—Christmas box.

The Belk-Stevens Co., High Point—A box of candy.

The Lexington Grocery Co., High Point—A box of candy.

The S. E. Hauser Grocery Co., High Point—A box of groceries.

We are thankful to all who gave any thing for our comfort and happiness, and if any item be left out it is certainly not intentional. A card from you calling attention to any omission will have our immediate attention.

Yours in His blessed service,

A. G. DIXON, Supt.

NOTICE

Friends, the time has come to put some of our booklet money into the "Home." May we have what you have collected. We have about $100.00 worth on hand yet. Won't you help us turn these into cash. Note change of address from Box 1323 to 1915 N. Main St., High Point, N. C.

MABEL RUSSELL.

OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE

Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me:
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp, and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

—Cokesbury Hymnal.

All laws have in them something in the nature of regimentation.—Henry A. Wallace.

RECEIVED ON SUBSCRIPTIONS

Mrs. J. R. Taylor, Halifax charge	$2.00
Rev. W. M. Howard, Halifax charge	2.00
Sent by Mrs. H. W. Mitchell.	
Mrs. W. V. Routh, West End church	.50
Mrs. J. C. Stockard, Mt. Hermon charge	1.00
Mrs. J. L. Kernodle, Mt. Hermon charge	2.00
Mrs. Ella Layton, Guilford charge	.50
R. S. Garmon, First church, Charlotte	.50
Mrs. J. H. McCall, First, Charlotte	.50
Sent by Mrs. McCall.	
G. W. Riley, Orange charge	1.00
W. A. Minnis, Orange charge	1.00
J. M. Minnis, Orange charge	2.00
Sent by Pastor Morris.	
T. W. Duncan, Littleton charge	2.00
Sent by Pastor Broome.	
Club subscriptions, E. M. Hamilton, First church, Lexington	3.10
Mrs. W. T. Hemphill, Mt. Pleasant chg.	1.00
Mrs. Colon Smith, Mt. Pleasant charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Braxton.	
Mrs. Mary E. Trogdon, Tabernacle chg.	2.00
Gift subscription from Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Trogdon.	
Mrs. W. H. Clark, Rockingham	1.00
Sent by H. W. Bell.	
W. E. Hill, Denton	2.00
Sent by Pastor Curry.	
Rev. C. L. Spencer, Randleman	2.00
Mrs. Belle Smith, Randleman	1.00
Sent by Pastor Spencer.	
Mrs. C. W. Bates, Haw River charge	2.00
Mrs. H. C. Foust, Alamance charge	1.00
Sent by Mrs. J. M. Foust.	
E. H. Coble, Mt. Hermon charge	2.00
Sent by Pastor Anderson.	
Miss Mae Hatley, Friendship-Love's G.	.50
Sent by Pastor Cook.	
Mrs. W. E. Luck, First, Charlotte	2.00
Mrs. A. L. Jones, Guilford charge	1.00
Edna Cross, First church, Lexington	1.00
Mrs. A. E. White, Vance charge	1.00
Rev. J. L. Pittard, Moriah church	1.00
W. A. Sherrill, Moriah church	1.00
Sent by Pastor Pittard.	
Rev. J. P. Pegg, Granville charge	1.00
Mrs. Earle Shoaf, Welch Memorial	2.00
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R. L. Laughlin, Calvary	1.00
Sent by Pastor Stubbins.	

NOTICE

Please call attention to a mistake that is on page 103 of Conference Journal which says: Gibsonville promised pastor $1400; paid pastor $1000. The facts are that the Gibsonville church paid the promised salary of $1400, and set the salary for 1939 at $1000.

O. B. WILLIAMS.

WISDOM

Youth says, "I'll take this life of mine
And make it something great and fine:
I'll wrest from it fame and fortune too,
And my dreams of love shall all come true."

Maturity knows, through life's good and ill,
That it shapes our destiny as it will:
It crushes our hopes, our dreams are slain,
Then it lifts us up, to begin again.

So wisdom is learning to do each day
The tasks at hand—not forgetting to pray;
Content to love and work and forgive,
With courage and faith to look up and live.

—Selected.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Davidson Charge, W. H. Neese, Pastor, Jan. 2, 1939.—Well, here we are way down in Davidson among some of the best people in the conference. The people here have given us a warm welcome into their homes, their churchs, their auxiliaries, and their communities. They have remembered us with good things for our table. Mrs. W. A. Frank started the good work the day after we moved by sending milk and fresh meat; since that time others have remembered us and we have been enjoying fresh meat ever since we moved. Those sharing good things since last report are Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Whitt Wood, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith, Mrs. Edd Morris, Mrs. J. C. Taylor, Mrs. J. H. Loflin, and Misses Bruce Smith and Sylvia Morris. We are also indebted to Mrs. R. L. Binkley of Thomasville for a nice fat duck for Christmas, and Mrs. W. D. Payne, fresh meat.

Through the church paper we wish to thank our friends from former charges for the many nice Christmas greeting cards sent us. We received one from Culver City, Calif., and one from Florida. The others came from North Carolina—70 in all. We appreciate these expressions of good will.

Now just a few words about the women's organizations on the charge. At Lineberry church we have an auxiliary that seems very much alive. Miss Bruce Smith is the president. At Chapel Hill Mrs. Van Surratt is president of their auxiliary. Both societies have a small membership, something like 12 members in each, but they are very much alive and we see no reason why great things may not be accomplished. We expect to have each society represented at the quarterly meeting January 12.

A few weeks ago this writer was invited to meet with the Denton charge M. E. ladies in their charge auxiliary meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Whitt Wood. Since we are soon to be one church and since this writer appreciated the invitation and she felt she would like to know how the M. E. ladies carried on their auxiliary work, she accepted the invitation and enjoyed the meeting and the social hour following. After all we felt that we were in one of our own meetings. They have a meeting like this once a quarter when all their auxiliaries come together in a meeting and we believe it a good thing for us to do likewise.

MRS. W. H. NEESE.

Denton, N. C.

Lawndale, Cleveland Charge, Rev. T. G. Madison, Pastor.—Since our last report we have been fortunate in listening to two splendid sermons by our beloved pastor. The sermon on last night was fitting and appropriate for the beginning of the new year.

The Woman's Auxiliary met on Tuesday, December 13, in the home of Mrs. Fred Richard with Mrs. Laxton Mauney joint hostess. The meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. T. G. Madison. Mrs. Eskridge gave the devotional in her usual impressive manner. Mrs. Eva Mauney called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting in the absence of the secretary. It was decided at this meeting to look up the less fortunate and remember them at Christmas time. Mrs. Eva Mauney was appointed to do this. The auxiliary was extended an invitation to meet on Tuesday, January 10, in the home of Mrs. Eva Mauney, with Mrs. Peeler joint hostess.

During the social hour the hostess served dainty refreshments. About one year ago the members of our auriliary decided to start a Sunshine Club and appointed Mrs. Mamie Neal treasurer of this club. Each member pays 5c per week into this treasury. Since the beginning we have sent flowers to the hospital on two occasions, $3 spray for funeral, one house coat, 2 pair pajamas, $1 in money, a basket of fruit and candy to each of three families for Christmas, two dresses, also a basket of fruit which Rev. and Mrs. T. G. Madison and three of the members carried to the county home. We still have a treasury of about $10.

The Sunday school sponsored a Christmas tree and program which was enjoyed by everyone present. Santa Claus was present and it seemed was jollier than usual, and of course the children were made happy when he began to call out their presents.

The entire Cleveland charge with some of the members from each church present met at the parsonage on December 12 and gave our pastor from what he says a pretty severe pounding. He said it started with a large bag of flour and came on down to a chicken, and last an opossum, which was fortunate enough to get away at the last minute.

Since we have three denominations to worship in this church, the Sunday school superintendent places three good sized boxes in the store with each pastor's name on a box. They are filled with whatever the spirit moves a fellow to place in these, and then the boxes are presented to the different pastors at the usual Christmas exercise.

Since we don't have a fifth Sunday night service, Rev. Mr. Madison announced last night that he and Rev. Mr. Goforth, the M. E. pastor, had decided to give us an extra service. We appreciate this very much.

MRS. PEELER, Reporter.

Union Chapel Church, Mocksville, N. C., Rev. K. G. Holt, Pastor.—The Christmas holidays passed off very quietly in our community. With the beginning of a new year January 1, 1939, our church had an unusually large attendance for the bad weather we are having. We intend to make the year 1939 a better year with our church than we have ever made before.

We still have several sick in our community. We hope for them a speedy recovery so they can be with us to worship again, for we miss them greatly.

During the holidays we were very sorry to lose one of our girls, Miss Minnie Lee Bailey. Miss Bailey is now the Mrs. Robee Laster, of Elkin, N. C. We will miss her in all our church work. We hope for Mr. and Mrs. Laster a very happy life together.

There will be preaching at Union Chapel the second Sunday night, and the fourth Sunday morning each month. Every one is invited to attend these services. There is also Sunday school each Sunday at 10 o'clock.

CHURCH REPORTER.

Central-Canaan Methodist Churches, Geo. L. Curry, Pastor.—Christmas at Denton was celebrated in a way that meant a great deal of joy and satisfaction. Indeed we feel it was very properly done. At the church in Denton we had our service on Sunday night, December 18. The program was good, the choir was vested, and the music was of a high order. The idea of the White Christmas was featured. The decorations were all in white, with blue lights. All who took part were dressed in white. Gifts were brought to the altar by those dressed in white and representing classes of the church school and departments of the church. Objects remembered in these gifts were missions, Children's Home, Herald subscription, needy families, and wefare work of our public school, etc.

At Canaan the service was observed on Christmas day. Here too the White Christmas idea was carried out. In the offering a number of causes were found to be remembered. Missions, Children's Home, and local interests. Among the local needs remembered was more than $25 for a brother who had met with the misfortune of losing two horses. Christmas music was used and a program which was suited to the occasion.

We believe the people of both churches were quite favorably impressed with the White Christmas idea.

Communion services with a large number of communicants were observed at both churches during the Christmas season. At Denton on December 18 at the morning service and at Canaan on Christmas day as a part of the Christmas service.

During the holiday season a number of our young people who are engaged in school work spent time at home. Among them were Robert Johnson and Virginia Churry of High Point College; Inza Hill, a teacher at Rankin High School near Greensboro; Lillian Bisher of Bennetsville, S. C.; Golden Morris of Greensboro, and Ruth Morris of High Point. The last three are attending business schools.

Our Denton church has recently taken on a new name. Two names were suggested, Bethel and Central. Central received the largest number of votes, and from this on our church in Denton will carry the name of Central Methodist church.

On last Sunday, New Year's day, one new member was received. Mrs. Roy Morris, a recent bride, came to us from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. She came to us on New Year's day and she was the first to join Central Methodist church of Denton, N. C.

During the holidays, through generous contributions of free labor, considerable improvements have taken place at our parsonage. The space formerly used as a hall has been added to the reception room, making a large, ample reception room. The stairway has been so changed that it leads from the back instead of the front. Double doors have been placed between the reception room and the dining room. The arrangement now is so that there two large rooms can be thrown together to accommodate a large gathering such as we often have in our parsonage. We are indeed grateful to the brethren who made this improvement possible.

We have been remembered very kindly by our people here, as well as by friends elsewhere during the recent weeks and especially during the Christmas season. Fresh meats and other good things have been plentiful. Lots of good eats have come our way. We have lots of good wood on the parsonage yard and more in the woods. We mention here Brother Sam Martin and Brother Carl Hoover. A number of other nice gifts came from our people and we are not able to mention all and we will not mention any. Cards came in larger numbers this year thnn ever before. A large number came from our people here and large numbers came from good people we have formerly served and learned to love. We thank all these good people for all these good things and we pray God's blessings upon them all.

GEO. L. CURRY.

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Mt. Hermon Church, Mt. Hermon Charge, Rev. J. R. Anderson, Pastor.—We were indeed very glad to have our pastor fill his regular appointment Sunday morning. This was the first time this conference year that he and his wife had met with us. We are glad to know that he is regaining health and strength and will soon be able to take his place of leadership once more.

Our Christmas Cantata was given Sunday evening. A goodly number being present to enjoy it.

Our Christmas tree and program is being planned for Saturday night.

We feel that our Sunday school work is moving along nicely, with interest and attendance being good. May we all work together for the good of our church, and the work of Christ.

REPORTER.

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Caroleen, Rev. H. D. Garmon, Pastor.—Our work has started off fine for the new conference year. The Sunday school and also church attendance are growing. We gave our Christmas program Saturday night which we think was one of the best, ever presented in our church. We thank God for the great interest of the young people in our church. For the faithfulness of each one in making our program so great a success. The packed house on Saturday night showed they were expecting a fine program. Although many had to stand, we feel that they caught the intended spirit and could say that it was good to have been there, and that as a result of our program our church will grow both in spirit and in number. Our Christian Endeavor is still growing and has meant much to the young people. There are officers and teachers of our church this year, that will say without the C. E. training they have had, they would never have been able to fill their office today. We were glad to have our pastor with us Saturday night, although he had to fill his appointments at the other churches Sunday. We are looking forward to our preaching services next Sunday. We feel that our pastor with our help will make this the greatest year for our church in history. We are so glad to have our members who have been on the sick list back with us. We are sorry to report that God saw fit to take one of our members since our last report to the paper, Mrs. Sam Scruggs. But she suffered so many years while in this life, and although we miss her terribly, its sweet to think of her in that heavenly place where theres no pain and suffering. Our loss is Heaven's gain. As we begin the new year, may we all rededicate our lives to God's service and all work harder for the up-building of God's Kingdom.

(MISS) LOIS HOLLIEFIELD, Reporter.

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Asheville.—This Chisrtmas has been both joyful and sad to us here in the Asheville parsonage. We have been saddened by the death of Mrs. Bethea's father, which occurred December 23, and he was buried on Christmas Eve. This removes from us the last parent, as my mother and father went away quite awhile ago, and my mother-in-law some twenty years ago.

Mr. Warlick was one of the best of men, that goes without saying to all who knew him.

Next day after the funeral, Christmas, two of our boys came to spend just the one day and night, but that was a happy time to us. We regretted so much hat the other children could not be here, but circumstances were such that all could not come.

The old fashioned Christmas tree here in the church brought us joy. A turkey for our Christmas dinner being the biggest thing that we received. Then the mail box was stuffed every day, as so many of our new found friends here sent us cards, and then from other places where we have so many good friends came Christmas greetings. So many that we counted these and the last mail the number of cards amounted to greetings from two hundred and eight. My how good this made us feel! Then the mail for two days brought us an arm load of packages each day, and they kept coming until the number ran up to fifty-seven different gifts. And then here in Asheville and through the mail came thirty-seven dollars in cash. Never got so much money as a gift on Christmas. All these things and remembrances made us forget our sorrow in a measure, to know we had so many friends that were thinking of us on this glad day.

To all of these who have remembered us at this time of sorrow as well as of joy, we sincerely thank you, and pray the blessings of Him who sees every act and knows every thought, that He may reward you richly.

We have been hindered in getting started in our work here in several ways, but we are very much encouraged to believe that as the New Year opens up we will have an opportunity to get things going, though the start is late.

The attendance a church has picked up considerably, and the people of the church and community have been unusually kind in their words of appreciation and helpfulness.

We would like to mention names of all but time and space forbids at this hour.

We earnestly ask an interest in the prayers of those who know us throughout the conference, there are many obstacles here, perhaps more than the average church, but we are looking to Him who is able to make all grace abound that His wisdom may guide us and His grace strengthen us so that a victory to advance the Kingdom may be given us.

N. G. BETHEA.

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Kernersville-South Winston, Dec. 30—The first quarterly conference for this charge was held at the Kernersville church Saturday, December 17, 1938, at 2:30 p. m. Official members of four churches attended. Because of the brief time intervening since the fourth quarterly conference, the reports were few and brief. The pastor's report revealed that $75.86 had been received on salary, and 56 visits had been made. The apportionments of the annual and general conference were accepted by the conference. A number of recommendations of the pastor, relating to the financial phase of the work were adopted. Miss Hazel Hendrix, who served as secretary of the conference for the past year, was re-elected. The conference created a parsonage fund with the money received from the sale of the Oak Ridge property. A. N. Linville was elected treasurer of the parsonage fund, amounting to over $250.00. The conference instructed the parsonage trustees to purchase a new circulator for the parsonage, which was installed during the week prior to Christmas. The pastor and family are now enjoying the comfort and convenience of the new circulator, the make of which is The Allen.

Christmas programs at three churches were rendered on Friday night before Christmas, and each one was interesting. We could attend only one of them, namely the Pine Grove church program. The church was completely filled with members and friends of the Sunday school and church. The old-fashioned Christmas tree adorned the church auditorium, to the delight of every one. The pastor and family were the recipients of a number of useful gifts, including a large box of fruits, nuts and candy. Also an amount of money was given at this church.

The pastor and family were remembered with a large number of Christmas greeting cards this year, over one hundred being received from members of churches of the present and former pastorates. Also we are thankful for numerous gifts from members of the present charge brought to the parsonage for the past two weeks. All of these gifts are high appreciated.

The December meeting of the Ladies Aid Society of the Kernersville church, which has two circles, No. 1 and No. 2, met jointly December 17, 1938, at 7:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. J. W. Corum, president of Circle No. 1. The program provided for a Christmas song, after which the devotional service was conducted by the pastor, who read a Christmas Scripture lesson from St. Luke 2:1-15. The business program was then carried out. A very delightful feature of the meeting was the presentation of Christmas gifts, this being done by each member of the two circles, who drew names the first of the year, the idea of twin sisters being carried out by the plan, which provided for an exchange of Christmas gifts.

The spirit of Christmas giving again gave special significance to the meeting when the pastor's wife became the recipient of a lovely Christmas shower of beautiful and useful gifts. The pastor, too, was remembered with a number of appropriate gifts. The pastor and wife appreciate very much all these gifts.

C. B. WAY, Pastor.

Friendship Church, Fallston Charge.—A large crowd attended Sunday school and church last Sunday. Mr. Evan Wilson came as a representative from the M. E. Church South of Fallston, to express their appreciation in being invited to join us in worship each Sunday. They will not accept the invitation before the meeting of the churches in April. However, we are looking forward with great anticipation to having them visit with us on the fifth Sunday in January.

Rev. Hethcox delivered an inspiring message on the subject, "The Lure of the Second Mile." His text was taken from Matthew 5:45. A new member was added to our church roll, Mr. Moton W. Propst. We were happy to have Mr. Grady Reed from Texas, in our midst for church service.

The children of the Primary department are gathering toys to send to the Children's Home at High Point. Colon Wright and Dwight Wilson of Phiefer College and Miss Imogene Lackey of Elon College are at home for the Christmas days. Several others are yet to come. A wish for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year is extended to all.

REPORTER.

Alamance Charge.—After spending twelve pleasant years with our church in Reidsville we have had to experience the unpleasant task of moving. Only those of my brethren who are in the ministry, and have to move now and then, are aware of the fact that there is nothing pleasant about packing all of one's household effects, including a barrel or two of used and often misused sermons, moving some distance then unpack and get things to rights again in a strange place among strange people. But such is the lot of a preacher, and he must learn in whatever state he finds himself therein to be content. We leave our friends, but, thank God, we do not lose their friendship or their love or their sympathy. These things we carry with us as treasures more precious than rubies or diamonds. The friendships we formed in Reidsville in and out of the church are our priceless heritage.

After having practiced on one church charges for a number of years, our conference finally awoke to the fact that we were competent to handle a four church charge, and we were assigned to one. So, here we are the pastor of Alamance Charge, composed of some of the finest people to be found anywhere on earth. We have been most cordially received by all of the churches, and we are looking forward to a happy and prosperous pastorate with them.

Our first quartely conference was held some ten days ago at Center church. All of the churches were represented, and the business of the conference was transacted harmoniously and expeditiously. The assessments sent down by the annual conference were apportioned to the several churches. We are hoping to make our offerings this year real expressions of our appreciation and gratitude for the more than one hundred years of service our denomination has rendered to the Kingdom of God. Brother J. W. Whitehead, who for almost a half centurn has been the efficient secretary of the conference, was unanimously elected to succeed himself. I suppose most of our members know that he is the father of the beloved pastor of our Henderson church—a worthy son of a noble sire.

We were invited to attend a Christmas entertainment at the Rock Creek church on Friday evening before Christmas. Of course we went, and to our utter amazement the members and friends took us all unware and almost pounded the life out of us. The ways these people "messed up" our car was a sight to behold; but we didn't get mad and fuss about it. We tried to express our gratitude; but all we could do was to stammer and sputter. We went home and after taking an inventory of our possessions we hardly knew which to do, enlarge the pantry or open up a grocery store.

For the benefit of all concerned let us say that we are occupying the Liberty church parsonage in Liberty, N. C. The pastor, Rev. Aubert Smith, being a "Lone Ranger," hasn't the time, even if he had the inclination, to occupy the house, except for brief intervals. During these intervals we enjoy his fellowship very much. It has been years since we had the pleasure of intimate association with one of our pastors, and, believe you us, we are making the most of it.

GEO. R. BROWN, Pastor.

First Church, Lexington, L. E. Mabry, Pastor.—The First church held the Christmas program Thursday night, December 22. A play was given by the young people entitled "A Chiid Shall Lead Them." Also the children gave some very fine speeches. This program was under the direction of Mrs. L. B. Koonts. Everyone seemed to enjoy the pageant very much, also a great many presents were given out among the people. The Sunday school gave the treats out to the scholars last Sunday morning. At the worship service Rev. L. E. Mabry preached a thoughtful sermon on the subject, "Christmas." We did not have any service Sunday night, as it was Christmas and a good many of our members went visiting.

There are quite a few of our members on the sick list at this time. We make it a habit to put down names of every one of our members who is sick on a list at the church door so the pastor and people can visit them.

Mrs. H. C. Koonts entertained her Sunday school class at her home last Tuesday night at 7 o'clock. Names were drawn and presents were given out, and also many games were played.

REPORTER.

Shiloh, Randolph Charge, Rev. Mr. Isley, Pastor, Dec. 27.—A large number enjoyed the Christmas entertainment Friday night, which was given by members of the Sunday school, after which a great pile of gifts was distributed from beneath a beautiful Christmas tree. Everyone present was presented with a bag of fruit, for which we give Mr. James Brown credit for making it possible. Our pastor was present and gave a short talk. Several of our people presented him groceries.

Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday. It being Christmas day and so many were away for the holidays, the congregation was small. We hope it will be better at the next appointment. His sermon was taken from Matt. 2:2, "The Star in the East."

The Jordan family have our greatest sympathy in the death of their wife and mother, Mrs. E. E. Jordan. The church has lost one of its faithful members, and the community a good friend and neighbor.

Also our sympathy goes out to the Brown family in the recent death of their wife and mother, Mrs. Connie Brown. May the memories of their companionship by God's help comfort each of these families in their bereavement.

MRS. EUGENE BROWN, Reporter.

Welch Memorial Church, High Point.—On Friday night, December 16, the Ladies' Auxiliary presented a special program for the women of the church. All women in the church and Sunday school received an invitation for the meeting. The purpose of the program was to form a closer relationship among our women, and in all respects the program was a success.

Last Thursday night our annual Christmas program was held. The Christian Endeavor society presented a pageant, "The Shepherd King," under the direction of Mrs. Mabel Joiner. A true and sincere spirit of Christmas was depicted in this pageant. After the presentation of "The Shepherd King," the appearance of Santa Claus and the distribution of numerous gifts placed under an enormous Christmas tree formed the latter part of the program. The entire Sunday school received Christmas treats.

Saturday night of this week, our Christian Endeavor society is planning a watch party in celebration of the New Year. In the course of this party, we plan to install our new Christian Endeavor officers. We anticipate the presence of several state Christian Endeavor officers, and look forward to a most successful evening.

From our church comes a sincere hope that every one of you will have a most successful and prosperous New Year.

MILDRED SOUTHERN, Reporter.

Davidson Charge.—This writer has been handicapped somewhat with a prolonged cold, but all appointments have been met in regular order. We find ourselves in the midst of a fine people who have plenty and to spare. We are located three miles south of Denton in sight of highway No. 109. An electric light line is assured for this immediate section, as well as for other sections of rural Davidson.

We are well pleased with our location and with the people, and with the prospect for a profitable year.

WM. H. NEESE.

Community Church, Thomasville. — Community church had Sheik Raphael Emmanuel at the church Sunday morning. He lectured on the Bible lands where Jesus came from. Mr. Emmanuel is a native Chaldean who comes from the country where the Garden of Eden was located and from where Abraham was called to go out into the lands of Canaan. Mr. Emmanuel's description of the Holy Land and of the customs of its people was very interesting. Knowing something about this country, and knowing that it has changed very little since the days when Jesus lived there, makes it very easy for us to visualize the birth and life of Jesus Christ.

On Sunday afternoon the Finch Institute Singers gave a Christmas cantata, "The Birth of Christ." This cantata was the story of the Christmas night 20 centuries ago. As much as we love the story, we had a new appreciation and deeper love for it after hearing it expressed so beautifully in song.

From the heart of our beloved pastor and all the members of this church, we wish everyone God-speed "even unto Bethlehem."

MRS. TOM EINSTEIN, Reporter.

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Kannapolis Church, D. T. Huss, Pastor.—I want to thank the Editor for publishing the letter sent in by Miss Gaynelle Price. Gaynelle is a wonderful Christian girl and has been a great inspiration to me. I have never seen anyone so cheerful as she is under her circumstances. Will every reader of the Herald please write Gaynelle a letter or card to cheer her along her way to recovery? We are looking for her back in Kannapolis Sunday school early in the spring. Cover her hospital cot with mail. She is thrilled to get mail from anyone.

Kannapolis Sunday school is still making progress under the leadership of Brother Tutterow. He has a fine way of spreading his grand Christian spirit to the school and to everyone he touches. He was an excellent steward and seems to be fitting even better as superintendent of the Sunday school. A gradual growth in this branch is sure to come.

Many of us were afraid it would be hard to find a chairman of the board of stewards who could take Brother Tutterow's place. He was located in the person of M. E. Marlowe. This group has already set a record for this church. When the every-member canvass was completed it was found that the church budget was largely oversubscribed. I am told that nearly double has been pledged over the pledges made last year. These stewards are not only willing to see that all bills are paid promptly, but have gone with me to help those who are unfortunate and to help win the lost. These men have greatly encouraged me in my efforts.

Our first quarterly conference is to meet January 14. We are to get our plans for the year in shape then and get ready for a drive to wipe out our church debt.

This auxiliary has one of the best and most satisfactory plans for making money that I know about. Will be glad to send full details of it to any pastor or auxiliary president who will write to me.

Kannapolis church is happily entering its last year as Methodist Protestants and expects to start its first year in the new church with its house in order and to enter a happier relationship in the larger body. It will do its part by all the conference interests at the same time.

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Eden, Halifax Charge, Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr., Pastor.—We wish for everyone the joy and peace of the Christmas season with a hope it may continue throughout the coming year.

The first Sunday in December our pastor brought to us Rev. Sprigg Harwood of Baltimore, Md., and Duke University, who preached for us that day. It was a great pleasure to hear him. He speaks with a spiritual depth that has an uplifting influence on his hearers. We hope to have him visit us again.

Last Sunday afternoon, December 18, we had a truly beautiful service. The church was beautifully decorated in green and white, white candles, miniature Christmas trees, and native evergreen being used.

The young people and small children of the Sunday school gave a program, directed by the superintendent, Mrs. R. G. Willey. Although they only had a few days' preparation and one rehearsal, every one did remarkably well.

After the program Mr. Howard talked to us about the priceless gift of our Savior, bringing before us the matchless beauty that so often is obscured by the prevalence of commercialism. We are sorry so many of our usual congregation were absent, as we feel that those who were there will have a happier Christmas.

Since our last report the Auxiliary has held two meeetings. A check-up at the last meeting shows finances appallingly low. However, optimism is high and we have some faithful workers, especially Mrs. F. M. Parker. We are indeed grateful to her for her generous gifts and much personal work.

Our president, Mrs. R. G. Willey, is a most capable leader and we hope for the continued cooperation of the membership.

Electric service for this section of the county has been potentially approved. We hope it may become established. When and if it does we expect to have the hut and church equipped with lights.

Again best wishes for a happy Christmas and New Year.

MRS. ETOIE WILLIAMS, Reporter.

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Union Grove Church, Rev. Mr. Bingham, Pastor.—Happy New Year! To every reader of the Herald I extend a wish for a Happy New Year.

Since the old year 1938 has gone from us forever, may we not sit and mourn her departure and the mistakes we made during the year. But, may each of us mend our ways for the year 1939 with the mistakes we made in 1938. May we try to do more for our Master. The only way to be happier this year is to make more people happy by showing people you are interested in them and helping them bear their burdens.

We extend to Mr. Bingham our deepest sympathy in the death of a dear niece, who was buried on Christmas day. Mr. Taft White filled his appointment during his absence on Christmas day, and preached a good sermon.

Union Grove church lost one of its members on Thursday before Christmas. Dr. Trivette died with pneumonia. He left a host of mourning relatives and friends and neighbors. There is a lot of illness in our community such as pneumonia, flu, measles and colds.

Our Sunday school gave a very effective program on Christmas eve. The smaller children gave recitations and dialogues. The young people's class gave a pageant called "Warm Hearth Fires." After the program came the most interesting part to young and old, the delivering of gifts from under the Christmas tree. Each member of the Sunday school received a bag of treat from the Sunday school.

In making our resolutions for the new year, may we sincerely resolve and pray over them. And let us remember the Sunday school of today will become the church of tomorrow. Let us do our part.

FLORA MAE WOOTEN, Reporter.

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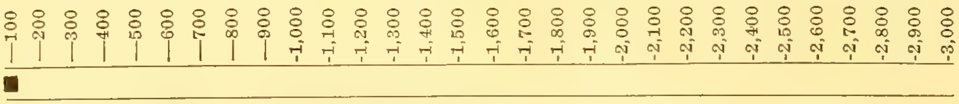

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REV. C. W. BATES, D.D.
Subscription Booster

BOOSTING THE HERALD

To those of you who read the HERALD, and may read this, the church paper needs little boosting. As they say, you are already "sold on it." If you are like I am, you await its coming from week to week with impatience, as if, as last week, no paper is issued, something has gone out of your life.

But, unfortunately, not all the folks are like you and I. A great many of our church members dont' take it; and some who take it don't read it.

We must somehow "sell the paper" to these folks. They need it. All the interests of the Kingdom and of the Conference are halted because they do not take it.

And there has never been a time when the paper was more needed than now, nor a time when our folks needed more to read it. Perhaps the chief reason they need to take and read it is the approach of Methodist Union, in which we are all vitally concerned. I am interested in the advertisement in the last several issues of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, which I take and read with interest. Here it is:

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Not all the ignorance—or, more politely, lack of information—is in our sister church. We have some of it. Let's make it less by getting the folks to read more.

The Editor has asked me to act as Herald Booster. I'm about to get started. But I can't do much by myself. I need the help of all those who read the HERALD. YOU read it—get SOME ONE ELSE to read it. I'm counting on you.

I hope to have some plans for pushing the campaign in the next issue. In the meantime, you do a little boosting.

C. W. BATES.

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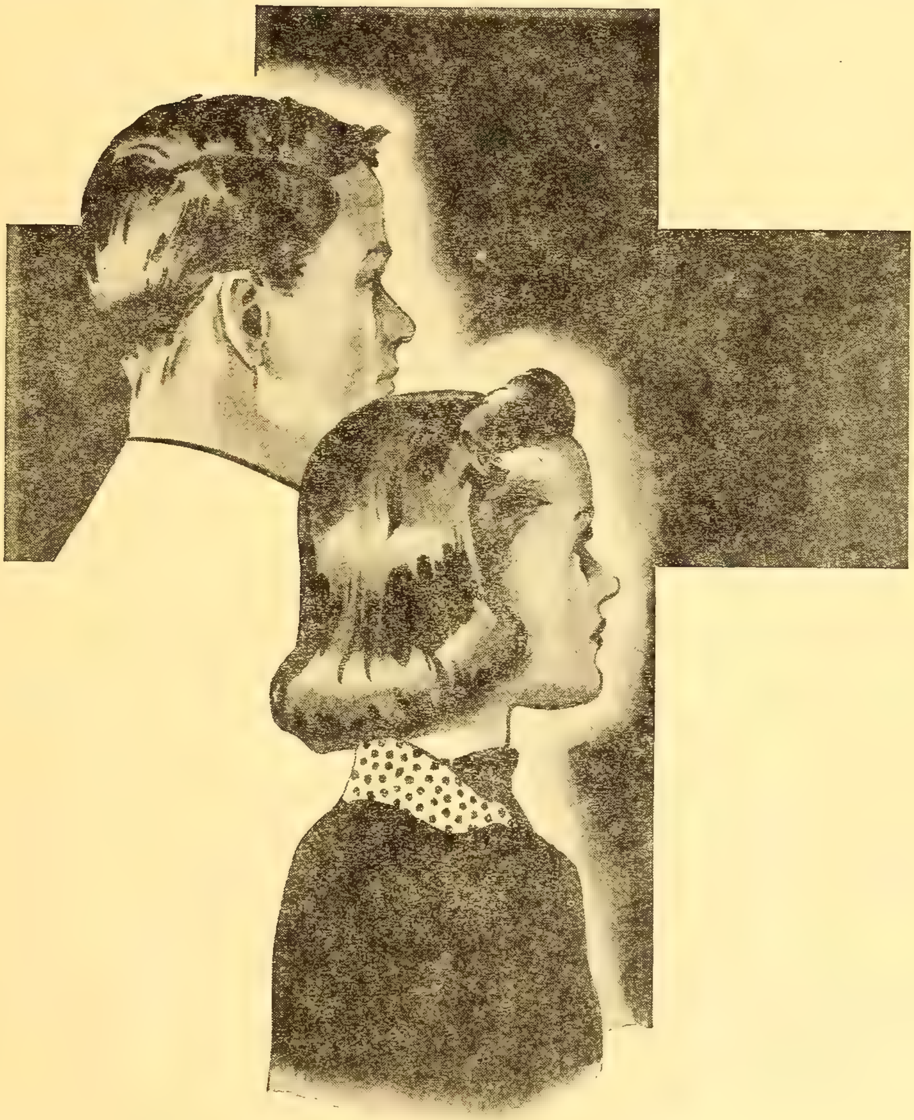

YOUTH IN GRATITUDE

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Rev. R. C. Stubbins Appointed District Chairman

I am appointing Rev. R. C. Stubbins as chairman of the 5th district to succeed Rev. J. Elwood Carroll who feels that he ought to be relieved of this duty in order that he may have more time to spend on writing the history of our Annual Conference.

The New Journal

The new conference journal has reached me and it has been read with a great deal of interest. In the main I think it is a fine piece of work, however, there are a few puzzling things in it and if anybody can unravel the mystery I shall be glad. For instance, in the report of the statistician the number of accessions is given as 1,856 and the number discontinued is given as 963. Naturally we would conclude that we had a gain of 893 but instead a loss is registered amounting to 83. In this same report the number of members in 1937 is given as 30,604 while that of 1938 is given as 30,521. But in table No. 2 which deals with membership the 1937 membership is listed as 29,871 while the 1938 figures are given as 30,521. This would give us a gain of 650 over the previous year. The only conclusion I can reach is that the brethren, in making out their reports this past conference did not start with the number as listed on the roll at the 1937 conference but put down a smaller number which, perhaps, they actually found on the roll. I know that it is difficult to keep statistics absolutely correct, however, I had been hoping that for this our last year as a separate denomination we might know just how many members we have. In making this digest of our membership there is no criticism of any of the officials who made up these reports. The only thing they can do is to take the reports just as they come into their hands. This year's journal records only three charges which did not have a single accession but there are nine charges listed which did not have a single adult baptism. These figures speak for themselves and it is hardly necessary for me to comment, however, one thing is clear, these churches are not getting hold of either the adults or the children. In a great many places these days it is difficult to reach the non-churched mature people but in a great many churches fine groups of children are being gathered in. But when neither is reached it is just too bad.

Available for Fifth Sunday Rally

Purposely I have refrained making any engagements for any local church for the fifth Sunday, thinking that there would be a number of fifth Sunday rallies and that I could be of larger srevice there than in a local church. But up to the present time no invitation has come for a fifth Sunday rally. If any District Chairman needs me I shall be glad to go.

Delegates Expenses to Uniting Conference

One thing which we must keep in mind this year is that delegates expenses to the Uniting Conference will have to be raised early in the year, if the delegates have the use of this money. April will soon be here and it is very important that our delegates go and important that they have something to go on. Reservations for our delegates have been made at the Robert E. Lee hotel in Kansas City at the very best rate possible.

A Sunday Morning at Liberty

Last Sunday morning was spent with our church at Liberty, Rev. Aubert Smith pastor. For a good many years this church has occupied a very important place in the life of our conference. Quite a good many of our people have had a very gratifying acquaintance with this church when they were students in the Boarding school which once was carried on there. But as one goes back to this church now one is deeply conscious of what death has wrought in this congregation in that many who were once there are there no more. There was a fine congregation present last Sunday morning and many young people were in the audience. The Sunday school superintendent complimented the school for the greatly increased attendance. It was a real pleasure to preach to this fine group last Sunday. Brother Smith will soon finish his course at Duke University and after that will be able to give more time to this church. At the present time he is serving both the Liberty and the Siler City charges. Both of these charges ought ot have the all time services of a pastor but for the present it seems best to let one divide time with the two. Brother Smith is very popular with the people and things seem to be running smoothly. I trust this church may grow and make good use of the large opportunity which it seems to have.

The Ninth District Rally

Hurrying away from Liberty soon after noon last Sunday, I soon found myself at Welch Memorial church in High Point for the Ninth District Rally. Rev. J. C. Madison, the District Chairman, had planned the program and presided. The devotions were conducted by Rev. Edward Suits, pastor of the Rankin Memorial church, however, I did not arrive in time for this part of the program. Dr. S. W. Taylor of Asheboro gave a fine address on, What the Methodist Protestant Church Has Meant To the World. Dr. P. E. Lindley, the dean of High Point College gave us another fine address on Gratitude for What We Are To Take Into the Union. It was my task to speak on How We Can Show Our Appreciation with special reference to our raising World Service budget in full. The attendance was good, there being representatives from almost if not all of the churches in the district. All pastors of the district except one were present.

Appointments

Sunday, January 15th, 11 a. m. Mebane.

Sunday, January 22nd, Mocksville charge, appointments to be announced by pastor.

J. E. Pritchard.

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The Piedmont Ministers will meet at Grace Church, Greensboro, Monday, January 16, at 10:30 o'clock. An attractive program is being arranged.

(J. E. C.)

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"The nation will have to choose between the motor car and the liquor traffic."—*Henry Ford.*

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A Message in Verse

Every mason in the quarry,
Every builder on the shore;
Every woodsman in the forest,
Every boatman at the oar;
Sawing wood or drawing water,
Splitting stone or cleaving sod;
All the dusty ranks of labor
In the regiment of God.
March together toward His temple;
Do the work His hands prepare.
Faithful toil is holy service,
Honest work is praise and prayer.

Henery Van Dyke.

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Pastor J. M. Morgan reports a new parsonage for Greenville charge, with electric lights for both parsonage and church. Hurrah for Greenville.

The Third Annual North Carolina Convocation of the Churches is scheduled to be held next week, January 17-19, in the First Presbyterian Church, Durham. Among the leaders we note the names of Drs. H. E. Luccock, Roy A. Burkhart, John R. Cunningham, Gordon Poteat, Carl C. Rasmussen, Albert W. Palmer, and Bishops Purcell, Penick, and Pfohl. We presume a large number of our pastors will attend this convocation.

Hearing and Not Doing

You may recall the proposal of a certain preacher three or four years ago that we have a moratorium on peaching—that we closed all the chuches for a definite period like the banks were closed during the last panic. The proposal did not find enough favor with those who were accustomed to attend church services to try it. Of course, there were then and are now tens of thousands of people who rarely, if ever, hear a sermon. But what most of us know quite well is, there are many times more who hear sermons and who read the Bible but never do anything about it. And there must have been such in the days of our Lord for He said, "He that heareth these words of mine and doeth them not, I will liken him unto a man who built his house of the sand." However good a house it may be, it will fall—cannot stand the storms of life.

This practice is a self-destroying practice. They use their emotions for their entertainment or pleasure. Play with high ideals and deep emotions. They are connoisseurs of high passion but are sordid in their acts. Cry out their sympathy for the oppressed and needy, shout out their religious impulses and thereby allow their quickened desire to act die; fritter their convictions away in idle dreaming. They become emotion drunkards, and like the whiskey drunkard, in their sober moments they make many good resolutions and fair promises but are never gripped deeply enough by them to attempt to do them. It is not that they should be taught higher ideals, but that they should try to live upon higher levels. It is not that they are in deed of more knowledge through the ear and eye, they must have that knowledge through the heart and the hand. That they be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving themselves.

The Privilege of Sharing

That part of Christian service which we often call the budget, or the apportionments and sometimes the assessments, does not seem to be very popular with some nominal Christians. The fact is, they think of it as a task imposed instead of an opportunity given to serve. No one enjoys having a task imposed upon them. Duties exacted of us by others are as a rule unhappily performed. The individual initiative appears cramped when we are assessed so much or told that we MUST do for certain causes; like paying taxes, observing fruitless forms and technical laws, and such.

But if those who give money to the religious causes and who give their time and energy to the extension of the Kingdom would feel towards all such that they are just sharing with others what others have shared with them, it surely would become more joyous to give and more pleasure to serve. Let him that hath of this world's good give to those who need and let those who have acquired skill in doing, who have time for doing, as they serve, let them do it with the consciousness that they are sharing that which was given them to share. As we often sing, "We give thee but thine own," as we make our offerings at Church.

The Days of Youth

As the human race grows older and tries out more of the so-called wise formulas of life, the thoughtful ones become aware of the places for both the aged and the youth to labor. There is certainly no endurance test proposed. It is recognized that the aged cannot live and labor like the young, nor should they require the young to live and act like the aged.

The aged worker who is wise gladly gives place to his younger worker, and the wise youth is equally aware that there is still some very definite work for the aged. The spirit of adventure finds its fullest expression in the days of our youth. The great pioneers like Capt. John Smith, Hannibal, and Columbus, did most, if not all their important pioneering in the days of young manhood. The great preacher-reformers like Calvin, Martin Luther and John Wesley startled the natives with their ideas in the days of their youth. The great musician like Mozart and Schubert were famous composers by the time they were thirty.

Youth has enthusiasm, vision, courage, optimism, and the powers of endurance of which age can rarely boast.

Once when Dr. Grenfeld had told of the hardships he had undergone in his varied labors in Labrador, he was greatly pitied by a good woman, to which he replied, "Madame, I am having the time of my life." While there was hardly a day that did not try his skill, his bodily strength and courage, yet he loved it. It was the spirit of youth in him.

The Church offers a varied field of service for the young men and young women. There are tasks for them which surely challenge the spirit of adventure which stirs them. The Church needs youth and the young need the Church. Just now in our emphasis of the work of the needs of our Board of Young People we are calling for fuller and larger enlistments of youth. We trust every pastor in our Conference will relay this call from the Headquarters of our denomination, and that there shall be scores of our young people who shall repeat the answer of young Isaiah in the temple long ago, "Here I am, Lord, send me."

YOUTH IN GRATITUDE

Young People's Day

Here comes again our "Young People's Day"—the last Sunday in January. Every year has seen a decided advance in observing it. Its history roots in Christian Endeavor Day but its meaning has been extended in many directions.

Now, it is a Good Day. Just as good as any other, and very much better than many. We ought to remember Father Clark and those magnificent times when the youth movement was getting into action. And when Christian Endeavor got going it surely started something. In a way it started the whole business of youth in action. We owe much to it. Many of us who are older can never forget what it did for us and to us.

And when we look at these magnificent Training Schools which dot the whole summer calendar and see what our young people today have come into,—well, in the first place, it makes us rather happy, even though we were denied these opportunities years ago; but we also remember that without those heart burning days that which we now have would not exist at all.

Well, let us show our gratitude, we young people. Let's put on a great youth program in the church. I am sure the cooperation of the whole church will be such as to give us the right of way. Secretary Gibbs has done another fine job in preparing the program and he will be happy to send out all that may be needed.

Always, on a day like this, there are the two objects to keep in mind:

1. "O come let us worship and bow down."
2. "Let us come with an offering."

May the good Lord bless the day through the entire church. And you who have gotten a bit older, join hands with your young people, help them to feel you really care.

Jas. H. Straughn.

This Is Life

When Ole Bull, famed violinist, was playing a concert in Paris, the A string on his violin snapped. He transposed the composition and finished it on three remaining strings. That is life—to have your A string snap and finish on three strings.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY

For ten years the Board of Christian Education through the department of Religious Education has prepared an excellent program for Young People's Day. We have sought by this method to inform the church of what is being done in providing opportunity for a better trained leadership among our youth and to assist the church in discovering the potential possibilities of their young people as well as to emphasize their place in the life and program of the local church. It affords them the opportunity of fostering one of the most vital departments of our denominational activities. Rev. Gibbs, Executive Secretary, of this part of the Board's work, has given special thought to the "Appreciation Year." Emphasis in arranging these excellent materials which give opportunity for recognition of the men and women who have given prominence both to the local church and denomination.

The Young People's Day program offers to every pastor materials by which he may make Young People's Day one of the really great days on the church calendar.

Use the program. Take the offering. By this you may assist your church to register as a 100 per cent church in the "Appreciation Year Program." It gives a splendid opportunity to assist in raising your budget in full through the offering on this occasion. Your church can profit by the information and inspiration of the program and your denomination needs the offering. May we have your cooperation by ordering programs and materials at once from Rev. F. L. Gibbs, 3267 W. Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.?

E. A. Sexsmith, *President.*

A SALARY MIXUP

I have heard all my life the expression, "Figures don't lie." It happens they do a lot of lying in the 1938 Conference Journal. But, I assure you, it wasn't intentional on anybody's part. And I am probably most to blame for it in that, when I read the proof, I did not detect it. But I was looking for errors in spelling and arithmetic; not misplacements of columns. For that is what has happened.

Two or three of the brethren have written me to correct the figures for salary promised, paid, and promised for 1938—that by the way, ought to be 1939. And one or two have corrected the matter in the Herald.

Here's what has happened: The headings of the second and third columns in Table IV have been reversed. If where it says, Paid Pastor, you will put Promised for 1939, and where it says, Promised for 1939, put Paid Pastor, it will be straightened out.

I had hoped to live long enough to get out a Journal that wouldn't have any errors in it. But, alas, I am about to come to the end of my secretarial life—and the Journal is still imperfect. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, you who might not make such a mistake, restore such as one, considering thyself, lest thou also. . . ."

C. W. Bates, *Secretary.*

As a piece of literature, entirely apart from its supreme value as the sacred book of the Christian religion, the Bible holds a unique and remarkable position.—*Amy Cruse.*

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

WHY PROFESSORS GET GRAY

All I ask of students is that they let me teach them. My business is to help others see and understand truth, and when this is going on I am happy. When young minds are willing to receive information it is a pleasure to present it. The intensity of the professor's delight, therefore, is measured by the degree of eagerness in those who sit before him. Great teaching goes on only among hungry minds, and intellectual appetite on the part of the students can inspire even the dullest instructors.

Fortunately for the dispenser of knowledge, such an ideal condition does occasionally exist. At times the subject-matter becomes so interesting, the atmosphere of the classroom so tense with attention, that the students themselves lose sight of the clock on the wall, and the teacher feels a mystic power possessing his own soul. Then he is really teaching! His mind is delighting itself in fatness. Such an elevated sense of victory can, I think, be appreciated only by those who have experienced it.

Doubtless it is, though, the same kind of joy that fills the soul of anyone who is succeeding in his chosen work. It is, for all I know, the identical thrill that accompanies the making of a million dollars. Or it may be compared with the triumphant shout of the warrior who has won the day. The composer who has framed a great symphony, or the artist admiring his own masterpiece may know something of the same reward. In each case it is a native, deep, original joy —a joy that can neither be bought nor sold.

So far, so good, but many things happen to reverse the picture. There is, for instance, the dull and ignorant student who cannot understand the lessons before him. But ignorance we can stand. Feeblemindedness in the pew is not the worst thing that can befall a classroom. Benjamin Franklin, you know, said that ignorance is no disgrace, but the disgrace lies in the willingness to stay that way. So simple ignorance can be tolerated.

Moreover, the student's opposition to what I teach can be endured. In fact an active rejection of a teacher's views even proves interesting. It stimulates him. You can't fly a kite unless the kind blows. Likewise the professor welcomes opposition; it gives him an opportunity to wrestle with truth and prove his point.

But the thing that kills the teacher is just plain, blank indifference. I can stand ignorance and opposition, but the vacant look, the listless mind, whitens my falling hair. If students could only say they didn't believe a word I was teaching, that would be refreshing. Or if they would only confess utter ignorance of the subject, that too might be a wholesome thing. But when they sit there as if nothing important is going to happen while I try with all my might to interest them in the logic of Plato or the eloquent flights Browning—that is living grief, a sort of foretaste of perpetual defeat.

Yes, I would rather the whole school take up intellectual arms against me than that one student should sleep on class! What hurts the teacher is not that the students do not know their lessons so much as the fact that they act like they are not *worth* knowing. The psychology in the case doubtless rests on the principle that the instructor's whole life is identified with what he teaches. Thus to ignore his teaching is to ignore *him*. To show no respect, not to say reverence, for his subject is to disrespect him.

But aside from this psychic law, there is another explanation, namely, that the teacher has discovered a profound truth and he longs for others to see that same truth. The truth is greater than any vehicle that carries it, and it is this truth the teacher champions. Knowledge that appears indispensable to the schoolmaster himself would, he is convinced, prove equally as precious to others if they would only receive it. In other words, he feels that those who slight his message rob themselves. What a pity, sighs he, that people will deliberately shut out the very light their souls so much need. He is there to give it to them and they desperately need it, and to have it cooly passed by is to blight his hopes of helping them.

Yes, it is the "I don't care for truth" attitude that silvers the professor's hair. But, as I said in the beginning, many there are who love to walk the ways of wisdom with the searcher after truth. These are my joy and crown.

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PETER SEES CHRIST'S GLORY

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, January 15

Lesson Text—Matthew 17:1-9, 14-18.

Golden Text—We beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father.—John 1:14.

Here again we find Peter receiving special attention from the Master. It has been literally just a week since he received those words of rebuke from Jesus for not minding the things of God, and it would almost seem that in his remarkable transfiguration Jesus was staging a definite project at this time to cause Peter with James and John to better heed them. This thrilling incident stands out as a very significant happening with Christ, for one of the most predominant facts of his earthly career was his almost utter submission to the flesh. Even with the hosts of heaven anxiously concerned with his earthly mission and having at his disposal the angelic legions of his Father Jesus depended almost entirely upon human agencies. However, on this mountain of prayer he does allow heavenly elements to intermingle with his efforts that he might take into his confidence these highly selected disciples. Of course Christ was going to finally be glorified after he had completed his task and then his life would be available as a mountain peak for the most lowly, but until then he needed these three lives as a spiritual unit to work with him—a sort of inner-circle.

With what we have already learned about the life and character of Peter it is not at all surprising to find him as one of this group. Christ saw elements of strength and courage in him very quickly—elements that were a bit scattered and that needed to be knitted closer together if he was to become spiritually strong. Peter possessed physical strength but Christ wanted to transform it into spiritual power, for it is here alone that the battles of Christ's kingdom can be won. In the long lines of Christian heroes who have displayed great strength and who have done great deeds there are to be found great throngs of those who have very little outward strength of which to boast. Through this strength that is made perfect in weakness they have moved great mountains for Christ. It was that transfigured moment on the Damascus road that changed Paul from a physical weakling to a spiritual giant whose marvelous success is on epoch of human struggle and achievement. We of the rationalistic age have grown too skeptical of the place and power of spiritual vision in the lives of men. Out of this skepticism there is growing among nations a strong cry that might makes right. Many today like Napoleon are trying to convince themselves and the world that God is merely on the side of him who has the largest battalions and they too are in for a sad awakening. History, both religious and secular, has over and over again proven that with even a single life responsive to a high vision God has won tremendous victories.

When John Wesley as an unimportant clergyman of the Church of England walked down from the mountain of his heart-warming experience at Aldersgate he was able to bring about a revolution in Europe—at least in England—that was as sweeping as that of the infamous French Revolution which was accomplished only by thousands of bloody hands.

"To blind old Milton's rayless orbs
A light divine is given
And deaf Beethoven hears the hymns
And harmonies of heaven."

Thus Peter, James, and John came down from the mountain with greater courage and power to take up the tasks of the valley. There they heard the Master saying to the powerless disciples below that the reason for their impotency was to be found in their lack of prayer and fasting. He said to Peter that he must leave the mountain top for the valley and to these others that they must leave the valley for the heights. In other words Christ is pleading that we balance up our lives —that we harness our visions to earthly tasks. He would have us exclaim with Peter:

"O Master, it is good to be
Entranced, enwrapt, alone with thee;
Till we, too, change from grace to grace,
Gazing on Thy transfigured face."

But then he would lead us immediately into the valley to sing with us the glow of that vision. Mountain tops are not made for habitation, they are not for the homes of men. Like the stream we should find our source there, but then we, like it, should find our way down the slopes to the valley and fields below.

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"Where will we find a sermon strong enough to restrain us in our scandalous, hoggish life, and to rescue us from this drink devil?—*Martin Luther*.

FROM "THE COTTER'S SATURDAY NIGHT"

The priest-like father reads the sacred page—
How Abram was the friend of God on high;
Or Moses bade eternal warfare wage
With Amalek's ungracious progeny;
Or how the royal bard did groaning lie
Beneath the stroke of heaven's avenging ire;
Or Job's pathetic plaint, and wailing cry;
Or rapt Isaiah's wild, seraphic fire;
Or other holy seers that tune the sacred lyre.

Perhaps the Christian volume is the theme—
How guiltless blood for guilty man was shed;
How He, who bore in heav'n the second name,
Had not on earth whereon to lay His head:
How His first followers and servants sped;
The precepts sage they wrote to many a land
How he, who lone on Patmas banished,
Saw in the sun a mighty angel stand,
And heard great Bab'lon's doom pronounced by Heav'n's command.

Then kneeling down to Heaven's Eternal King,
The saint, the father, and the husband prays:
Hope "springs exulting on triumphant wing,"
That thus they all shall meet in future days:
There ever bask in uncreated rays,
No more to sigh or shed the bitter tear,
Together hymning their Creator's praise,
In such society, yet still more dear,
While circling Time moves round in an eternal sphere.

Compar'd with this, how poor Religion's pride
In all the pomp of method and of art,
When men display to congregations wide
Devotion's ev'ry grace except the heart!
The Pow'r, incens'd, the pageant will desert,
The pompous strain, the sacerdotal stole;
But haply in some cottage far apart
May hear, well pleased, the language of the soul,
And in His book of life that inmates poor enroll.

—*Robert Burns* (1786).

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ALL CAME TO AN END

Those who suffer under the present depression should read the following:

There was a business depression in 1857 lasting 12 months.
There was a business depression in 1869 lasting 8 months.
There was a business depression in 1873 lasting 30 months.
There was a business depression in 1884 lasting 22 months.
There was a business depression in 1887 lasting 10 months.
There was a business depression in 1893 lasting 25 months.
There was a business depression in 1903 lasting 25 months.
There was a business depression in 1907 lasting nearly 12 months.
There was a business depression in 1914 lasting 8 months.
There was a business depression in 1921-22 lasting 14 months.

All of them came to an end except this one. It will, too. —*Chicago Daily News*.

WITH THE POETS

Elizabeth Vera Idol

SELF-DEPENDENCE

By MATTHEW ARNOLD

There were three Matthew Arnolds: the militant Arnold of his prose, the apostle of culture; the genial, kindly Arnold of his letters; and the Arnold of his poetry, in his sadder, doubting mood. From his father, Thomas Arnold, for a number of years head-master of Rugby, a man, who, by the strength of his character and intellect, made an imprint on many of the important men of his day, his son learned the lesson of accepting nothing unquestioned; and in an age of confusion and controversy—

. . . "an iron age
Of doubts, disputes, distractions, fears"—

he struggled through many years to arrive at a clear understanding of the confusion and a satisfaction of his own indecision and doubts regarding the meaning of life and man's destiny in the world.

As he questioned the old accepted tenets of religion he found he was not in sympathy with many of them, yet he had not advanced into a broader, newer interpretation of the religious life. In *Stanzas from the Grande Chartreuse*, as he found himself

"Wandering between two worlds, one dead,
The other powerless to be born,"

he longed to find peace and rest from the doubts that assailed him in the quiet monasticism and withdrawal from active contact with the world, yet that was not his conviction in regard to man's usefulness. So in most of his poetry he cried again and again for release from his doubts, for a solution to the problems of life, as he did in the first stanza of this poem:

"Weary of myself, and sick of asking
What I am, and what I ought to be,
At this vessel's prow I stand, which bears me
Forwards, forwards, o'er the star-lit sea."

So he struggled through the years, a victim of honest doubt, the doubt of which Tennyson said:

"There lives more faith in honest doubt,
Believe me, than in half the creeds,"

and it was only finally through the healing and ministering power of nature that he found the answer; the quiet work of two forces of nature that held for him the solution: that of the stars and the sea. Arnold's great love for these two elements is shown over and over in the allusions to them in his poetry. Through them he came to realize that a man finds the fulfillment of his destiny by the work which he must do; and that this work must be done, as Goethe said, "without haste, without rest"; it must be done, as Arnold himself said in his sonnet, *Quiet Work*, "two duties kept at one",

"Of toil unsever'd from tranquillity."

But nowhere does he come closer to the yearned-for answer than in *Self-Dependence*, a poem which is one of the finest sea-poems in our language, and includes lines which reach a high-water mark of lyrical purity and nobility of expression. One has said "There is no one among the English poets who so feels and expresses the question as to the meaning of life, the recreating charm of nature, and the power of classic beauty." No one who has read and known this poem can ever stand at night and look over a star-lit sea without feeling its mighty charm. The poem is not didactic. That it solved the problem of life for Arnold is inherent in its lines; that it may thus solve the same problem for another is only incidental.

"From the intense, clear, star-sown vault of heaven,
Over the lit sea's unquiet way,
In the rustling night-air came the answer:
'Wouldst thou *be* as these are? *Live* as they.' "

Arnold's acceptance of the performance of the destiny for which these elements were created, which is accomplished

"Unaffrighted by the silence round them,
Undistracted by the sights they see"

calls for a self-poised soul pouring all its power into its own tasks, only in this way attaining the mighty life for which it is created.

The necessity for joy in the performance of duty in order for it to attain its noblest height finds its expression in two of the finest lyrical lines to be found in the poetry of any writer in any age:

"And with joy the stars perform their shining,
And the sea its long moon-silvered roll."

Nowhere else in all his search for a satisfying answer to all his questions did he come to a more conclusive and all-embracing answer, a serener self-command, than in the last stanza of this poem:

"O air-born voice! long since, severely clear,
A cry like thine in my own heart I hear:
'Resolve to be thyself; and know that he,
Who finds himself, loses his misery!' "

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY

In the North Carolina Conference

Being a member of the North Carolina Conference, I appreciate the way my Conference has responded to the program of Christian Education in the local church, etc. In a special way you have made Young People's Day a major event. It now ranks with your other major special days in both the number of churches participating and the amount of the offerings received.

This may be our last Young People's Day under the present auspices. Let's make it the best ever for the Old North State!

Place your order now if you have not done so.

F. L. GIBBS, 3269 W. Liberty Ave.,
Room 208, Pittsburgh, 16, Pa.

January 5, 1939.

"Temperance puts wood on the fire, meal in the barrel, flour in the bin, money in the purse, credit in the country, contentment in the house, clothes on the back, and vigor in the body."—*Benjamin Franklin.*

Our Children's Home

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Mt. Pleasant S. S., N. Davidson	$ 1.61
Men's Bible class, First, Thomasville	14.17
Millgrove S. S.	2.62
Rehoboth, Granville	10.50
Pleasant Grove S. S.	17.00
Harmony S. S., Yarborough's	1.00
Forest Grove, Caldwell, Ohio	5.00
Friendship, Fallston	6.50
First church S. S., Burlington	35.00
Grace S. S., Greensboro	5.00
M. P. church, Aurora, Mo.	6.00
Patrick S. S., S. C.	2.27
Greenfield, Ind.	9.00
Clark's Chapel S. S., Weaverville	1.00
Bess Chapel S. S.	1.56
First church S. S., Lexington	5.00
Baraca class, Community church, clothing boy	5.00
Friendship S. S., Friendship-Love's Grove	6.00
State Street S. S., Lexington	4.35
Lincolnton	3.29
Concord S. S., Nov. and Dec.	40.00
First church S. S,, Winston-Salem	6.00
Mt. Pleasant S. S., Mt. Pleasant	6.00
Kannapolis S. S.	7.20
Mt. Moriah S. S., Cleveland	.56
Denton S. S.	5.00
Matthews Chapel S. S., Greensville	1.25
Level Cross S. S., Randleman	1.86
Worthville S. S., Randleman	15.30
Fairfield S. S., Guilford	4.25
Mt. Lebanon, Randleman	5.38
Liberty S. S., Davidson	1.00
Dunn's Chapel S. S., S. C.	5.00
Pleasant Hill S. S., and Birthday, Spring Church	12.00
Bethel S. S., Flat Rock	1.63
Sapling Ridge S. S.	2.00
Midway S. S., Haw River	2.58
Tabernacle S. S., Tabernacle, Dec.-Jan.	8.40
First church S. S., Charlotte	15.96
Whitakers S. S.	5.00
Kennedyville S. S., Maryland	7.00
Mt. Hermon S. S., Mt. Hermon	3.44
Macedonia, Seagrove-Love Joy	1.00
N. C. Branch, Woman's Auxiliary, by the Treasurer	75.73
A Friend	5.00
Glen Raven S. S.	7.16

A Few Christmas Offerings

Grace church, Greensboro	10.00
Ladies' Bible class, First church, Newark, N. J.	15.00
Sunday school class, Harrisville, W.Va.	4.00
Junior boys' class, Denton, White Gifts	2.00
Efland, Orange	5.60
Jennings Chapel S. S., Woodbine, Md.	5.00
Young men's class, Mebane, White Gifts	5.50
Union Grove, Orange	3.00
Shelton church, Camden, Ala.	2.30
Pleasantville, Ohio	1.50
Whitakers	5.00

Clothing and Other Gifts

Mr. Harry B. Finch, Community church, Thomasville, 200 lbs. sugar, 2 cartons of corn flakes, and 2 cartons of giant sized Octagon soap.

Level Cross, Randleman, an additional 14 half-gallon cans of fruit and vegetables. Also 7 cakes for school lunches.

Tabernacle Auxiliary, Tabernacle, 73 half-gallon cans of fruit and vegetables.

Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Lamb, Tabernacle, a splendid picture of Christ at 12 years of age for our chapel.

The Beginners' class, Denton S. S., White Gift packages containing pencils, tooth brushes, handkerchiefs, and tablets.

Primary class, Denton S. S., White Gift packages containing apples, oranges, socks, pencils, soap, handkerchiefs, tablets, and fillers for loose leaf binders.

Denton Auxiliary, five half-gallon cans of tomatoes.

Mrs. J. F. A. Thompson, Hillsboro, one quilt.

I am barely able to sit up this Monday morning to make out this report. So I'll say a hearty Thank You to all who helped to make it possible, and close. God bless every one of you.

Yours in His service,
A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

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REV. AND MRS. G. F. MILLAWAY CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING

Rev. and Mrs. G. F. Millaway celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary December 20, 1938. Many of their friends from over the state remembered them with visits, gifts and beautiful cards.

Among the friends bringing nice gifts were:

Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Andrews, Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Ashburn, Rev. T. F. McCulloch, Miss Pearle McCulloch, Miss Velna McCulloch, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Summers, Mrs. Iris Andrews, and Bobby Andrews, Mrs. Ida Raybourne, Miss Nellie Raybourne, Mrs. Boyd Frazier, Mrs. Doskie Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Skenes, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Skenes, Mrs. J. A. Brewer, Mrs. Roy Cowman, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Parr, Miss Flossie Jones, Miss Pearle Jones, and Little Frederick Jones, all of Greensboro.

Mr. W. L. Spoon, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Rascoe, Mrs. Ida Lineberry, Miss Hettie Lineberry, Mr. Clemont Lineberry, and a gift from Mt. Pleasant church membership.

Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Redding, Mrs. J. M. Caviness, Mrs. W. C. Hammer, Mrs. Opal Giles, all of Asheboro.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hanner, Mr. and Mrs. Max Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. George Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Garrett, of Julian.

Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Pritchard, Mrs. Nora Lee Andrews, of High Point.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jones, Mrs. Etta Foster, Miss Susie Stafford, Miss Ila Stafford, of Burlington.

Mr. W. M. Taylor, Miss Margaret Taylor, of Altamahaw.

Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Bates, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hopkins, of Brown Summit.

Mr. and Mrs. Millaway also wish to thank their children for gifts and to thank Fairview church for a basket of fruit.

They are appreciative of every kindness shown.

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A nation is no better than the people who compose it.—Roger W. Babson.

Missionary Column

MRS. R. M. ANDREWS, Editor
607 Guilford Avenue
Greensboro, N. C.

THE MINNIS FUND

How are we beginning 1939? Has our interest in the Minnis Fund materialized? Well, some have started off fine, and some have written me about their gift. Mrs. George W. Holmes sent in a substantial gift from the Bethel church Sunday school. Mrs. Bates sends in a fine check from their work, and the Ladies' Aid from Pleasant Grove church is sending a nice gift. I had the pleasure of attending this meeting and seeing the real pleasure these ladies got from contributing to the Minnis Fund. This was an interesting group of ladies, interested in the program of the church, and they were proving their interest by giving. After all, the greatest joy we have in life is the joy we get from serving. So let's serve in India with our money.

MRS. H. C. NICHOLSON.
Thomasville, N. C., Jan. 4, 1939.

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MINNIS FUND

Amount previously reported	$746.41
Grace	5.00
Mt. Lebanon, Randleman	5.00
Haw River Circuit, Mrs. Bates	11.50
Bethel, Alamance, Sunday school	14.15
Mrs. Bates, Haw River Circuit Aux.	3.01
Mrs. Bates, Friendship C. E.	19.83
Mrs. Bates, Friendship church	6.20
Mrs. Bates, Mizpah church	3.11
Mrs. Bates, Midway church	2.85
Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kittrell	20.00
Welch Memorial	1.00
Denton, Baraca class	5.00
Denton, Philathea class	5.00
Total amount collected on Minnis Salary	$848.06

MRS. C. L. KEARNS, Treasurer
N. C. Branch Women's Work.

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THANK-OFFERING

Amount previously reported	$779.09
Siler City	4.61
Mt. Hermon, Mt. Hermon	6.35
Union Ridge	10.00
Harmony	3.50
Love's Grove, Friendship	5.60
Lexington, First	5.30
Haw River	1.00
West End, Greensboro	16.00
Bethel, Alamance	10.00
State Street, Lexington	5.85
Lawndale, Cleveland	7.00
Baltimore, W. F.	2.10
Total November Thank-Offering	$856.40

MRS. C. L. KEARNS, Treasurer,
N. C. Branch Women's Work.
January 6, 1939.

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FEBRUARY THANK-OFFERING

Appeal for 100% Observance in the North Carolina Conference

"Giving for Gratitude in Appreciation Year" is the theme for our February thank-offering with accentuation on Missions. A new pageant, "A Parable of the Kingdom," a one-act religious drama on India, has been written, as has an appropriate worship service, and will be available around January 15th upon application to the undersigned, or to Miss Bettie Brittingham, 516 N. Charles street, Baltimore.

As has been previously stated, our thank-offering slogan in North Carolina is "Three G's—Gratitude, Give, Goal," the latter being $1,000 for the fall thank-offering, the same for February. The amount of the fall thank-offering amounted to $856, and we must make up the deficit during February. If each auxiliary and each church in which there is no auxiliary will observe thank-offering, we will not only reach our goal but will go far beyond it, and will be using this occasion as one in which we are responding to the call of our beloved church.

Remember, thank-offering money is credited on your local church World Service budget. The North Carolina Branch of Women's Work is calling on each church to rally during this Appreciation Year. Begin now and assist in our "Giving for Gratitude" program.

MRS. Wm. C. HAMMER,
Secretary Thank-Offering.

Asheboro, N. C.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

THIS CHURCH AND OUR DENOMINATION

Christian Endeavor Topic for January 29 (Young People's Day)

By REV. F. L. GIBBS

The Text: Ephesians 5:25-27.

WORSHIP PROGRAM

Prelude: Instrumental—familiar hymn tunes.

Call to Worship: O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving . . . for the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. O come, let us worship and bow: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation."

Prayer: Followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Scripture: Ephesians 5:25-27.

Special Music: "The Church in the Wildwood."

Leader's Remarks: (See below)

Forum Discussion: "Why I Am Grateful for My Church."

Offertory: Young People's Day offering for World Service.

Hymn: "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," or "Faith of Our Fathers."

Mizpah Benediction.

To the Leader—A Gratitude Meeting

This is denominational Young People's Day. Youth in Our Church and other denominations this evening are thinking, talking, worshipping, and seeking to find the way in which they can be of more help in the life and work of their Church and the Cause the church represents in the world. The topic, "This Church and Our Denomination" is easily correlated with the Young People's Day, theme, "Youth in Gratitude." During our "Open Forum Discussion" we are expecting each one present to name and discuss at least one thing about the Church for which he is grateful. To give us a start one of our members will read an article prepared by a young Methodist Protestant and printed along with similiar articles in the Young People's Day material.

Why I Am Grateful for the Methodist Protestant Church

By Donald Barss

Today there are about 200,000 Methodist Protestants. As one of these I am deeply grateful to our forefathers for their Christian beliefs, their sacrificial efforts, their loyalty and unwavering faith. Upon such a foundation our present church is built.

I wish to express my gratitude that I have a share in the great Youth movement of such a Church.

The Board of Christian Education through the departments of Religious Education and Institutions furnish us with local church programs, summer camps, colleges and seminary. These opportunities for Christian training have had a great influence. Thousands of young people have been enrolled and graduated from our colleges and summer conferences, taking up the ministry or other fields of active service in the homeland or foreign field.

The value of the Sabbath School, the Christian Endeavor and Church services cannot be estimated. Through these services we are given new hope and courage to face the temptations in the world today.

We appreciate the ministers, our Sabbath School teachers, and other Methodist Protestant leaders for the part they have had in guiding us in our decisions for Christ and His Church.

No individuals, however, have had greater influence nor have been a greater help to me than my Methodist Protestant parents. To them I owe my loyalty to the Church and my faith in Christ. From earliest childhood the habit of church attendance was formed and later Christ became a reality in my life. The personal advice and counsel of my parents, with their encouragement have helped me over many difficulties and temptations. The Christian training in my home laid the foundation for my life's work. But it was in the *Summer Conference School* that I felt definitely called to the Christian work in which I am so deeply interested.

The Methodist Protestant Church has played an important part in the shaping of my life and career. With all reverence and respect I wish to voice my appreciation and gratitude for the Church with its various organizations, its leaders and its members, and to my parents and Christian friends.

To God who has given me these benefits and blessings, as an appreciation, I consecrate myself, to serve in a larger and fuller way in the New Methodist Church.

"Because I have been given much,
I, too, shall give;
Because of Thy great bounty, Lord,
Each day I live
I shall divide my gifts with Thee
With every brother that I see
Who has the need of help from me."

Some Facts Which Should Make One Grateful

Numerical Strength of My Church: Statistics for 1937 show that there were 2,101 churches with a membership of 198,780; Sunday Schools numbered 1,860 with pupils and officials totaling 203,283; Christian Endeavor Societies numbered 1,207 with 33,127 members. There are 25 Annual Conferences and 11 Mission Conferences in the United States. Our Church maintains Missionary work in India, China and Japan.

Some Achievements of My Church: Our Church maintains three four-year colleges; namely, Western Maryland; Adrian and High Point; a National Seminary at Westminster, Maryland and a Junior College in Texas. Our home missionary projects are: Children's Home at High Point, N. C.; Alvan Drew School at Pine Ridge, Kentucky, etc. There are 26 Conference Councils of Christian Education in our Church. These sponsor in cooperation with the Board of Christian Education Camps and Conferences annually for 3,000 students, and provides a program for the Christian Education of Children, Youth and Adults.

Special Notices About Young People's Day

This day begins Christian Endeavor Week. Materials for its observance may be ordered from: The Board of Christian Education, 3269 W. Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, 16, Pa. The materials are free. Christian Endeavorers are helping to make the observance of this day a great occasion in many local churches. The Dramatic Worship Service—"Shrines—Our Religious Heritage in Chancel Drama," is great for Youth groups to use, especially at this time when we are thinking of Our Church in relationship to Methodist Union. For materials for Christian Endeavor week, write to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 41 Mt. Vernon Street, Boston, Mass. An attractive package of helpful suggestions may be had for 25 cents.

F. L. Gibbs.

Pittsburgh, Pa.
Dec. 23, 1938.

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FROM C. E. RIDGE, JR.

Dear Dr. Andrews:

My purpose in writing to you is two fold—first to tell you that we have been getting the Herald for two years now and look forward to each issue about as much as a letter from home.

Secondly, twin daughters, weighing 8 lbs. each were left us by Santa this year, arriving two days after Christmas. My father over at Shiloh is certainly a proud grandfather.

We have been living in Wytheville for two years now and like it very much here. Since there is no Methodist Protestant church in this vicinity, the M. E. church is our next choice and we enjoy worshiping with them.

My best wishes for a successful year with the Herald and with your work.

CHARLES E. RIDGE, JR.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Liberty Hill, Anderson Charge, Rev. T. M. Johnson, Pastor.—We were sorry our pastor could not be with us on his regular appointment Sunday but we were glad he could be with his friends and relatives in N. C. and hope he had a happy Christmas. He will preach if the Lord's willing the 5th Sunday in January.

An offering was taken Sunday for a beloved former member of this community who is greatly suffering. We pray for the Lord to lay His healing hand upon her and may she never stray from the side of the Saviour.

The ground improvement program is still continuing. Some of the shrubbery which was planted in the early spring died. Last week some of the members gathered at the church and reset the shrubbery. The Young Peoples Day Program will be given the 5th Sunday night in January. We are hoping to have a good program for this special day.

As the New Year approaches may we make a resolution that must not be broken. Serving the Lord with our whole hearts through the coming year.

MRS. HORTENSE SMITH, Reporter.

Pleasant Hill, Seagrove - Love Joy Charge.—Rev. J. H. Trolinger filled his regular appointment Sunday, January 1, with a large number present. He read for his scripture lesson the 23rd Psalm. He chose for his text Psalm 23:1, the subject being "The Lord Is My Shepherd."

The members and friends of the church gave Mr. and Mrs. Trolinger a pounding which was a great surprise to them.

Our Sunday school is starting the new year with a larger attendance than last year. We are looking forward to see our Sunday school grow more.

FLONA BROWN, Reporter.

College St., Littleton Charge, D. D. Broome, Pastor.—Well dear readers, here we all are again with our hearts filled with Christmas spirit.

We have so many things to be thankful for, that we are indeed happy.

Our pastor has filled his regular appointments, and we enjoy his wonderful messages.

He has been our helpful companion, in our work and he seems to be pleased with us.

Just before the Christmas holidays our Woman's Auxiliary served the Lions Club supper promptly at 6:30 o'clock.

On Tuesday night after Christmas day, an interesting program was given at 8 o'clock. The play was "Since Santa Claus Changed His Mind." The play was directed by Mrs. Curtis Porter, assisted by Mrs. Pearson, Mr. Tasker Williams and Miss Annie Perkinson. There was a large crowd present. Between the first and second scene, Rev. and Mrs. Broome's children sang a song, and Mr. Tommy Morris and Mrs. Bobby Newsom sang "Holy Night." After the program was over, the Christmas tree, followed. Members of the church and Sunday school, received their presents and all the children were given bags of fruit, candy and nuts.

The Auxiliary met at the home of our president, Mrs. Sallie Williams, at our last meeting. Mrs. Bud Perry had charge of the program for the evening. The meeting was opened with a song, "What a friend we have in Jesus." After which Mrs. Williams led in prayer. Then Mrs. Morris, Mrs. King, Mrs. Warren and Mrs. Broome and Annie Perkinson took part in the scripture reading. Mrs. Perry read the meditation. Then the meeting was open for business discussion.

The discussion was ways and means of raising funds for the Auxiliary treasury. A supper was decided upon, after the business discussion. We all were served a delicious course of hot chocolate, with marshmallow, cakes and mint drops. We were then dismissed by Mrs. D. D. Broome. Our next meeting will meet at the parsonage with Rev. and Mrs. Broome.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely, even though the weather has been cold. We hope all the HERALD readers and others have a Merry Christmas and will have a happy New Year.

ANNIE PERKINSON, Reporter.

Granville Charge, J. P. Pegg, Pastor, Jan. 2, 1939.—The first quarterly conference on this charge was held a few days ago in the Rehoboth church. The attendance was good and the business transacted in a spirit of interest and cooperation.

The Parsonage Aid has added to the comfort and beauty of the parsonage by placing a new rug on the floor in the living-room. This is appreciated very much.

Mt. Carmel played Santa Claus to us just before Christmas. This was a real pounding. We rejoice in the good will and free spirit of the Carmel members. The gifts were useful and we thank each and all. Also the individual gifts from many friends in each of the churches were gratefully received.

The Rehoboth church was saddened a few weeks ago by the passing of Mrs. Sam Hunt. She was faithful unto the end. She was loved and esteemed by all who knew her. Our prayers go out to the bereaved family.

PASTOR.

Baltimore Church, West Forsyth Charge.—New year wishes to all the Herald readers. We have just finished another book in life's history. Are you satisfied with your past life? Do you desire a closer walk with our Lord? If so, let us put away the stained and blotted pages of our past life and turn over a new page and keep it as clean as possible all through the year 1939. Asking God to help us, may we set a goal and work as the Apostle Paul, so when we come to the end of our life's journey we may, with Paul, say, "I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

We welcome the return of our former pastor and family for another year. They have served so faithfully in the past year.

Rev. Sulon Ferree was with us Sunday morning to bring the new year's message. He read the 4th chapter of Philippians, placing special emphasis on the 8th verse. The note of joy recurs in the opening verses of this chapter. Paul was a prisoner in Rome when he writes, "Rejoice always." Conditions and circumstances mean little compared with the ground of rejoicing which Paul had in Christ. Paul's knowledge was vast, but he prizes most the knowledge gained through Christian experience.

We had a nice Christmas program on Christmas eve, which was enjoyed by all present. Although we didn't let Christmas pass without remembering our good pastor and wife with a nice pounding.

The first quarterly conference was held January 1 at 2:30 p.m. at our church, with a very good attendance.

The Lord's Supper was also observed at the morning service.

JOSEPHINE PHILLIPS, Reporter.

State Street, O. C. Loy, Pastor.—We are glad to report that Mr. Loy was able to fill his appointment Sunday morning, January 1. We were very much concerned over his recent illness and we hope for him a speedy recovery.

Our Christmas exercises were held December 24 in the dining room of the church. The children, ages from 4 to 11, were the principal characters. Christmas stories were told by Doris Fay Loy and Scottie Brandon. Carols were sung by the congregation. Recitations were given by Brice Sink and Adrian Neal, and a dialogue by several little folks was all in keeping with the Christmas season. A nice large tree was beautifully decorated and effectively lighted for the occasion, and every member of the church received a treat and presents were exchanged.

The church was well pleased over the sale of 100 blankets, a nice sum of money realized and used for a worthy cause.

We sincerely ask the prayers of all Christians in our work to make 1939 equally as good as 1938.

We invite all who read this letter to visit our church when in Lexington.

MRS. W. T. NEAL, Reporter.

Hope Church, Siler City Charge, A. M. Smith, Pastor.—Due to the illness of the writer, a report from our church has not appeared recently in the Herald. However, our church has been quite active and busy with the task of beginning a new church year as well as the new year.

First, we may mention our deep appreciation to the conference for sending to us Mr. Smith for another year. His loyal devotion in work and fellowship for the past two years has been an inspiration to each of us. We are earnestly hoping that this year we may accomplish, through the cooperation of every interested person, a number of the goals we are seeking.

The first Sunday appointment was filled by Mr. Smith, delivering an interesting message on the subject, "Impossible Tasks."

Christmas was observed by the rendering of a short program by the primary and junior classes. Each child did his or her part very well, and it was fully enjoyed by all. The senior class sang a selection of Christmas carols. Following this a treat was given to each member of the Sunday school.

At the beginning of the past quarter Mrs. D. T. Vestal and Mrs. W. H. Andrew offered a prize to the pupil in each of the primary and junior classes that had the most perfect attendance. This was won by Mary Jean Brewer, primary class, and Clarence Dunn, junior class. Each prize was a Biblical picture. The Sunday school offered prizes to each member of the class that had the highest number of perfect attendances. The primary class won, having perfect attendance eight Sundays.

The church remembered Mrs. R. R. Moore, who has been confined to her home by illness for some time, with an attractive basket of Christmas fruits and candies.

Clayton Blair, Sunday school superintendent, who suffered head injuries received from a fall Thursday, is now a patient at Chatham Hospital. Everyone hopes he will soon be better.

Lucy Jones is recuperating after several weeks of illness, followed by the removal of tonsils.

LUCY JONES, Reporter.

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West End Church, Greensboro.—The pastor is beginning to find where the members live and to get the work of the new year started. Last Sunday the officers were installed, and Sunday night was held a most helpful service. It was Goal or Objective Night. The officers, superintendents of the departments, and teachers of the organized classes, the Christian Endeavor society, and others made statements of what their department, board, class or society had set for a goal this new year. The attendance was quite good and the participation very gratifying.

The pastor was surprised and pounded on Wednesday night before Christmas. A White Gift service was held by the school, and our Sunday night service of Christmas was devoted to carol singing, readings, piano solos, etc.

PASTOR.

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Shady Grove Church, Connelly Springs Charge.—The union prayer meeting Saturday night, December 31, here at Shady Grove, was very good. People were present from eight churches and the majority stayed until after 12 o'clock. The next union meeting will be at Warlick's Baptist church Saturday, January 14. One soul was saved in the prayer meeting at Mr. Marler Wilson's Sunday evening.

Rev. Mr. Yokeley filled his regular appointment yesterday, and gave us a very inspiring message for the new year.

The Christmas pageant, "The Shepherd's Staff," was presented with a fine spirit. I would love to name the characters if it would not take too much space. Candle lighters were Bowman Seagle and Billie Aiken; David, Joyce Cordell; shepherds, Ralph Decker and Clarence Zimmerman; leader, Mrs. Gladys Causby; interpreting angel, Mrs. Joyce Cordell; announcing angel, Miss Ageline Fowler. There were five groups of pilgrims, as follows: first group, Mildred Zimmerman, Sadie Berry, Dorothy Ingle; second group, Virginia McNeely, Elizabeth Braswell, Betty Hice; third group, Ruby Watson, Connie Berry, Ethel Decker; fourth group, Gladys Ingle, Helen Decker, Thelma Berry; fifth group, Ruby Aiken, Theresa Watson, Pearl Barnes. Woman of India, Rena Mae Fowler; immigrant, Gladys Sutherland; slum child, Eloise Tomlinson; Mary, Edith Watson. Choir members were: Mrs. Maudie Berry, Mrs. Fulton Tomlinson, Ruth Tomlinson, Mary Tomlinson, Mae Tomlinson, J. C. Tomlinson, Mabel Townsend, Ray Zimmerman, Pauline Townsend, and Vella Watson.

We have very good interest in the C. E. Union and all other services.

MRS. RUTH AIKEN.

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New Hope, Why Not Charge, Rev. C. H. Hill, Pastor, Jan. 3.—We were very pleased indeed that conference returned Brother Hill to us for another year, and we truly hope that this will be the greatest year in the history of the church; for we realize that there is much to be done.

A Christmas program and tree was held here on Thursday night before Christmas. Every member of the Sunday school received a treat, and several baskets of fruit were sent out to the people of the community who were unable to attend church.

Work is progressing nicely on the parsonage. The building is finished on the outside and part of the inside work done. Brother Hill expects to move in the spring, as Mrs. Hill is unable to move before then an account of ill health.

Our hearts were made sad the week before Christmas when death took from our midst one of our members, Mrs. Martha Trogdon, wife of Samuel Trogdon. Mrs. Trogdon had lived in this community for some 25 or 30 years, had been a member of this church for about five or six years, having moved her membership here from the Union M. E. church below Carthage. Her girlhood church, and where she requested to be buried. She is survived by her husband and 12 children, six sons and six daughters, and several grandchildren. A large number of friends and neighbors mourn her going, for we feel that in her passing a good woman is removed from our midst. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the entire family, and may her going draw them into the service of the Master she served so faithfully.

Now, as we enter into a new year of service for the Master, may we as a church be resolved to do more for the upbuilding of God's kingdom than ever before; and as individuals may be let our lights so shine that they may be seen of men, and that people may so live everywhere that they will be ready when the Master calls, is my prayer.

MRS. J. V., Reporter.

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Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor, Jan. 2.—The work of the new conference year on Shiloh charge is off to a good start, and our people are planning and hoping to make this another good year for the church and the Kingdom.

The Thanksgiving offerings to our Children's Home were good, and all organizations in our churches seem to be starting the new year with renewed interest. Shiloh, Friendship, and Greer's gave a Christmas program and treat to the Sunday school, and the pastor and family were also remembered in this and other gifts, along with many Christmas greetings from our members and friends here and there. We did not attempt to answer them all, but we do want to assure all who remembered us that we do appreciate them a lot, and it all helped to make ours a very merry Christmas.

Now that the new year has dawned upon us we are beginning to settle down to some real work on the church and conference program. We held our first quarterly conference at Friendship Saturday, December 31, at 2 p.m. with all churches represented. The reports were encouraging and the spirit of courage and optimism was in evidence. The pastor's recommendation to accept all conference budgets in full and to raise World Service and Delegates' Expense to the Uniting Conference before April 30, was passed without a dissenting vote. Shiloh and Friendship have paid pastor's salary up to date, and some money has been paid in on budgets.

Sunday, January 1, was a good day for Shiloh church. The weather was ideal, so the Sunday school started the new year off with 287 present. The large congregation that remained for the worship service, with the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, made it a joy and a privilege to preach the Word unto them. In the evening Rev. J. W. Groce came over from High Point and spoke to the C. E. society and closed the day with a good message and a consecration service for our young people which seemed to be very fitting in starting the New Year.

In writing to the Herald we all write only the good news. Nobody wants to read bad news, so we don't say anything that sounds discouraging. But we all have our problems and our heartaches, and I think we ought to pray more for each other. "The fields are ripe unto the harvest." When we see so much indifference to the church, especially among the membership of the church, it is a chalenge to every ounce of strength, energy, and wisdom of every minister of the gospel to help usher in a new day in the church of Christ.

It seems to me that this is a most significant year in the history of our church, and we ask you to pray for us, that we may be able to meet all of our obligations ni keeping with the spirit and purpose of Appreciation **Year.**

PASTOR.

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Concord, Rev. E. O. Peeler, Pastor, Jan. 2.—On Saturday night, December 24, we had our Christmas tree and treat for the Sunday school. The children gave a program and the trees looked very pretty. Our superintendent, Mr. Fred Sides, had charge of the tree, and he led the devotional. Mrs. Fred Sides had charge of the program. The children were very happy when Mr. Sides told them that Santa Claus was around. When Santa came in Mr. Sides called for Mr. Peeler to come to the front and that Santa wanted to see him, as he had got his letter. Then Mr. Sides presented to Mr. Peeler a beautiful watch from the Sunday school and church. That was just a small token of our appreciation of the love we have for Mr. Peeler.

On Sunday morning, Christmas day, our hearts were made so happy when we went in to preaching service and our organist, Mr. Willie Furr, began to play the chimes. We have been so anxious for the chimes, but we did not know when we would be able to buy them. You can just imagine how happy Mr. Peeler looken when he got up and said that he was so happy to present to the church for dedication the chimes given by the children of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Sides in honor of them. Mr. Fred Sides, chairman of our board of stewards, accepted the chimes for the church.

At this service we were so happy to welcome into our church family Mrs. Louise Holland Ketner and Mr. Lane Harrington. Then Mr. Peeler gave us a beautiful message, using for his theme "The Song the Angels Sang."

Our Sunday night program was the best we have ever had, "Why the Chimes Rang." I know Mrs. Litaker worked very hard getting up this program, but it was well worth the work to see how everyone enjoyed it.

Yesterday, the first Sunday in the new year, we were happy to have a very large congregation for the worship service. The Lord's Supper was observed and I think the largest number took part in this service here in a long time. Mr. Peeler gave us another beautiful message, using for his theme "Facing the New Year." Then in our 5 o'clock service Sunday afternoon Mr. Peeler gave us his first of a series of sermons on the Lord's Prayer. We will use this the month of January.

We are so glad to know that Mr. Peeler's mother is improving some. Mrs. Edna Haupt spent the week in the hospital during Christmas. We hope Mrs. Haupt will soon be well and strong. She is in a very nervous condition. Our hearts go out in sympathy to Mrs. James Rimmer. Death claimed her sister, Mrs. Lula Penninger, Saturday night.

BERTHA EARNHARDT, Reporter.

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First M. P. Church, Danville, Va., Rev. G. L. Reynolds, Pastor.—With resolutions made, resolutions kept, and resolutions broken during the new year, let us all do our best to hold to the one made in church last Sunday night—of being better, more useful workers for Christ this year than we were in 1938. Our pastor brought a fine sermon to us at the new year's evening service, and if we will take his advice in using each day as it comes and living a day at a time, we can accomplish more than we can trying to do great works. Let us start this day attending services regularly, giving utmost cooperation, and doing the best we can, small as it may seem, to make each day a happier one for someone else.

Sunday night, December 25, the Christian Endeavor society presented a pageant, "The Enchanted Candle," composed of over 20 characters. We enjoyed having so many visitors present, and the Endeavorers appreciate the cooperation of the Sunday school and church members in helping to make this service a success. At that time a Christmas love offering was taken to catch up a few back debts of the church, and $48 was received and several pledges. We also appreciate the sacrifices made in order to give this money to the church.

The first quarterly conference was held last Wednesday night at the church. Circle No. 1 of the Ladies' Auxiliary are meeting with Miss Ora Whisenant Monday night. Although this group is very small in number, they have been very active during the past year. They were very helpful in getting our pastor's rooms fixed up for comfortable living, and in purchasing and putting up curtains.

Several of our members have been ill during the holidays and we certainly have missed having their presence at the Sunday school and church services. Miss Lucille Kendrick has returned from the hospital, and we were so happy to see her seat filled again at church. We are asking the prayers of everyone that Mrs. Charlie Hubbard, who is critically ill at Memorial Hospital, will soon recuperate and be with us again. Lest we forget, let us thank God for the good health you and I have enjoyed during 1938.

Mr. Mahlon Elliott, one of our very active Christian Endeavor and church workers, has entered law school in Kentucky. We miss him already from our services, and also Mrs. Georgia Turner, who has moved to South Carolina. We wish them both the best of success, and that God's guiding hand may go with them wherever they go.

We, the church as a whole, wish to thank Bessie (Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Wells' cook) for returning and allowing Mr. and Mrs. Wells to come back to Sunday school. We think it an excellent new year's start for Bessie, a fine start for Mrs. Wells, a swell start for Mr. Wells, a splendid start for Faye, and a happy new year's day for the Sunday school to see them back again.

May we all welcome the new year of 1939 with a determination to accomplish more for Christ through love, patience, tolerance, faith, work, and a broader understanding of our fellowman.

ELEANOR TANNER, Reporter.

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Roberta Charge, Rev. H. W. Bell, Pastor.—Our church is progressing nicely under the leadership of our new pastor; everyone is wide awake and on the go in a spiritual way. We have services every Sunday morning: Sunday school at 9:45, preaching at 11 o'clock, and at 6:30 Sunday evening prayer service. They are well attended.

A very serious accident happened Friday evening, killing Mr. Baxter Garmon. A car turned over, killing him instantly. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn their loss. May they look to God for comfort, for he is the only one that can fill their every need.

MRS. CARL WILLIAMS, Reporter.

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Yarborough's Chapel, Rev. T. H. Vickery, Pastor.—Although it has been quite a while since there has been a report from Cross Anchor, we are still alive, and seem to be going forward nicely. Our Sunday school is increasing from Sunday to Sunday, and we hope it will continue to do so.

Much interest is being shown in our church work. Our pastor filled his regular appointment the fourth Sunday in December and brought a wonderful message. Communion was observed.

We have organized a Methodist young people's meeting at the M. E. and M. P. churches in Cross Anchor. We have it each first and 3rd Sunday night at the M. E. church and each second and fourth Sunday nights at Yarborough's Chapel. Each church is showing great interest in it, also some of our Baptist friends attend. We ask for the prayers of you good people for our success in this great work we are trying to carry on.

Everything possible is being done to make this one of our greatest and most successful years in history, but we feel that we can accomplish much more if you Christian people will help support us with your prayers.

LUCILLE GOSSETT, Reporter.

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Flag Springs Church, Why Not Charge, Rev. C. H. Hill, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday, January 1, 1939, at 2:30 p.m. He brought us a very helpful message. The sermon was enjoyed by all present.

Our Sunday school attendance and interest are good.

We hope for the sick in the community a speedy recovery.

REPORTER.

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Mill Grove Church, Rev. Earl A. Cook, Pastor.—We are in the new year 1939. We had a good start Sunday with a most excellent sermon by the pastor, after which Communion was observed. At 6:30 our first quarterly conference was held. We had a fine talk by Brother Cook on our General Conference budget program, explaining the situation of the conference when the churches unite this spring. We can very readily see what we ought to do as our part toward making our church in A No. 1 shape. We hope to be able to be in better shape spiritually as we will have more people to be helping.

Our Sunday school is doing nicely now. The attendance is above a year ago. Mr. O. B. Furr is planning to take the children to the singing convention the fifth Sunday to have them sing. We think that will be very nice and also helpful to the children.

We are starting a Bible study course here Wednesday night, the 11th. We hope to have a good attendance.

We have some sickness here now; hope they may all soon recover.

CHAS. W. MISENHEIMER, Reporter.

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Hawkins Chapel, Littleton Charge, D. D. Broome, Pastor, Jan. 8.—Our Christmas tree and program were given Christmas day evening at 7:30. Leader, Mrs. Baldy Green; assistant, Mrs. Phillip Hawkins, Mrs. Willie Grey Mitchell and Miss Eunice Green; and Brother Broome also had a part in it.

The first Sunday evening Brother Broome read part of St. John third chapter, his subject "Regeneration." Second Sunday morning he again brought us an inspiring sermon on the subject, "A Christian." At this service Mrs. Willie Grey Mitchell and Miss Lillian Hawkins sang a beautiful duet.

Our Sunday school is getting along as well as usual. After Sunday school the first Sunday Mr. C. F. Hawkins, our class leader, held prayer service. He asked Mrs. Claude Hawkins to hold it the third Sunday.

Fourth Sunday Mrs. Claude Hawkins awarded one of her pupils, Miss Lillian Hawkins, a five year's diary for having the highest percentage of the past six months and learning "The Apostles' Creed," "The Lords Prayer," "The Ten Commandments," "The Beatitudes," "Psalm 1," "Psalm 23," and "Books of the New Testament."

We are planning to start our Sunday school rooms in the near future.

Rev. and Mrs. Broome and family were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hawkins Sunday.

Mr. Frank Pearce and Miss Maggie Hawkins were married December 3 at Emporia, Va. They are making their home near Halifax. We will greatly miss Maggie in our church and community.

We are sorry Mrs. C. F. Porter is in the Roanoke Rapids hospital; also sorry to note Mrs. Squire Cullom is ill at present.

MRS. CLAUDE HAWKINS, Reporter.

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Rankin Memorial, Edward Suits, Pastor.—This is our fifth year on this charge. During the four years just past the building program has taken much of the pastor's time and energy. The building program is not yet complete. We hope to finish up our Sunday school rooms this year. The year is starting off fine. Finances are considerable ahead of what they were at this date last year. The attendance at the preaching services is as good, if not better than it has been since we have been in the present building. At the 11 o'clock hour yesterday we administered the Lord's Supper with the largest number communing since I have been pastor. We think all of these things are encouraging.

We were glad to have Mrs. E. L. Varner join with us Sunday. She is the daughter of Rev. Mr. Routh, who was pastor in our conference for a number of years.

Since the beginnig of the year we have received many tokens of kindness from the good people of this charge. On Wednesday evening before Christmas, at the close of the Christmas program, we were treated to an old fashioned pounding. In this pounding we received an abundance of everything that a preacher is likely to use for the table. Then on the first Monday evening of the new year, at the meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Suits received a beautiful linen shower. All of these tokens of appreciation are very valuable and useful. Every one who has taken a part in this have our sincere thanks. It is not merely the value of the presents but the spirit which prompted the givers. May God's richest blessings rest upon each one.

EDWARD SUITS.

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Liberty Hill, Anderson Charge, Rev. T. M. Johnson, Pastor.—We were indeed glad to have our good pastor back with us Sunday after being away for Christmas holidays. He brought two very inspiring messages Sunday, making us feel more humble and unworthy of what we have. May we see the situations and conditions of the world today and try our best for our good Master for the coming new year.

We were indeed glad to have 118 present in Sunday school. We had several visitors with us. We welcome them back each Sunday.

A recent marriage of much interest to this community was that of Miss Hortense Foster and Mr. Hobart Smith. Mrs. Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Foster. She is a very faithful member of the Willing Workers class and is now the teacher of the boys' intermediate Sunday school class. She is also one of our church reporters. She is a graduate of Reidsville high school. Mr. Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Smith and is a graduate of Duncan high school. We wish them much happiness, and may God's richest blessings be with them through life together.

We were glad to see Mrs. W. M. Compton back at church Sunday after being confined to her bed for several weeks.

The Willing Workers class held their regular monthly meeting January 3 at the home of Mrs. Eddie Waddell. Plans and discussions were made and they decided to start a contest the third Sunday in this month. Miss Lillian Compton and Mrs. John McClimon were chosen for the leaders. The teacher of the class presented a nice poster to the class which showed how the contest would be carried out. Each side chose the members, having equal on each side. Either side having all present counts 3 stars, a new member 2 stars, and a visitor 1 star. They started this contest to interest the members of the class, and that they might work harder in helping others.

A shower was given for Mrs. Hobart Smith at the class meeting. She received lots of useful gifts. Mrs. Waddell served refreshments and each one reported a very nice time.

We regret to report H. R. McClimon being ill at this writing. He has been confined to his bed with the flu ever since before Christmas. Our sincere wish is for him and all others that are sick, that they may have a speedy recuperation.

The regular prayer meeting is still held every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.

MRS. J. D. McCLIMON, Reporter.

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Friendship Church, Albemarle, Rev. E. A. Cook, Pastor, Jan. 9, 1939.—New Year greetings to every one. This comes from the Ladies' Auxiliary No. 1, of which Mrs. J. A. Herlocker is the efficient president. So far this year we have had very helpful meetings with a splendid attendance. We have finished paying for two nice heatrolas for our church, which gives everyone a warm welcome. We have several projects in view which we hope to finish in the near future. We have recently installed a telephone in the parsonage, which adds much to the convenience of our pastor in getting messages. The Auxiliary will meet with Mrs. D. W. Sides Friday evening, January 20, at 7 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

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Friendship Church, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor, Jan. 8.—For our service, our pastor read the 14th chapter of Exodus. Then he emphasized that wrong cannot win, the criminal will be brought to justice, righteousness will prevail, and right will triumph. If the world is confused, then the church and prayer is the hope of the world. He concluded by quoting Poling, "God helping me in my whole life, everywhere, I will be Christian."

The Rally for the 11th District will be held at Gray's Chapel the fifth Sunday. A full attendance is desired.

Last Sunday the following Sunday school teachers were elected for the coming year: Lelia Byerly, Mrs. Zeb Snider, Mrs. W. M. Byerly, Ida B. Holt, Henry Hartley, Mrs. Lonnie Shoaf, Mrs. D. K. Miller, Mrs. Leo Phillips, and May Shoaf. Our Sunday school seems to be doing well, but there is much work to be done and much praying to do. We were glad to have Mrs. MacMahan and her attractive twin girls with us. We have so many sweet babies who are brought to church of whom we are very proud.

Going back to college last week were Ona Virgil Byerly to State college, and Robert and Lawrence Holt to High Point college.

Miss Juanita Phillips spent the Christmas holidays with her aunt in Harrisburg.

We have already started on our budgets and feel that we can get them all met by April, the Lord helping us in our new year's resolutions.

We were glad to have Mr. Bob Sink, our circuit Sunday school superintendent to open Sunday school for us last Sunday.

IDA B. HOLT.

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Bethesda, N. Davidson, O. B. Williams, Pastor.—Our Sunday school seems to be improving each Sunday, we are glad to report. Let us hope and pray that it will continue.

Our pastor meets with us each second and fourth Sunday with very helpful messages. The young people gave a very interesting Christmas program, "A Little Child Shall Lead Them," also speeches by smaller children. Treat and a present was given each member of the Sunday school.

The Ladies' Auxiliary met with Mrs. S. R. Wagner with Mrs. Numa Leonard and Mrs. Williard Whitlow joint hostesses for their Christmas program. A very interesting program was given. A large crowd was present. At the close of the meeting a gift from the lovely Christmas tree was given all present. Delicious refreshments were served. Our next meeting will be with Mrs. Enzer Latham. There will be a fellowship meeting at the church this week to make plans for the betterment of our work for the new year.

MRS. J. O. EVERHART.

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China Grove, N. C.—We hope everybody had a nice Christmas and enjoyed the holidays as much as we did. Our Christmas program was given on Christmas eve; it was directed by Brother A. N. Herring. We regret that our pastor and his family could not be with us at that time. Seventeen Christmas bags were delivered to needy children of our community, and our offering to the Children's Home was $3.00.

Our Sunday school is still going along nicely and our congregations at our regular preaching services are increasing.

We wish for you all a happy new year. Pray for us that we as a whole may go onward and upward, serving our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

REPORTER.

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Canaan, N. Davidson Charge, O. B. Williams, Pastor.—Well, we still seem to feel the spirit of better things ahead here at Canaan. The Sunday school is rapidly growing. The young folks are taking greater interest in the work of the church, and what it means to them, which brings the average up considerably.

Rev. Mr. Williams filled his appointment here the first Sunday morning, bringing to us a very interesting message. We sure have fallen in love with him and his kind wife. They come into our homes and act as though they are one of the family, which suits the people in this community. They have met with us in our Ladies' Aid twice.

We sure appreciated having them with us. He has given us very interesting talks at each meeting. This helps us out in our plans.

The Ladies' Aid is giving a hot supper February 11th. Hope to have a large crowd. We cordially invite everybody, especially those of the North Davidson charge.

Just a word about the parsonage. It has been furnished with a few more things which have been needed for some time, but on account of insufficient finances it has lingered along until now. The charge as a whole has been very faithful in seeing that those things have been placed in the parsonage. This shows good will toward the comfort and benefits of those who come our way.

I would like to say here that we are blessed with usual health; we haven't had much sickness in the community so far this year. Hope this will continue.

May God's richest blessing fall upon you, is my prayer.

MRS. CARL W. CLODFELTER.

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Concord, Saxapahaw Charge, Rev. M. C. Henderson, Pastor.—Here is wishing all the good readers of the Herald a happy new year.

Work at this church is moving on very nicely. We have been having good crowds at Sunday school and church services. Our pastor has met all his regular appointments with us and has delighted the people.

The prize for the best attendance by the classes in the Sunday school last month was won by the beginners department. For this month a banner is to be awarded for the best attendance.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will meet Friday night, January 13, with Mrs. Neal Hargrove.

The friends of Mr. T. H. Moore gathered at his home Sunday and gave him a birthday dinner honoring his 85th milestone. He is the oldest member this church has.

The church is buying new song books which we hope will help out in having better music at our services.

The people of the community are planning to meet at the church Monday of this week and cut some wood and do some needed work.

BESSIE COBLE, Reporter.

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Center, Alamance Circuit, Geo. R. Brown, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his first appointment at Center Sunday, December 11, 1938, with a very inspiring message.

Our first quarterly conference was held at Center Saturday, December 17, with all churches represented, and business was transacted harmoniously.

Our Sunday school gave a very interesting and impressive program on Saturday night, December 24. Members exchanged gifts and a treat was presented to all present. The young people's class followed their usual custom of sending well filled baskets of fruit to the sick and oldest members of our church and community.

Mesdames Archie and Harold Braxton were hostesses to our anxiuiary meeting in January. Our budget is paid to date and we plan to have a bazaar at our next meeting, which will be held with Mrs. Jasper Braxton and Mrs. Guy Braxton as hostesses, Saturday night, February 4.

Dr. Brown gave us a splendid sermon January 8 from Acts 12:5, after which the Lord's Supper was observed for the first time this year. Mrs. Brown spoke briefly of the women's work and urged us all to attend the meeting to be held in Lexington Thursday, January 12.

We were glad to have some of our members from a distance worship with us the first appointment of the year, Professor and Mrs. Paul Braxton of Siler City, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson. We are always glad to have people from other churches come and worship with us.

MRS. C. C. RICHARDSON, Reporter.

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Matthews Chapel, Greensville Charge, J. M. Morgan, Pastor.—Our Sunday school is moving along nicely during this cold weather, and there is much interest being shown in our church work.

Our quarterly meeting was held on Sunday afternoon, December 18, at Wesley's Chapel church. Plans were made to meet at the parsonage Monday afternoon, January 2, at 2 o'clock for the purpose of completing plans for the building of a new parsonage.

Sunday night, December 25, a beautiful pageant, "The Story Beautiful," was given by the young people. The stage setting represented the Babe in the manger, with Doris Taylor as Mary. After a good-night prayer by the junior class the gifts were given out.

Mr. Morgan filled his regular appointment with us Sunday afternoon, January 1, at 2:30 o'clock. It was a splendid sermon, enjoyed by all who heard it. He mentioned the fact that we should be more considerate of others. His next appointment will be Sunday morning, January 15, at 11 o'clock. We invite you to come and worship with us.

The Christian Endeavor will meet Sunday night, January 8, at 7:30 o'clock, with Carolyn Taylor as leader. The topic for discussion will be "Why Have a Conscience About Liquor?" Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

CAROLYN TAYLOR, Reporter.

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Graham.—The members of the Graham church received us very graciously on our return from Annual Conference. Since then quite a number of kind expressions have been uttered, for which we are grateful. Too, several gifts at Thanksgiving and Christmas have added materially to our comfort, or otherwise, to too much demand for eating. But all of these kindnesses are calculated to cause us to reciprocate by giving them our very best service during the coming year.

Soon after the returning arrangement was made to hold a union Thanksgiving service with the Methodist Episcopal church. The attendance was good; however, the outstanding feature was the offering presented for the Children's Home. Our folk are loyal in their support of this institution.

The first quarterly conference, though not largely attended, took forward looking steps for the ensuing year. Certain committees were named by which special interests would be handled for the year. It is our hope that those appointed will make wise suggestions which will adequately provide for the needs. Special emphasis was laid upon the fact of the Appreciation Year enterprises.

With the approach of the Christmas season a service of carols and the dramatization of "Why the Chimes Rang" with the white gifts was presented on Sunday before Christmas. The program was excellently rendered and the service made a deep impression upon the people. Again, a fine gift for the Childrens Home was received. On Friday evening before Christmas a children's program and tree, with gifts for the children of the Sunday school, was given. This was an occasion of rejoicing to those in attendance. Several groups and classes of the church and Sunday school entered into the spirit of the season by distributing baskets to needy families. This act has become habitual with many of our people here.

The new year has been ushered in with increased attendance at church services. A splendid congregation assembled for the morning worship last Sunday. The evening service was in the nature of a union service, consisting of all the churches of Graham. The service was held at the Presbyterian church with the pastor of the M. P. church as the leader. It was the concluding service of the Week of Prayer as outlined by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. For the second time, the first week of the new year, the churches of Graham have followed this nation-wide suggestion of prayer for reconciliation. The interest was good.

At the present time several of our members are very ill. Slight improvement has been made in some cases. Our fervent prayers and earnest sympathies are offered in their behalf.

H. FREO SURRATT.

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First M. P. Church, Albemarle, C. G. Isley, Pastor.—This is my first report of the new conference year, the fourth year of my pastorate here. The work of the church has had a good beginning in general interest as is manifested by attendance at the church services, and by the success of the various branches of the church organization. The Sunday school under the supervision of W. M. Lowder and J. R. Johnston, assistant, has had a steady growth and is in good condition. There is a live interest in the Brotherhood of about 50 men which meets monthly. The Ladies' Auxiliary is kept constantly busy in the work of raising funds needed in the various causes toward which their organization contributes. The church has paid recently another thousand dollars on the debt of the church.

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Since conference we have had the pleasure of receiving two new members into the church: Mrs. William Cheek, from Centenary Methodist church, Winston-Salem, and Mr. Alonzo McSwain, from Jenkins Memorial Methodist church, Raleigh.

Recently Mr. D. J. (Jap) Hatley presented the writer with a fine overcoat, which is greatly appreciated. Mr. Hatley always keeps his pastor and his needs in mind. We have received, also, many other gifts of fresh meats and other valuable articles of food, as well as shirts, ties, etc. To all those who have thus remembered us we extend our heartfelt thanks.

The children of the church rendered an excellent Christmas program Saturday night which was largely attended. Sunday night the choir under the direction of Mrs. J. R. Johnston presented a special program.

I see no reason why this should not be one of the best years in the work of this church, as well as that of the Pine Bluff and Porter churches, where good progress is being made.

C. G. ISLEY.

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Grace Church, Greensboro, J. Elwood Carroll, Pastor.—The two outstanding events here since our last report consist in the "pounding" of the pastor and the Christmas programs.

The Grace choir, under the direction of Mrs. R. E. Morrissett, gave a beautiful musical program on Sunday afternoon, December 18, at 5 o'clock. The church was beautifully decorated and the attendance was large. Following the processional hymn of "O Come All Ye Faithful," various combinations of solos, duets, trios, quartets, and choruses of seasonal music were rendered. The chancel was beautifully decorated with pines and the light was from candles on the altar and in trios in the windows. Many attending said that the service was all that could be desired in beautiful Christmas music and worship.

The church school had a Christmas tree and White Gift service for the Children's Home on Wednesday evening, December 21. The attendance was large. The smaller children were provided a treat by the school, and most of the adult classes had gift exchange among their members. The offering for the Home was good. The program was under the direction of Superintendent Scarboro.

On Wednesday evening, December 14, the members of Grace church gave Pastor Carroll and family a real pounding. Prayer meeting was proving quite a surprise by an overflow attendance, but not until the pastor returned to his home next door did he get the real surprise—the presence of a large percentage of the congregation and a small truck load of food. Three-year-old Betty Ann Carrol asked, "Mommy is this a store?" Only two or three names were included, therefore Pastor Carrol is compelled to issue a general "Thank you."

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Among our members we are glad to note that Ernest W. Teague is rapidly improving from an operation at Piedmont hospital. Mrs. Frank Lamb is about well from injuries received in an auto accident in November. Mrs. E. B. Huffines has recovered from flu. Frank Hutton is out after an illness and his wife is sitting up after two months in bed. Mrs. J. M. Stone is improving. Little Leslie Bird is getting along nicely after a few sick spells about Christmas time. Mrs. A. H. Johnson and Mrs. J. E. Deviney are much improved.

We regret the removal from the city of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fox and son, who are making their home in Charlotte, and Miss Alma Sharpe, who is now living in Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Tate have just moved into their new home on Walker avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Hall have moved into their new home on South Elm street extension.

In recent weeks Grace members seem to be moving about. During Christmas week Pastor Carroll, Mrs. Carroll, their niece, Carroll Jones, and Audree Faye Dodson took a trailer trip through Florida. While there they visited Miss Charlie Hunter in St. Petersburg, and Mr., Mrs. and Swanson Poer in Ft. Myers, Grace members now living in Thomasville. Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Stout and son, Henry, went last week to visit their aunt, Miss Hunter. Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Hornaday went as far as Jacksonville with the Stouts. Miss Hulda Booth spent Christmas in Waycross, Ga. Mr. and Mrs. Dean F. Snyder visited in Kansas and Missouri during Christmas.

We were glad to have Dr. P. E. Lindley, dean of High Point College, fill our pulpit on New Year's Sunday in the absence of our pastor. Dr. Lindley brought us an excellent message on "The Indwelling Christ."

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Hickory Grove, Guilford Charge, Joel B. Tregdon, Pastor.—Our pastor was with us yesterday and brought us a very inspiring message, as usual.

The work at this church seems to be moving along splendidly, and the Sunday school attendance is holding up well. A committee has been appointed to raise our part of the World Service budget, and we expect to raise it in full.

Our Sunday school is planning on observing Young People's Day January 22 with the junior class in charge.

Our church is looking forward to a great year. We are hoping by God's help it will be the best year we have had. We desire the prayers of all Christians that we may stay in the center of God's will.

REPORTER.

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Rockingham Charge, R. L. Vickery, Pastor.—Another Christmas has come and gone and now another new year is before us. I hope that we will all resolve to attend church services more regularly, pray more, and study our Bibles more than we have ever done before. We may then look for greater success in our work for our Master.

We enjoyed a beautiful Christmas program at our church on Saturday night, December 24. The young people all did splendidly.

We were glad to welcome visitors with us during Christmas. Our former pastor, Rev. H. W. Bell, and wife were here, and Mr. Bell led prayer service on Tuesday night at Mr. John Phillips' home. A wonderful service was reported. Another visitor was Rev. Thurman Vickery, son of our present pastor. He is a fine young man and an excellent speaker. Mr. Vickery is also a member of the South Carolina conference. We hope both Mr. Bell and Mr. Vickery can be with us again soon.

Our Sunday school attendance was fine last Sunday. The mid-week prayer service, the C. E. society and the Ladies' Aid are doing fine. We want to see our attendance increase, nevertheless.

We sincerely desire the prayers of the churches for us that we may serve the Lord in a more perfect way. We assure you that you will be remembered in our prayers likewise.

MRS. EUGENE BULLARD, Reporter.

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Bethel Church, Randolph Charge, H. L. Isley, Pastor.—We have not sent in a report for some time, although we have been active.

We recently built three new Sunday school rooms, giving us a room for each class. Our Sunday school enrollment is 140, our regular average attendance being about 120.

Our first quarterly conference met at our church Sunday, December 18. We had the pleasure of having Dr. Taylor to talk on Methodist Union.

We had our Christmas tree at the church Christmas morning. Several songs were sung by the junior classes. All the junior and intermediate classes were treated by the Sunday school. We gave our pastor and his wife a fruit shower on Sunday before Christmas.

Yesterday, New Year's day, we heard a fine sermon from our pastor, his text being taken from one of Paul's letters to the Thessalonians, which was very appropriate for New Year, "But this one thing I do: forgetting the things which are behind, and reaching out to the things which are before. I press onward to the mark which is the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

The church was filled and the sermon was enjoyed by all.

We had a change in pastors this year and everyone seems very much pleased with Mr. Isley.

MRS. PORTER ANDERSON, Reporter.

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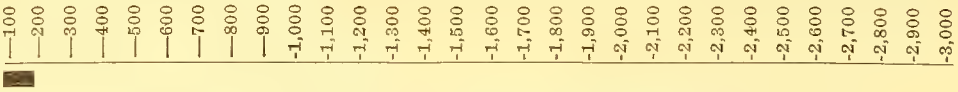

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H. W. BELL.

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As surely as night goes and day comes, war will disappear.—Carrie Chapman Catt.

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For nearly fifty years the North Carolina Annual Conference has been served, by its Conference Organ—the HERALD and its predecessor, OUR CHURCH RECORD. Much credit is given this conference organ for the progress the church has made in this conference during these years. It is generally believed that without the assistance of the HERALD, as a publicity medium, we would have neither The Children's Home nor High Point College. The widely scattered churches in our conference and the lack of frequent intermingling of the members has necessitated that our leaders use the church paper to acquaint these members with the projects undertaken and the way it was proposed that they be set up. The HERALD has ever sought to extend the Church and to increase its efficiency.

The columns of the HERALD have ever been open not only to pastor and local church reporter, but to The Children's Home and High Point College. Any project these institutions wanted to put over have found the HERALD their willing medium. Likewise the Pastors' Summer School, the Young Peoples' School, District Conferences, the messages of the Conference President, have all been welcomed and given all the space they needed each week. In other words, the HERALD has been and is really and truly the Organ of the Conference—its agent to speak the mind of every official or pastor or person who had a message for the rest of the Church. Furthermore, the HERALD sends out each week comments on the C. E. topic, the S. S. lesson, very readable and interesting discussions by Dr. Lindley, and our newest feature a weekly visit to some poet by Miss Idol. Then there are other contributed articles from friends and reprints from other publications which are wisely selected; and finally the editor always tries to fill his measure with editorial comments upon such subjects as he deems timely and especially suited to our readers.

We have never tried to make the HERALD a newspaper because we do not think our people want just a newspaper. Neither have we set out to defend the faith, strictly speaking, in our editorial pages, but we have endeavored to keep the objectives of the conference before its readers and to stimulate interest in those objectives. As we see it the local church greatly needs such assistance.

So this declaration of our purpose and our past is made in order to give a greater emphasis to the place the HERALD has had and we hope shall maintain for the present, at least, in the minds and the hearts of our people. We want to make the HERALD your agent and we want you to have the HERALD. Let us beseech you therefore brethren, by the ministry of your Conference Organ, that you bring in your annual renewals as a living testimony of your appreciation and of your loyalty to the annual conference which has decided to continue the HERALD for the rest of this year. For I declare to you through the knowledge I have as your editor, that no pastor or HERALD Agent or subscriber ought to think within himself that this Church paper can exist and make its weekly visits into the homes of our church people unless more of them subscribe for it and pay in advance.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

A Sunday Morning at Mebane

Last Sunday morning was spent with the Mebane church, Rev. D. I. Garner pastor. I did not visit this church last year except at prayer meeting one Wednesday night. This church, like a good many others has been one of our dependable churches for a goodly number of years. Several of our ablest pastors have served this church in the days gone by. The church has been a blessing to them and they in turn have been a blessing to the church. This is Brother Garner's third year, I believe and the work shows evidence of careful and thoughtful supervision. The Sunday school attendance last Sunday was off somewhat from the previous Sunday although the offering was decidedly better than on the previous Sunday. The house was well filled at the eleven o'clock hour and the people were very attentive to the sermon. Even though I preached under great physical handicaps yet it was a pleasure to make the effort. Brother Garner had a well-planned worship service and the people entered into it in a very commendable way. A bulletin is printed each week giving the order of service and the announcements and the people seem to make good use of it. This church is fortunate to have as its choir leader Brother T. O. Pender who for a number of years rendered valiant service in many of our churches as an evangelistic singer. And while he has not done much of this work for a number of years he is still ready to help out with this kind of work in case any of the brethren need his services this Spring. Having had him as an evangelistic singer in the years gone by I know his worth in a meeting.

A Fine Plan for Raising World Service

Brother Garner at Mebane gave me his plan last Sunday morning for raising World Service in full and it is such a good one I am passing it on to the rest of our people with my hearty endorsement. The plan is this: Brother Garner went out to find fifty members of his church who would give $1.00 a week for eight weeks for World Service and before he gave up the search he had found the required number. Even though the plan has been in operation a short while it is bringing forth fruit and the expectation is that the Mebane church will raise its quota in full. This plan, perhaps, could be worked at many other places and if it were there would be a great increase in the amount of money raised for the General Church. Being a District Chairman Brother Garner not only is trying to raise the World Service on his own charge but is trying to help others to do it on their charges. One thing that will help him considerably is the fact that he has found a solution of the problem in his own church and he can have more confidence in presenting it to others.

Not At Home

Last Sunday afternoon on the return trip from Mebane I decided to do a little visiting, so my first stop was at the home of Rev. J. R. Anderson who has been ailing considerably since conference. From there I went to the home of Mrs. H. A. Garrett and then to the home of Dr. George R. Brown in Liberty. My intentions were good but the results were not so gratifying as neither family was at home. I was told by somebody that Rev. Mr. Anderson was holding services at Friendship church Sunday afternoon and that Mrs. Garrett had gone to church. As to the whereabouts of Dr. and Mrs. Brown I can imagine that they had gone home with some of their parishioners for Sunday dinner and that the good work was continued into the late afternoon.

More About HERALD Subscriptions

Adequate support for the HERALD is a subject on the hearts of some of us these days. As I have said before we never have needed the HERALD more than we need it this year, for there are great issues before us and our people need to keep themselves informed. Really I do not see how we could get along without the paper. At our home it is as a letter from very dear friends. We look forward to it with a great deal of pleasure for we know that we are going to hear from a good many people that we otherwise would not hear from. It is worth all it costs in this respect.

I know that our editor has a big job on his hands to keep the paper going and to carry on his church work also. And here I want to take off my hat to West End church for its generosity in allowing its pastor to give part of his time to the paper. Having been the editor for two years I know what it means for a church to grant such a request. It shows a very generous spirit on the part of the church and I am sure that we all appreciate it. This is perhaps the greatest sacrifice that any of our churches are making this year. Calvary did this for two years and that church still deserves the thanks and gratitude of the conference. So I say, All Honor to West End.

Appointments

Sunday, January 22, Mocksville charge, 11 a. m. Union Chapel; 2:30 p. m. Dulin.

Sunday, February 5th, West Forsyth charge, 9:45 a. m. Stony Knoll; 11:15 a. m. Baltimore.

Tuesday, February 7th, 10:30 a. m. Western Pastors' Federation at Roberta.

Sunday, February 12th, 11 a. m. Reidsville.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

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SECOND DISTRICT RALLY

First Methodist Protestant Church

Sunday, January 29

11:00 A. M.—Appreciation Year Sermon by Dr. Fred W. Paschall, Pastor First Methodist Protestant Church, Burlington, N. C.

12:30 P. M.—Picnic Lunch.

2:00 P. M.—A Drama Worship Service—SHRINES.

6:30 P. M.—Fellowship Supper for the Methodist Youth of Vance County and Youth groups in Henderson.

7:30 P. M.—Youth Rally with the address by Rev. Robert W. Bradshaw, Executive Secretary and Director of Young People's Work, North Carolina Conference of M. E. Church, South.

T. J. WHITEHEAD, *Chairman of the District.*
C. B. BASKET, *Chairman of Fifth Sunday Rallies.*

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A Message In Verse

"The path made smooth beneath thy feet,
The way made plain before thy face,
He brings thy soul with patience sweet,
Unto His love's appointed place.
And how much owest thou?

The thing thou couldst not be, He is;
The goal thou couldst not, He has won;
About thee throng His ministers,
Before thee shine the light of home.
And how much owest thou?"

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And now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches in Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him; that there be no gathering when I come.—*St. Paul.*

Increasing wealth will only prove the means of destruction unless accompanied by an increasing power of control. —*Josiah Strong.*

For overtime parking on one of the city streets of Greensboro, J. C. Wilkes, a Montgomery County farmer, is now serving a thirty day sentence on the roads. Our courts can hardly aid the cause of justice by imposing such extreme penalties for traffic violations.

Now that we are closing the first quarter of the conference year we do well to remember that every church is expected to raise amount equal to two per cent of the pastor's salary to help pay the delegates' expenses to the Uniting Conference which is scheduled to be held in Kansas City, next April.

The offering for the work of the Board of Young People is now due to be taken. Every Church can take this offering even though they do not hold the service as prepared by Mrs. Gibbs. However the service should be held for the benefit which will come to the Church making the contribution.

Again, the apportionment for Annual Conference Expenses is also set for the first of the year and should be raised as early as possible. We have observed that for the majority of churches it is easier to secure these apportionments in smaller amounts than to lump them into one; and the annual conference has so planned for them to be raised.

Our columns are greatly crowded these days; we have copy enough to print thirty-two pages instead of sixteen pages this week. So if your article or letter is among those left over for another time, be patient with us, we are doing our best to serve you.

We are sending out some interesting copy about the Uniting Conference and matters relating to Methodist union this week. President Straughn has some interesting articles, we are also indebted to the Christian Advocate for more informing copy. We are therefore yielding some of our space to these articles in order that we may relieve the congestion in our office.

The Editor regrets that we shall not have Dr. Lindley's weekly comments in the Herald. He states his reason over his signature this week. We know that it has taken much valuable time of a very busy dean and teacher to prepare those messages. We thank Dean Lindley sincerely for the "echoes" and hope he will find time to favor us with a continuation of them or to have his comments under another general topic.

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Names Omitted

We are informed that the names of Mr. and Mrs. Worth Trogdon, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Coble, of Tabernacle Church should have appeared in the list of those who visited Brother and Sister Millaway to wish them happiness and to present their tokens of appreciation.

UNITING CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT

Information concerning hotels, rates, etc. for the Uniting Conference, Kansas City, Mo., April 26 has been mailed to all the delegates direct from the committee at Kansas City. This information comes a bit late as many reservations have already been made but the committee is prepared to take care of all who desire location. It is important to send your application in at once stating the kind of entertainment you desire.

I have been asked a number of times if we would have a denominational headquarters. This has been found impracticable for many reasons, the chief one being that so many kinds of entertainment are necessary, ranging from the higher priced to the more modest conveniences. Some annual conference delegations are however seeking to be located together but even this imposes some difficulties on the Committee.

Application has been made for a room in the auditorium for our use and which will become our headquarters for such purposes as may be necessary and in all probability they will and ought to be few. We will however want to find each other —it is a vast affair, that auditorium—and such a room will provide the opportunity.

Jas. H. Straughn.

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"The smaller the drink, the clearer the head and the cooler the blood."—*William Penn.*

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Prayer is not conquering God's reluctance, but taking hold of God's willingness.—*Phillips Brooks.*

WITH THE POETS

Elizabeth Vera Idol

TO A WATERFOWL

It was mainly in the well-stocked library of his father, a poetry-loving physician, that William Cullen Bryant read and absorbed the poems of the "church-yard school" of poets in England, Blair, Collins, Gray, and the others who had learned the lessons of life from death, and who had influenced the poetry of England and America for the closing years of the eighteenth century; and, equally important, it was there that he fell under the spell of that epoch-making volume, Wordsworth's *Lyrical Ballads,* with its new and mystical revelation of Nature in poetry. If we add to these influences the Calvinistic ancestry from which Bryant was descended we can understand much that made Bryant the poet that he became. But Thomas Dickinson says that no record of influences can explain his genius. As a poet he was deeply impressed by the forms of natural beauty around him. He was the first American poet to make himself a completely flexible instrument for the expression of the native American landscape. William Lyon Phelps calls him the poet of Autumn, as Whittier is the poet of Winter, and Lowell of June. There is in him a combination of nature description and meditation or moralizing, a keen and quiet sensitiveness to Nature, moral self-restraint, and a mind that was contemplative rather than energetic. There were those who called him an American Wordsworth, but Lowell said of him that that was not true—that he was an "excellent Bryant," who showed "how much grace, strength, and dignity lie in repose," though there was in him little that was mystical after the manner of Wordsworth.

At the time that Bryant wrote *To a Waterfowl* he was twenty-one years of age. His own account of the causes which led to its composition is sufficient enlightenment as to the inspiration of the poem. On December 15, 1815, he had been to Plainfield, Massachusetts, to inquire into the opportunities offered there for the practice of law. He said that he felt, as he walked up the hills, very forlorn and desolate, indeed, not knowing what was to become of him in the big world. The sun had already set, leaving a brilliant New England sunset sky, and, rejoicing in its splendor, he watched a lone bird making its solitary way along the horizon until it was lost in the distance; asking himself whither it had come and to what far home it was flying. When he reached the house where he was staying for the night, his mind was still on what he had seen and felt, and this poem was the result.

One of the best known of all his poems, *Thanatopsis,* was published in September, in *The North American Review,*—a poem of which the editor, Richard Henry Dana, is said to have remarked when he read it, "No one on this side of the Atlantic is capable of writing such verses"; but half a year later *The Review* published *To a Waterfowl,* and Bryant was fairly launched as a poet. These two poems illustrate the two main styles of poetry Bryant wrote—something of the grand style of Wordsworth in the former, and the simple stanzas of the latter, strong and clear-cut, with the high seriousness and Biblical flavor of his best contemplative verse. Inherent throughout the short lyric is a certainty of the goodness of God that is as unquestioning as Whittier, and a feeling that God is everywhere identified with Nature, that, though it does not reach the same Pantheistic heights, is akin to the mysticism of Wordsworth.

Beginning simply with a question,

"Whither, midst falling dew,
While glow the heavens with the last steps of day,
Far, through their rosy depths, dost thou pursue
Thy solitary way?"

and sketching in with the unerring eye of a close observer of nature and an artist who selects his details with care, Bryant wrote with a faith as simple as that of Whittier:

"There is a Power whose care
Teaches thy way along that pathless coast—
The desert and illimitable air—
Lone wandering, but not lost."

Not only did he paint graphically the flight of the bird through the sunset glow—

"As darkly seen against the crimson sky
Thy figure floats along,"

but he gave lyrical expression to his own desire for the happy, the satisfactory solution to his personal problem in the lines:

"And soon that toil shall end;
Soon shalt thou find a summer home, and rest,
And scream among thy fellows; reeds shall bend,
Soon, o'er thy sheltered nest."

In some of his other poems the moral is didactic and obviously an expression of that New England Puritanism, which was a definite part of his inheritance that could see no work of art worth while except as it taught a lesson, but the conclusion of this poem is the lyric identification of the writer with the natural subject he has described; the imagination that can in words as imperishable as our language achieve a mastery of simple poetic art:

"He, who from zone to zone,
Guides through the boundless sky thy certain flight,
In the long way that I must tread alone,
Will lead my steps aright."

DISTRICT RALLY FOR THIRD DISTRICT

Sunday, January 29, the Third District will have a Rally at Salem Church, Saxapahaw Charge. The Conference Appreciation Year plans will be the theme for discussion. Every pastor in the district is urged to be present and to get as many of his people to come as possible.

Speakers for the Rally will be announced later.

D. I. Garner, *District Chairman.*

1938 CONFERENCE JOURNALS WANTED

For some reason or other there seems to be a shortage in some quarters. Not enough were ordered, or mistakes were made in sending out the Journals. If any of the brethren think they have any to spare, please let me know. I'll tell you where to send them. And give you credit for the number you are sending.

C. W. Bates, *Secretary.*

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

NO MORE ECHOES AT PRESENT

For about two years I have written these weekly articles on "Classroom Echoes." Great has been my pleasure in doing so, and generous indeed has been the kindness of readers in looking them over. Numbers of persons have told, written, or otherwise shown me their appreciation for my efforts. Their kind works have been deeply appreciated. I take this opportunity, therefore, and thank everyone for the attention and consideration given to me about the "echoes." Your words have been most encouraging.

I thank the Editor too for allowing space in our paper from week to week. Perhaps I have taken too much valuable space. If so I ask pardon now. Every relationship with the Herald has been most pleasant, and it is with a feeling of some regret that I leave the column at this time.

Two reasons lie back of my decision to discontinue the articles. First, I am busy. Other duties crowd in, and I find it difficult to take out time enough to prepare a paper worth sending in. Then, in the second place, I fear that readers think I am taking too much valuable space. It may be refreshing, thus, not to run across the Classroom Echoes heading for a while. I do not want to get a monopoly on the paper.

One thing more: Miss E. Vera Idol, head of our English Department here at the College, is writing a splendid, scholarly, contribution to this paper each week. The institution will, therefore, be well-represented during the coming weeks.

So I have decided it is more profitable to read and study her articles than to try to write my own. Miss Idol is a wonderful teacher. She knows English and American literature. It will pay you, I know, to follow her articles closely.

I have enjoyed sounding these "echoes" forth in the Herald for a couple of years. Now I give you a rest, and perhaps at some future period I will gather nerve and boldness enough to launch in anew.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

That Appreciation Year, and all of you have heard of it. In the annual conferences it got a most respectful and to all appearances a responsive hearing.

We are now at the time for action. A little over three months and the thing is done. Whatever we may have in mind to do for this church of our's must get done now. Now. Now. Yes, I said, NOW.

We are not serving the interest of any one person. No one gets any particular credit for the good which may come out of it. It is for the Lord's work. But those who fail to hook up to this movement will not get any particular credit for themselves. I do not suppose any more supreme test of loyalty ever faced us—preacher or layman. It is to be expected that some will not join up—unfortunately there are some who can never be counted on when a Great Moment arrives. But there are enough people in the Methodist Protestant Church who do love it to make this Appreciation Year a tremendous success, and beloved, I plead with you with all that is in me.

The actual returns are just beginning to show up but from what I can learn, such as the report in this issue from the Maryland Conference, and from the activities in many of our conferences where the data is not at hand, I am confident we are in for a Great Triumph. Pittsburgh is working at it beautifully; Ohio is steaming ahead; Indiana and West Virginia send in good reports. And time would fail me to give the total list.

May I not however make this request—Send to Dr. Shipley direct your good words. What and how many charges have definitely pledged the full payment of their World Service by the end of April. It'll look good in print.

Then there's the Easter program. There's one running ahead for the whole pre-Easter season. Another general plan will be published later. The Board of Missions has an Easter day program—send for it and make the most of it. I have been told a number of times that down South they pay little attention to the Easter opportunity. But brethren, start in this year. The rest of us have found Easter a magnificent opportunity for winning people to Christ and to the Church.

Jas. H. Straughn.

PETER DENIES HIS LORD

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, January 22

Lesson Text—Luke 22:31-34; 54-62.

Golden Text—Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.—1 Cor. 10:12.

This story of Peter's denial of Christ ought to humble even the greatest of us before God and to cause us to never release our constant hold upon His protection and power. We hear Peter saying just a little while before this, "Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended because of thee;" "Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee;" "Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake"—and thy coming ringing into every heart of us to strike a sympathetic chord. How like us in our New Year's resolution does Peter declare these sincere resolves to his Master, how like us too do we see him shortly go out and weep bitterly for noble resolutions broken. In all these declarations Peter was sincere, for nowhere do we learn that insincerity was one of his several faults. Blunt, plain, impetuous, impulsive, rash under provocation, yes—but not insincere. To every strong man among us who would follow Christ afar off in his every day life the clear words of our text come sounding this kind warning, "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

Let us not center our condemnation too heavily upon the weakness of Peter manifest in this sad stage of his life, for if we study the strength of his temptation we shall perhaps have to raise the degree of his strength before he goes down into defeat. Although he was described as "following afar off'' yet it must be said that he followed when all others of his fellows fled entirely. Some time we become so anxious not to be tempted that we so shield ourselves from the struggles of Christ's kingdom as to be of no use in building that kingdom. Be you well assured that the more zealous you are in following the Master the greater will be your temptations and struggles with Satan. As with Peter here it will lead you into the very courtyard of the enemy camp, and there the enemy will see in you elements and resemblances of the Nazarene and will harshly accost you. Let us not condemn Peter for being in the place of temptation but for not being near enough to Christ to withstand the temptation. If you would wonder why Peter was so violently assailed by Satan all along the path of his walk with Christ the answer will come from the fact of his strength rather than that of his weakness. Just as the Master recognized in him great spiritual possibilities so did also Satan and he levelled all the artillery of hell at the life of the key pillar in the ranks of the Son of God. In modern warfare there is a special kind of rifleman used against the enemy; he is called a *sniper* and his job is to camouflage his position and from there to pick off one by one soldiers of the other camp while there is no battle under way. In some instances they are payed a commission for each successful shot and this commission is based on the rank of the soldier killed. For a private one sum, for an officer a greater sum according to his rank; thus his greatest effort and ambition would be towards a high ranking officer. So Peter, the high ranking disciple of Jesus, was the constant target for Satan's darts. If we consult the biographies of the many Bible heroes or those of the many modern ones we shall be reading the story of lives beset by temptation. It is when a soldier of Christ becomes vulnerable to temptation and is pierced by it that he receives that look from Jesus that broke the heart of Peter. Here we must take heed not lest we be tempted but lest we fall.

How did temptation triumph over the powerful life of Peter? His denial of Christ reaches almost the depths of traitorous sin, and it is hard to conceive of Peter, who had shown up so well just before this moment, as committing such a sin against his Christ whom he loved so much. We must go back to the garden scene for part of the answer. Peter had challenged the mob who approached the Master in the way that he knew—that of force and he had been rebuked by Christ and told that he could never win a victory for him by the sword. As he saw Jesus with his hands bound and, from all outward appearances, helpless and defeated Peter was definitely bewildered and uncertain. His world with Christ in the center was shaken up and in this moment of faltering and distrust sin caught him with his guard down and Peter denied Christ shamefully. Without an unfaltering trust in the divine position of Jesus no one will ever be able to overthrow the powers of sin. Resolutions are all right, moral goals are vital if they can be attained, but without the converting power of Jesus in our lives to enable us to initiate them they are of little use. After Christ had finished His earthly task as Messiah and had revealed himself to the disciples as one who has power over sin and death then we find Peter with all the rest confessing Christ as the Son of God in much more perilous places than did Peter before this frail maiden. As was the case on the lake when He was walking on the water to Jesus he began to sink when he took his eyes off of the Master. So let us not remember the cruel words and the traitorous act of Peter's denial too much, but let us rather see him again return to his former noble self when he recaptures his faith in the Lord again.

''Manlike is it to fall into sin;
Friendlike is it to dwell therein;
Saintlike is it for sin to grieve;
Christlike is it all sin to leave.''

THE HERALD'S PLACE

During these days when special emphasis is being placed upon the Methodist Protestant Herald in our campaign for subscriptions, we would do well to consider the Herald's place. The fact that it has lived during all these years and still lives is, within itself, evidence that our Annual Conference deemed it worthy of a place in the program of the church.

To a large extent the ministry and laity have been and are conscious of the Herald's place in our work. But, on the other hand, the fact that the subscription list is comparatively small while so many Methodist Protestant homes in our conference are without the benefits of the Herald, seems to indicate that not all of us are conscious of the Herald's place in our church activities.

Then what is the Herald's place? It may be that my answer to this question will not satisfy you. If not, then will you set yourself thinking on the question and find an answer which will satisfy you to the extent that you will do two things: 1. Be a subscriber to the Herald yourself. 2. See to it that your church or charge, at least, reaches its quota of subscriptions.

I. The Herald has a place in the achievements of the Methodist Protestant Church in the North Carolina Annual Conference. Just at this particular point in the history of our beloved church we are inclined to take a retrospective look at her work. As we thus look we have just cause to be grateful. We appreciate the growth and achievements of our conference; we are proud of the great philanthropic work of the Children's Home; we boast of the rapid growth of High Point College; and we are grateful for the splendid work of the North Carolina Branch of Women's Work. But without the Herald none of these could have succeeded as they have.

The Herald has served as a medium through which the conference could keep its program before the people. The Children's Home uses the Herald to promote and report its work. High Point College had her first boosting through the columns of the Herald. And it serves the women in a very useful manner in the carrying on of their work.

II. The Herald has a place in the home. It is good literature. Bacon said: ''If I might control the literature of the household, I would guarantee the well-being of the church and state.'' Recently I have been asking some of the Herald readers on this charge the question: ''Why do you read the Herald?'' One man said ''I read it because I am a Methodist Protestant and I like good Methodist Protestant literature.''

The home needs the information found in the HERALD. Another subscriber answered my question by saying, "I like to read the HERALD in order to keep up with what is going on. It gives me the information of the church like the county paper gives me the information of the county."

III. The HERALD has a place in the pastor's interests and efforts. As an individual the pastor may derive the same benefits from it as any one else. In addition to that he finds the HERALD a very useful assistant to him in his work. It keeps its readers acquainted with the conference program which the pastor is endeavoring to promote. When he makes an appeal for some particular interest of the conference they know just what he is talking about and are more sympathetic and ready to respond.

Therefore, if the HERALD helps the conference and its institutions as well as the pastor and his people, why should we not support it 100 per cent? As a pastor, I consider it a part of my official duty to help to promote the circulation of our church paper. In answer to the quesiton "Why do you take the HERALD?" one subscriber said "Because the pastor won't let me stop."

T. G. MADISON.

KANSAS CITY PREPARES FOR CONFERENCE

Preparations for the Uniting Conference of the three churches—Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal, South, and Methodist Protestant—are already so far advanced that it is possible to give a foretaste of the program, which will begin with the opening reception of delegates and visitors on April 25.

A local organization for the handling of the Conference work has been completed, and the committees whose names were given in a recent issue of THE ADVOCATE are at work.

The program committee, which met in Kansas City on December 14, outlined a series of evening features which should crowd the Civic Auditorium night after night, not only with people from the Kansas City region, but visitors by the thousand from afar.

It is not yet possible to give the names of the persons invited to speak at the public programs of the successive evenings, but the committee is arranging not merely for good speakers, but for leaders in the very front rank of American life, religious, social, and governmental.

Other Program Features

Among the programs which are already fixed will be the rendition of Handel's "Messiah" by a great chorus choir. This will be in charge of Mr. Powell Weaver, the distinguished organist and composer, and the singers will include well-known soloists and the choirs of a large number of churches and other organizations.

A definite date has been assigned as Youth Night, Saturday, April 29, and the Young people of the three churches are actively planning for a huge youth demonstration, with great delegations present from a wide area. This will be in the main a forward-looking program, but it will give large recognition to the fiftieth anniversary of the Epworth League, which was organized in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1889.

Another great evening will be that under the women's organizations of the three churches, when the work of the women's societies will be vividly and impressively presented.

Foreign missions will have its evening, as will home missions and Christian education. For these evenings the executives of the various boards are preparing programs which will be at once popular and informing.

At least two spectacular pageants are under consideration, one of which will visualize the growth and development of Methodism from its beginning in this country. The other will portray the publishing work of the churches, which began with the organization of the Methodist Book Concern, exactly one hundred and fifty years ago. Dr. Henry C. Jennings, one of the great publishing agents, once called this story "a romance of history."

The Negro members of the united church have assumed responsibility for a program in which the astonishing story of that race's relationship to the Methodist movement, and its influence on the race itself, will be tellingly described and illustrated.

Many other programs are in the making, of which details will be available a little later, when the final arrangements with speakers and organizations have been completed.

Housing Committee

Kansas City itself is making enthusiastic preparations for the entertainment of a continual stream of visitors during the last week of April and the early part of May. The Housing Committee, with Dr. E. J. Kulp as chairman, has established headquarters at the Chamber of Commerce, and is already making reservations and assignments for rooms. All inquiries concerning accommodations in hotels, apartments, and private homes should be directed to Dr. Kulp, in care of the Chamber of Commerce, Convention Bureau.

The great Civic Auditorium will afford accommodations for the Conference such as no General Conference has ever had before. All the standing committees will be able to hold their daily meetings under one roof. The auditorium has more than enough rooms of adequate size to accommodate every agency and activity of the Conference.

The weather bureau promises, so far as its records can make promises possible, that the period of the Conference will be delightfully characteristic of late spring in this latitude. The normal temperature for Kansas City, April 26, is 58; for May 15 it is 64; and for May 22, 67. If even one day of unseasonably warm weather should come along, the auditorium is so adequately air-conditioned that the maximum of comfort for delegates and visitors is definitely assured.

The first formal session of the Conference will be held on the morning of April 26, but plans for a great reception and program on the previous evening are under way.

A two-year inquiry by psychologists at Columbia University has resulted in the conclusion on the part of the investigators that the home is the greatest influence for moral and religious education, as compared with schools, Sunday schools, associates, and clubs. The investigators studied 1,200 public-school children and students in six private schools in their survey.

MISSIONARY COLUMN

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Editor's Comment.—The Editor of this column is glad to be able to sit up a part of the time.

Wednesday, January 18, 1939.

REPORT OF TREASURER, N. C. BRANCH OF WOMEN'S WORK

Third Quarter Ending December 31, 1938

RECEIPTS:	Total for 9 Mos.	Third Quarter
Bank Bal. Sept. 30, 1938 . . .		$ 68.32
Funds received for:		
College	$ 861.73	39.68
World Service	2,211.73	969.39
North Carolina Budget .	1,835.90	606.34
Minnis Fund	817.06	279.06
Thank offering	841.45	735.57
Total Receipts for 9 mos	$6,567.87	
Total Receipts 3rd Qtr. . .		$2,698.36
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Mrs. Geo. R. Brown, mailing Calendars	$ 1.25	
Dalton Florist, flowers for Auman funeral	5.15	
Board of Missions, literature from July 1 to Oct. 25 . .	10.57	
Mrs. Andrews, expenses of Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Stewart, speakers at annual conf. women's night .	14.35	
Mrs. Andrews, expenses for 6 months	2.63	
Mrs. Bowman, expenses for third quarter . . .	2.32	
High Point College	34.93	
Mrs. P. S. Kennett, Student Loan Fund	90.97	
Rev. Homer Casto, Bethel Home	121.21	
Dr. A. G. Dixon, Children's Home	303.19	
H. C. Staley, Treas. W. S.:		
Undesignated	831.39	
7 Life Members . .	70.00	
2 Memorial Members . . .	20.00	
1 Perpetual Member . .	30.00	
Work in China	3.00	
Scholarship to India .	15.00	
Minnis Fund	279.06	
Thank-offering	735.57	
Total Disbursements . .		2,570.59
Cash in Bank		$ 127.77

Respectfully submitted.
MRS. COY L. KEARNS, Treasurer,
N. C. Branch, Women's Work.

Receipts show approximately 7% increase over same period last year.

A little over two months and our auxiliary year will close. There are a number of auxiliaries which have not sent in their funds for the November thank-offering—please let these contributions come forward at your very earliest convenience so that the February thank-offerings may come in in order.

THANK OFFERING.

It is difficult for some of us who are actively interested in the Women's Work of our church to realize that this will probably be the last Thank Offering service to be held for the benefit of our branch of Methodism.

Sixty years ago we began our missionary work. For years we have regarded our February service as a birthday celebration accompanied with gifts suitable for such an occasion. We look back over the years of our existence as an organization and rejoice over our success: but we deplore the fact that we have failed to grasp many of the opportunities that have been within our reach. Too many of us have had a passive instead of an active interest in the work.

I never heard that either of the other Methodist churches have special thank offering services, as we do. It may be that in the new church we shall continue to have them, but if we should not it seems to me that we should all strive to make this offering the very best we have ever had, for in so doing we shall honor the birthday of the W. F. M. S., and register our pledge to the new organization whose birthday we are anticipating.

To use a very expressive colloquialism, "it is a fur piece" from where we started to the place we occupy today. There is a great difference between the old "penny" collections and the dime cards the women started with and the splendid offerings many are able to make now. Women used to think they should earn the money they gave for missions. I remember that I made gingham aprons for a friend's small boy to earn the first dollar I gave. Now many women have an allowance or a joint bank account with their husbands, and this has brought a different attitude toward giving to benevolences. We should be thankful for this.

Ours was the first Methodist church to ordain a woman to preach the gospel, Dr. Anna Shaw, and ours has been one of the first denominations to honor womanhood by giving her the right to vote, and by recognizing her ability and her value in an official capacity and a member of its Boards. For this we should be thankful.

There are various programs and plans for use in the Thank Offering service. I think one of the best was used by our First Church, High Point, a few years ago. The pastor and his secretary sent an empty envelope to each member on the church register with the request that it be returned containing a thank offering in memory of parents. The result was very gratifying. We might enlarge the list by giving an offering for the missionary, the pastor and the Sunday School teacher whose influences have made our lives count for service in the Kingdom. For example, when Miss Hodges was about to leave for Japan her Branch wanted to assume her support, but was badly in need of reorganization. She insisted and plead with me to become the leader, though I felt entirely incapable of doing so. From that time to the present I have found joy in the missionary work of my church. I am thankful for the influence of Miss Hodges on my life.

I hope all the women of our North Carolina Branch may be inspired to make this February Thank Offering the most sincere and the most sacrificial service they ever rendered their church.

MRS. GEO. R. BROWN.

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

State Street Church, Lexington, N. C., was hostess to the 3rd quarterly meeting of the N. C. Branch of Woman's Work on Thursday, January 12th, 1939, and from the standpoint of interest and attendance, proved to be one of the best quarterly meetings ever held.

In the absence of the President, Mrs. R. M. Andrews, who could not attend on acount of illness, Mrs. D. S. Coltrane, first Vice-President was in the chair. Mrs. Geo. C. Haltom was appointed Secretary Pro Tem in the absence of the Recording Secretary, Mrs. S. S. Holt.

Mrs. E. O. Peeler, Secretary of Spiritual Life, conducted an impressive Devotional, closing with a prayer in which she remembered especially our President and her daughter, who is a patient in St. Leo's hospital.

Officers, Secretaries and District Chairmen present numbered 17. Reports of officers and Secretaries indicated some progress during the quarter, especially along financial lines, receipts to date being 7 per cent more than at the same time last year.

Due to a shortage of funds in the Student Loan Fund, and our inability to take care of all applicants this year motion prevailed to make the Loan Fund apportionment for next year 20 per cent of our budget instead of 15 per cent as at present.

The Secretary of Literature, Mrs. T. L. Speas, requested that all Auxiliaries pay for their program literature before the Branch Meeting.

Guest speaker for the day was Mrs. F. J. Spruill of Lexington who brought an illuminating message on "Missions in Southern Methodism". She outlined in a very interesting manner the organization and workings of the women's work in her church, showing that we have mutual aims and objectives as well as mutual problems and difficulties.

Another interesting feature of the day was the report of Presidents or representatives of 23 Auxiliaries. Each one spoke of aims and methods and expressed the conviction that our women's work is steadily growing.

Mrs. W. C. Hammer called attention to the February Thank Offering and exhibited materials to assist in its observance.

Mrs. H. C. Nicholson reported that the Minnis Fund is steadily growing and expressed the desire that it might soon be entirely raised.

An invitation to hold the annual Branch Meeting in First Church, High Point, was extended on behalf of the Auxiliary, which invitation was graciously accepted for the Branch by Mrs. Coltrane.

A Committee on Branch Meeting Program was appointed as follows: Mrs. Geo. R. Brown, Chm., Mrs. S. S. Holt, Mrs. J. T. Bowman, Mrs. J. H. Walker, Jr., and Mrs. H. C. Nicholson.

A Nominating Committee consisting of Mrs. J. T. Bowman, Mrs. A. H. Ragan, and Mrs. J. Clyde Auman was also appointed.

The meeting closed with prayer by Dr. Geo. R. Brown.

MRS. GEO. C. HALTOM, Sec. Pro Tem.

Twins Born

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Ridge, Jr., of Wytheville, Va., on December 28, twin girls, weighing 7½ and 8 pounds.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Brown Summit S. S.	$ 2.10
Haw River S. S., Glen Raven	4.50
Bethany S. S., Randleman	7.07
Giles Chapel S. S., Richland	3.50
Graham S. S.	7.00
Canaan S. S., Denton	1.00
Enfield S. S.	5.00
Selma, Tenn.	.85
Oak Grove S. S., Cleveland	1.51
Friendship S. S., Shiloh	4.25
Rock Creek, Alamance	1.45
Pleasant Union S. S., Mt. Pleasant	2.00
Spring Church, Spring Church, birthday money	6.00
Baltimore S. S., W. Forsyth	3.00
Cedar Grove S. S., Conley, Ga.	4.00
Bethel S. S., Mocksville, Dec. and Jan.	3.00
Ladies' Bible class, R. I. Ave., Washington, D. C., clothing child	5.00
Glen Raven C. E. society, clothing child	5.00
Liberty S. S., Dec. and Jan.	10.00
Salem S. S., Saxapahaw	6.00
Center, Alamance	8.00
Siler City S. S.	5.00
Shiloh S. S., Randolph	3.00
Moriah S. S.	4.50
Henderson S. S.	10.00
Mr. Bascom Frazier, Midway, tithes	8.00
Interest, the H. G. Ellington Estate, Harris Chapel, Vance	14.05
Hickory Ridge, Forsyth	5.50
Bethel S. S., Randolph	3.25
New Hope, Why Not	4.65
Reidsville S. S.	6.00
Yarborough's Chapel S. S.	4.09
Mebane S. S.	6.50
Central Church, Frederick charge, Md., birthday money	6.50
Welch Memorial S. S., High Point	10.00
Asheville S. S., Dec. and Jan.	6.69
M. P. Sunday school, Tyrone, Ga.	3.14
Love Joy S. S., Seagrove-Love Joy	2.00

A Few Thanksgiving and Christmas Offerings

Mt. Nebo, Mt. Orab, Ohio	6.21
Goodell's Circuit, Goodells, Mich.	25.00
Hartwood church, Newcomerstown, O.	5.00
Glen Raven S. S. and church, with more to follow	52.60
Olivet, Mich.	7.00

There are no packages and other gifts to be reported this week.

We thank all who contributed to help make the above financial report possible.

We take it that nearly all the Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings for this season are in. So we come down to the regular offerings for the next few months for the support and maintenance of the Home.

If we could only have had a balanced budget at conference last fall, we would now be considerably ahead. But as it is we lack just a little of having an even start in the beginning of the new year. To avoid a deficit this coming fall, when we really merge into Methodist Union, the regular offerings per month must be considerably better than last year.

A few Sunday schools have increased their monthly goals. Has yours? If not, will you take it up with your people and do it at once?

Several Sunday schools perhaps should not increase their monthly goal; but judging by the way some do contribute, then there are many Sunday schools which should increase.

Please remember that it is a free will offering, but if the superintendent will call attention to it, or see that some one else does, in almost all cases the people will contribute more on Children's Home Day than just for the regular Sunday school collection. Do your best for us, and we will do the best we possibly can with the offerings sent us. We thank you.

Yours in His service,
A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

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RECEIVED ON SUBSCRIPTIONS

J. R. Moore, Asheville	$1.00
By Pastor Bethea.	
Rev. H. D. Garmon, Shelby-Caroleen	1.00
G. R. Hemphill, Randolph charge	2.00
Miss Mildred Loy, Mt. Hermon charge	1.00
Mrs. C. A. Green, N. Davidson charge	2.00
By J. R. Payne.	
J A. Suits, Midway church	1.00
By Pastor Hamilton.	
Mrs. J. A. Russell, First, High Point	1.00
C. T. Russell, First, High Point	1.00
Mrs. W. C. Porter, Littleton charge	1.00
By Pastor Broome.	
J. P. Owen, Pinnacle charge	2.00
By Pastor Morris.	
Mrs. B. H. Kimery, West End church	2.00
Mrs. B. Z. Routh, West End	1.00
By Mrs. F. S. Stockard.	
J. D. Allred, Randleman charge	2.00
Mrs. Lizzie Fields, Randleman charge	1.00
Mrs. C. O. Boyd, Randleman charge	1.00
Sent by Mrs. Boyd.	
Mrs. D. L. Carroll, Reidsville	2.00
Miss Cleo Pugh, Richland charge	1.00
Mrs. Helen Winningham, Richland	1.00
Mrs. Earl Vestal, Richland	1.00
Clifford, Brown, Richland	1.00
Miss Pauline Burrows, Richland	1.00
Miss Helen Styers, Richland	1.00
A. M. Ragsdale, Richland	1.00
Mrs. Zell Brown, Richland	1.00
Mrs. Martha Brown, Richland	1.00
By Miss Helen Styers.	
Mrs. Nannie Ballentine, Harmony	2.00
Mrs. G. B. Taylor, Harmony	1.00
By Miss Sara Simpson.	
Mrs. Russell Shell, Greensville charge	2.00
Miss Lottie Edwards, Greensville	1.00
J. M. P. Wright, Greensville	1.00
J. C. Whitby, Greensville	2.00
T. F. Humphreys, Flat Rock charge	2.00
Vann Surratt, Davidson charge	1.00
Mrs. John Swing, Davidson charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Neese.	
Mrs. E. N. Grabbs, Forsyth charge	2.00
Dr. J. D. Williams	2.00
Mrs. E. L. Johnson, Kernersville	1.00
W. H. Smith, Kernersville	1.00
Mrs. A. N. Linville, Kernersville	2.00
Mrs. Pink Linville, Kernersville	1.00
By Pastor Way.	
Mrs. Nan Eller, Asheville	.50
Mrs. Hale Thomas, Asheville	.50
J. A. Hornaday, Asheville	.50
Dr. R. B. Wilson, Asheville	1.00
By Miss Frances Cunningham.	
J. W. Hardee, Halifax charge	2.00
Mrs. R. A. Ivester, Cleveland charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Madison.	

Subsidy

West End church	7.50
Harmony church	1.25
First church, Henderson	10.00

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Henry V. Capps

Henry V. Capps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Capps, was born October 25, 1864, departed this life December 1, 1938, aged 74 years, 1 month and 6 days. He is survived by his wife who before marriage was Miss Mannie Henderson; three daughters, Mrs. Ruby Cox of Liberty route 1, Mrs. Melvin Huffman and Miss Lois Capps, of Greensboro; four sons, Hunter and Floyd of Greensboro, Wade of Asheboro, and A. C. of Liberty route; one sister, Miss Lula Isley, of Greensboro; also a host of friends and relatives.

Mr. Capps had been a member of Shiloh M. P. church for many years. The funeral and burial took place at this church on Sunday, December 4, 1938. The pastor and Rev. W. M. Pike had charge of the service.

May the Lord comfort and bless those who are bereaved.

H. L. ISLEY.

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Mrs. Ida Jane Scruggs

Funeral services for Mrs. Ida Jane Scruggs were held Tuesday afternoon, December 20, at 3 o'clock, at the First Methodist Protestant Church, Caroleen, N. C.

Mrs. Scruggs, having been sick for some time, died at her home, December 19, about 5 a. m. Surviving are the husband and six children. The children are, Mamie Tipton, Bernice Webb, Belvia Alley, Lucille Scruggs, Boyce and Paul Scruggs, also eight grandchildren.

Mrs. Scruggs, professing Christ as her Saviour early in life joined the First M. P. Church at Caroleen. While health permitted, she was active in the church work, and could be depended upon to do her part in the Lord's work. Her services to God and her community, and to her family, will not soon be forgotten. Thanks be unto God for allowing this beautiful life to bloom in the garden of memories, and may His ever comforting hand rest upon, and console those bereaved.

REV. HERBERT D. GARMON.

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Jordan

Mrs. Mary Ephland Jordan was born April 5, 1876, and departed this life December 20, 1938, age 62 years, 8 months, and 15 days. She is survived, in addition to her husband, by two sons, Raymond and John, one daughter, Mrs. Harold Davis, one grandchild, two brothers, J. B. Ephland of Versailles, Missouri, R. J. Ephland of Billings, Montana, and two sisters, Mrs. L. E. Edwards of Los Angeles, California, Mrs. A. W. Calvin of Versailles, Missouri, also one aunt, Mrs. William Brothers. She joined Shiloh Church a number of years ago and had been a faithful worker.

The funeral was conducted at Macedonia Baptist church, near Liberty, on December 21, 1938, by the pastor, Rev. A. O. Lindley, and Rev. Mr. Cox. Burial took place in the church cemetery.

H. L. ISLEY.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Rehoboth, Creswell Charge, Rev. Forest Wagoner, Pastor.—This is our first report this conference year. I will say we were all very glad to have our pastor return.

Yesterday we had services at Rehoboth, with the largest congregation we have had in a long while, and everyone seemed so happy this new year. Brother Wagoner and myself were invited to the home of Brother C. L. Everett (a good Baptist brother) for dinner, which we thoroughly enjoyed. I heard a lady who was at church say she enjoyed the sermon so much that she would not take $1,000 for it, it did her so much good.

Our church has been leaking; so much rainy weather in November and part of December it could not be fixed. Brother Joe White reported that he and Brother Wheeler Swain had finished the work. Very glad Mrs. Henry Swain is up again; she has been very ill. We have had it healthy in this section, only a few colds.

The weather was beautiful Christmas. My brother, G. J. Cherry, and his wife, from Charleston, S. C., spent the season with us. Mrs. Cherry and myself attended services at the Baptist church. They had a beautiful service by Dr. A. G. Martin, pastor. After services the regular Christmas confections were handed around to all. Many bags left over were given to little children in the community who had just moved in.

I saw the letter from Miss Gaynelle Price and enjoyed it so much. I will write to her soon, for last year I was in hospital three months, and letters were such a pleasure to me. REPORTER.

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Lexington, First, and Mt. Carmel.—This is our second report to the Herald since conference, and it will be fitting for us to say that we have been well received back on our present pastoral charge for the fourth year. It has been indeed a pleasure to have served this people for the past three years; and it now looks as if we will have one of our best years for the fourth. Many encouraging things have been said to us in so many different ways. Not everything is roses, and there are still things to demand the best we have to give; but God is always with us in our worthy undertakings.

Never before have we served a people that so nearly all of them remembered us in some way during the Christmas season. We were the recipients of many useful gifts, and a vast shower of Christmas greeting cards. Then, too, our pantry has been well supplied with fresh meats, etc., from generous hands. We will not attempt here to enumerate them and give names, as that would occupy too much space. But we do want to say we are truly grateful for these and all other gifts that have come to us already this conference year.

Then, too, to the charges we have served before, may we say thank each and every one of you for the Christmas cards and other ways by which you remembered us. We would like to have remembered each of you, but this is about all we can do in that way. We say, thank you, and wish for you and your present pastors the best year in the Master's service.

All organizations of our two churches are functioning in a normal way. We had nice Christmas exercises at each church, well attended, and the largest offering at each church there has been for Christmas during our pastorate here. We appreciated this very much, as it will aid on our World Service budget. Plans are already well on the way to observe Young People's Day the fifth Sunday, just as our board has planned it, with all the emphasis on the offering that we can get there.

As to improvements, we might say that Mt. Carmel has plans to refurnish the pulpit with both chairs, carpet, and altar railings. Practically enough money is in hand to do this much-needed work. The painting on the church will be completed in just a few more days. With these improvements, the good people of Mt. Carmel church and community can well be proud of their nice church. Also, with the coming of power for lights, this will be still another much-needed improvement.

First church has as its goal in improvements for the year, new hymn books and the recarpeting of the pulpit floor and choir space. These are much needed, but with the cooperation of the people who are so faithful and loyal it can be done.

L. E. MABRY.

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Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant Charge, Rev. J. W. Braxton, Pastor.—Several weeks have passed without a report from our church, but our work is moving along smoothly in church, Sunday school, and auxiliary work. Our Sunday school numbered 186 the second Sunday. Rev. Mr. Braxton brought us the morning message on the subject, "Sailing Into a New Year." The bulletins Rev. Mr. Braxton prepared for this service were very attractive. We realize much time is spent in preparation of these bulletins, and we appreciate them.

During the holiday season Rev. and Mrs. Braxton had as their guests Rev. Lawrence Little and family of Maryland. Mrs. Braxton's mother also spent several days with them.

Two more bodies have been laid to rest at Mt. Pleasant and one of our number at Giles Chapel cemetery. Mrs. Arlena Smith, wife of W. H. Smith, aged 71 years, passed away at her home after several days of critical illness. She leaves to mourn her loss, two daughters and three sons: Mrs. C. E. Black, Liberty, R. 2; Mrs. Narvia Amick, of Liberty; Flavius Smith, Liberty, R. 2; Marvin Smith, Liberty, R. 2; Charlie Smith, of the home; and several grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted at Mt. Pleasant church by Rev. Harold Loman of Liberty Christian church, Rev. J. A. Burgess and Rev. J. W. Braxton.

John Shaw passed away at his home in Burlington and was buried January 5. Mr. Shaw has been in declining health for some time. He is survived by his wife, the former Frona Patrum Shaw, and one brother, Phillip Shaw, of Burlington. Funeral service was conducted at First M. P. church at Burlington by Dr. Fred Paschal.

Mrs. Susan Amick Pritchard, 77 years of age, passed away at the home of her nephew, R. C. Causey. Funeral service was conducted from the home on Sunday, January 1, with burial following in Giles Chapel cemetery. Rev. J. W. Braxton and Rev. Joel B. Trogdon had charge of the service. She is survived by two brothers, Dr. T. C. Amick of Louisburg College, William Amick of Virginia; four step-children, Dr. Jesse E. Pritchard of High Point, John Pritchard of High Point, Charles Pritchard of Thomasville, and Mrs. Milton Burrows of Asheboro; also several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Pritchard was lovingly called "Aunt Sue" by all who knew her, and will be missed from her home.

MRS. CARL CURTIS, Reporter.

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Enfield Charge, D. R. Williams, Pastor.—I presume many readers of the Herald are wondering why there is no report from Enfield. It seems that no one wants to fill this office, and I am a poor excuse for a reporter. And as but few of our people in the conference read the Journal, I would like to state here that Enfield and Whitakers paid everything in full for 1938. We want to do as well in 1939.

We are glad to be back with our friends. A few days before Christmas William R. Davis and Tom Porter Powers drove into our backyard with a real pounding. We can't give names or articles of what we found on our table when they finished unloading. We have also had gifts from Whitakers and Whitakers Chapel, and many nice presents from our loved ones and friends from different parts of the state, and a hundred Christmas cards from this and other states. For all these things we are very grateful. God bless you everyone.

Brother Willie Baker, teacher of the adult class of the Enfield Sunday school, was operated on some time in November in Rocky Mount. He is at home at present, but has to go back to the hospital each week for treatment. We miss him at church, for he was a very useful man. Also Mrs. Jimmie Rives is in the hospital at this time for an operation. These and their loved ones have our prayers and best wishes.

D. R. and MRS. WILLIAMS.

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Mt. Lebanon, Randleman Charge, Rev. C. L. Spencer, Pastor.—Our work here continues to move along very well. The Sunday school continues to grow, and our rooms are soon to be completed. The Baraca boys have theirs completed, and the class is going on with their work, under the guiding hand of their teacher, Mrs. Causey.

The stewards held a business meeting at the parsonage Saturday evening. A very interesting and uplifting sermon was held and an outline of the work was given to each one. After the meeting the pastor's dear wife served delicious fruit cake, ice cream, and coffee to Mr. C. A. Lambe, Mr. Ross Wood, Mr. John Daniels, and Miss Rozelle Smith. Two of the stewards were not able to attend.

There are some of our members kept away from the services of the church an account of sickness.

The church suffered a great loss in the passing of Mrs. C. J. Parsons, one of our oldest members. She has been confined to her bed for some time. We feel that we should not mourn. She was laid to rest in the Mt. Lebanon cemetery beneath a beautiful mound of flowers on Sunday afternoon, January 8. Our sympathy goes out to her family.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will meet with Mrs. John Daniels. Mrs. C. L. Spencer, president, will preside over the meeting.

Mr. Spencer has filled his appointments with very interesting and uplifting sermons. Wish more people would come and hear these wonderful sermons.

Miss May Caudle was hostess Monday night to the Willing Workers class. A very interesting program was rendered.

We ask an interest in your prayers for us in our work.

MISS ROZELLE SMITH, Reporter.

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Mt. Pleasant Auxiliary, North Davidson Charge, O. B. Williams, Pastor.—Mt. Pleasant Auxiliary met in the home of Mrs. Lester Leonard, Thursday, January 5, for its regular monthly meeting. Mrs. Roy Hilton had charge of the devotionals, assisted by Mrs. Dela Ball reading the scriptures, and Mrs. Ruth Payne, Mrs. Winfra Hilton and Mrs. Ethel Hayworth reading the meditation. Prayer was led by Mr. Williams. Also Mr. Williams suggested that we sing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," which really rang with harmony. We always enjoy being with Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

When the roll was called all members but one answered; wish it could have been 100 per cent. The auxiliary was very happy to add two new members to our list, Mrs. Pearl Berrier and Mrs. Mary Hilton. We lack only two now of having our goal of 25 members. We were very glad to have Mrs. Wilker Murphy and Mrs. Bernie Hilton visit our auxiliary; hope they can meet with us more and join our society. I am always glad to report for the auxiliary when it is very active—which it always seems to be—there being 46 sick visits made and three trays and flowers taken. Mrs. Williams suggested that we use the "Blue Plate" this year, which was accepted.

Mrs. Della Ball, our thank-offering secretary, distributed the thank-offering boxes to each member at this time.

About 12 members of the auxiliary met in the home of Mrs. J. C. Hayworth January 2 and quilted our quilt. The big event of the day was the picnic lunch at the noon hour with hot coffee. Mrs. Ruth Payne had charge of the social hour. Mrs. Alfred Craven excelled in the contest.

Mrs. Leonard served tempting refreshments, after which the meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Minnie Morris the first Thursday in February.

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Kistlers Union, Cleveland Charge, T. G. Madison, Pastor.—This church continues to enjoy the interesting and inspiring sermons brought to us regularly by our pastor.

We are having a good Sunday school. Much interest is being shown. The enrollment for the new year is fine. We are hoping and working for better attendance this year due to the changes that are being made in this community. A new register board, was bought by the Sunday school and placed in the church in December. The secretary is well pleased with the board, and perhaps the audience is better pleased yet.

Since our last report death has been in our midst and taken the father of Mr. O, V. Warlick and the father of Mr. Lamar Peeler. We as a church extend to them our deepest sympathy in their loss of a father.

We are sorry to report the illness of Mr. James White, the nephew of Mr. John T. Warlick; also the sickness of Mrs. Howard Peeler, the daughter of Mrs. Velus Ivester. These two are in the Shelby hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery.

The Ladies' Auxiliary met last Sunday at the church. The program was good, and new interest is being shown in raising money to paint the Sunday school rooms. One month ago our auxiliary decided to start a Sunshine Club and appointed Mrs. Ira Elmore as treasurer of this club. The money from this club is used for flowers, fruits, foods,—anything for the sick. The auxiliary is planning a thank-offering for February.

May this be one new year resolution: that we will make our Sunday school better, our auxiliary better, be better, and work harder ourselves, and when this is done, our church will be better.

REPORTER.

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Love Joy, Seagrove-Love Joy Charge, Rev. J. H. Trolinger, Pastor.—We are glad to report a good start for the new calendar year. Our Sunday school attendance is growing. We had 114 present for Sunday school yesterday. We had a large crowd for church service. Our pastor delivered a very stirring message, using as a subject "The Lord Is My Shepherd." We believe that each one present was encouraged to press forward in the Christian battle.

We gave our Christmas program Saturday night, December 24. This was one of the best programs ever given at our church. We appreciate the splendid work the young people did in making this program a success.

We are sorry to report that some of our members are on the sick list. We miss them in our church work and hope they will soon be able to come back.

The Friendship circle held its regular monthly meeting Friday night with Miss Etta Reynolds. Eighteen members were present. The next meeting will be with Mrs. I. F. Russell. Every member is urged to be present.

MRS. L. L. RUSSELL, Reporter.

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Enfield, Rev. D. R. Williams, Pastor.—The reporter has failed to send any news from this church for some time, but activities have not ceased during this period. The church work is moving along nicely and the attendance at Sunday school is picking up as the weather stays pretty.

We are happy to have our pastor, Rev. D. R. Williams, and his wife with us for another year, and we take this opportunity to express our appreciation to conference for their return. As this is Appreciation Year throughout our denomination, we trust we can show Rev. and Mrs. Williams our great appreciation for their wonderful and untiring work in our church.

The Woman's Auxiliary is also doing a splendid work. They have reorganized the study class, and are meeting on the second Friday night in each month at the parsonage. They are studying "Moving Millions," a book on India, at present, with some member reviewing one chapter at each meeting. The Junior Woman's Auxiliary under the capable leadership of Mrs. Matt Smith and Mrs. Owen Bellamy is doing very fine work.

Both groups will work together Tuesday night and serve a supper to the American Legion at our hut to make money for our treasury. We are also planning a Fellowship meeting for January 20 which we are all looking forward to with much interest, and all are expecting a good time.

Miss Annie Mae Herbert, a member of the Junior Auxiliary, was married December 11 to Mr. Jack Carlysle of Whitakers. Both auxiliaries are planning a joint shower for her during the coming week.

We have had much sickness in our midst. Mr. W. D. Baker continues very ill at his home near Enfield. We ask the prayers of our friends for his comfort. Mr. Alex Hunt, we are sorry to say, is able to be out again after being in for several weeks.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Powers, who has just lost her sister, Mrs. Lelia White. We also extend sympathy to all her relatives, for their loss is also our loss. A friend rightly said, "Mrs. White was one of the most consecrated Christians that Enfield has ever known."

Mr. Exum Bellamy is teaching the adult class in Sunday school in the absence of Mr. Baker. Mr. Bellamy is most efficient and the Sunday school is fortunate to have him as teacher. Mr. James Rives is teaching the boys' class; with his fine character we feel he can do much good with his class.

The news has just gone out that Mrs. Jimmie Rives went to Park View hospital, Rocky Mount, today, for a very serious operation. We pray for a speedy recovery for her.

REPORTER.

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Mt. Moriah Church, Cleveland Charge, Rev. T. G. Madison, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday, January 8, at 11 a.m. It was a splendid sermon, enjoyed by all who heard it. Our pastor meets with us every second and fourth Sunday. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

The District Rally will be held at Mt. Moriah church the fifth Sunday of this month. A full attendance is desired.

Our Sunday school attendance and interest are good. Every first Sunday our offering goes to the Children's Home.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will meet January 22 at the church.

I would like to say here that we are blessed with usual health; we haven't had much sickness in this community so far. Hope this will continue.

May God's richest blessings rest upon you all.

DESSIE WATERS, Reporter.

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First Church, Charlotte, Rev. T. E. Strickland, Pastor.—Attendance both in Sunday school and the regular church services has been on a gradual increase since Christmas. The Sunday school superintendent, Mr. Louis Garmon, is back with us after a serious illness, and the attendance has picked up in every department.

The young people are preparing a play, "Opening the Door," to be given at the evening service on Young People's Day, January 29. Much interest in the church activities has been taken by the members of this department, and we are very proud of them.

Perhaps the increase in attendance can be credited to the grand sermons our pastor has been delivering. He really puts himself into his work and even though it be slow, there are always good results. He began a series of sermons on the Ten Commandments Sunday night. These sermons will be of interest to everyone that attends and of great benefit to them.

We are also proud of our choir. Mr. Marvin Pressly has consented to play his violin in the services. This of course will add to the spirit of our services. We are indeed glad to have Mr. Pressly help us.

Circle No. 2 of the Ladies' Auxiliary met Tuesday afternoon at the church. The night circle will meet with Mrs. W. J. Lazenby, Monday night. This circle has just been reorganized, with Mrs. L. W. Garmon, chairman.

The District Rally meeting of the 16th district will meet at the First M. P. church, Charlotte, January 15 at 3 p.m. A large delegation from every church in the district is expected to attend. Discussion will be held on the following subjects: "What My Church Means to Me," "What the Methodist Protestant Church Has Meant to Me," "Evangelism," and a number of others.

HELEN McCALL, Reporter.

Friendship Church, Chase City Charge, D. D. Broome, Pastor.—On December 25th our pastor filled his regular appointment and brought to us a beautiful Christmas message. We were very delighted to have his wife and family to worship with us. Their children sang a Christmas trio for us.

On Monday night after Christmas our children presented a Christmas program under the leadership of Mrs. George Bell and Mrs. James Lenhart. Santa Claus came and everyone received a Christmas bag.

The Sunday school has held up very well this winter. The intermediate class filled a nice Christmas basket for Mrs. Hugh Lenhart, who has been sick for the last while.

Our pastor will be with us again on the fourth Sunday of this month. We also will hold our quarterly conference. All the officers and leaders are urged to attend.

Our prayer meetings are still improving. I am sure they are a great help to everyone who attends them. I can speak for the whole church when I say we were indeed grateful for Mr. Preston Johnson of the M. E. Church, South, for conducting prayer meeting for us Sunday night. Mr. Nathaniel Garland of Chase City will speak for us next Sunday night.

PAULINE JARRELL, Reporter.

Rankin Memorial Church, High Point.—We are getting along nicely at Rankin Memorial church. Our attendance is good for both church services and Sunday school.

Our pastor has been bringing fine messages, and on last Sunday the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to one of the largest congregations since our church building was erected. We also received a new member at that service, Mrs. E. L. Varner.

For some time we have been unable to have a midweek prayer service due to inadequate heat in the prayer meeting room, but we are beginning some cottage prayer services which we hope to continue until our heating system is fixed.

The Christmas program which was given in our church recently was declared a success. We had a splendid attendance and the program was well rendered.

We regret to report that one of our members, Mrs. M. J. Embler, is now in the Guilford County Sanatorium. We hope that she will soon be back with us.

The auxiliary is still doing a great work in our church. We feel that they are due much credit for the work they did last year. They received four new members at their last meeting, and also presented our pastor's wife with a linen shower.

Much interest is being shown in our Intermediate Christian Endeavor society which was recently organized. We had as our guest speaker last Sunday Miss Myrtle Davis from the First M. P. church, and we enjoyed her talk very much.

Our first quarterly conference will be held Saturday night, January 14, at 7 o'clock.

REPORTER.

Stallings Church, Mecklenburg Charge, J. R. Short, Pastor.—On Sunday morning, December 25, everyone gathered at the church for our Christmas tree. Each Sunday school class drew names and gave presents to those whose names they drew. After presents were presented a treat was given to each. Then on Sunday night a very interesting pageant was given, "The Birth of Christ." This was one of the best pageants given in many years. We feel we owe Mrs. P. D. Drye and Mrs. Ethel Hartis lots of praise for their splendid work.

Brother Short brought us a very interesting sermon last Sunday morning, January 8. We feel that every sermon he brings comes more from his heart and sinks deeper into ours.

The Ladies' Aid met on Friday night, January 6, at Mrs. P. D. Drye's. Mrs. Ethel Hartis was in charge of the program, which was very good. Nine members were present and one visitor. After the meeting was over Mrs. Drye served delicious refreshments. At this meeting everyone resolved to do more for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom than ever before. I am hoping that when Christ knocks at your heart's door, that you will let Him in, and will try to bring others to live with Him.

MRS. SHELLEY STALLINGS, Reporter.

First M. P. Church, Thomasville.—The members of First church are very proud of their new pulpit chairs. Some think that the chairs have a big part in the good talks we have been having lately, because the speaker does not get worn out before his talk is delivered.

Christmas left everyone in good spirits. With the help of Mr. Knox Teague, Wilson Myers, and Mrs. Annie Watts, we were given the most beautiful Christmas tree that the church has ever had. Everyone left the church with the feeling that they had not been forgotten. The superintendent of Sunday school, Mr. D. R. Cornell, saw that every member of the church received a treat including one of our visiting members, Mr. Ishmael Dorsett, who made a very inspiring talk on "How to Keep Christmas."

Under the leadership of Mr. D. R. Cornell the Sunday school is steadily improving. Last Sunday every chair but one was filled in the men's Bible class.

The Minnis Circle had its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night, January 10. The young people have been having study classes under the leadership of Mrs. J. T. Bowman. The circle has raised its budget in full.

A special service is being planned to observe Young People's Day the fifth Sunday in January. There will be several services during the day.

Mr. J. T. Bowman plans to attend the third annual North Carolina Convocation of the Churches that is to be held at the First Presbyterian church in Durham. It will begin January 17 and last until January 19.

For the last two years Miss Nell Jarrett has been the president of our Christian Endeavor. Nell was a fine president, and proved that young people can make good leaders. This should be some encouragement to our newly elected president, Finch Jackson. The Christian Endeavor extends to him a glad hand, and stands willing to help him in every way it possibly can.

AUDREY SULLIVAN, Reporter.

Bess Chapel, W. L. Harkey, Pastor.—The new conference year has begun with a good attendance at both Sunday school and worship services. Sunday morning, January 8, Rev. Mr. Harkey delivered a very inspiring message. He used for his theme "The Meaning of the New Year."

Within a few days we expect to have all our Sunday school rooms completed, and we will be so glad.

We apreciate very much the thoughtfulness of the good people at our Lincolnton church in relinquishing their fourth Sunday morning service and giving it to us.

A marriage of interest to a host of friends in our church and community was that of Miss Margaret Baxter, daughter of Mrs. Ida Baxter and the late Mr. John Baxter, and Mr. Feeman Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wright. Rev. E. A. Bingham was the officiating minister.

Our January auxiliary meeting was held Monday night at the home of Mrs. W. A. Hull. Thirty-three members were present. The program was interesting and well given. Mrs. Hull, Miss Avis Hull, and Mrs. Earl Baxter were joint hostesses.

Rev. and Mrs. Harkey were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Beam.

MRS. B. L. HEAVNER.

Lineberry M. P. Church Auxiliary.—The auxiliary held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. J. P. Elliott last Saturday afternoon, January 7, with Mrs. E. D. Lanier as leader of this month's program. Meeting opened with a song, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee." Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Marshall Skeen. Prayer by Mrs. W. H. Neese. Meditation was given by Mrs. Neese, also a very interesting talk on Christian Unity in India. This was followed by a vocal solo by Mrs. Whit Wood. Poem was given by Mrs. Vernon Hall. Our auxiliary is using "Moving Millions," each member reading the book, and then it is to be reviewed.

The business session was conducted by the president, Miss Bruce Smith. Ten members were present to answer to the roll call. Minutes of last meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. Garven Elliott. Plans were discussed for thank-offering service. Repairs ordered for the parsonage by the auxiliary some time ago have been completed, which adds much to the looks and convenience of the parsonage.

The meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. E. D. Lanier in February, with Mrs. Van Wood as program leader.

The hostess served delightful refreshments of sandwiches, cake, pickles, and coffee.

We feel that we have had a very successful year and much interest manifested, but not as good as we hope to have in the coming year, with our pastor's good wife, Mrs. Neese, who seems willing and ready to do her part in every good cause in Christian service.

I am reminded of a beautiful poem entitled, "Our Old Year Has Passed," which I am sharing with our readers as they approach the realities of an untried year.

Our Old Year Has Passed

Our old year has passed, its victories won;
An untried new one just begun.
The old has gone, can no more return,
Our new brings lessons we must learn.
Both joys and sorrows to our hearts still cling,
Which memories of the past oft bring;
Yet our loving Father understands
When we trust our all within His hands.
His strength and mercy never fail;
Love for His people shall prevail;
His righteous laws in love we must obey,
Their truth unchanged from yesterday.
If in Christ we live our world will be more blest,
When every heart shall learn to love Him best;
God's gracious gifts of sunshine and of rain,
Alike to all, and to each a share of pain,
The scattered tares among the fields of wheat
Must grow until the harvest is complete.
Who sows good seeds shall in gladness reap,
But who sows tares must some day weep.
O Father, teach us in sincere faith to pray
As thy blest Son taught us to say,
"May thy will be done, not mine."
And through this year of Thirty-nine,
There shall be less days we have lived in vain—
For we shall not pass this way again.

MRS. VAN B. WOOD, Reporter.

Randolph Circuit.—The work for the new conference year on Randolph circuit seems to be starting off in a very satisfactory way. Generous Thanksgiving offerings were received at each church for the Children's Home. Christmas was observed with appropriate exercises at all four of the churches. Since some of these services conflicted, the pastor had the privilege of attending only two of the services, Shiloh and Bethany. We received a generous pounding at Shiloh, consisting of almost everything needed for the pantry, and a shower of fruits and other articles from Bethel church. And the surprise came at Bethany. Besides a number of useful articles, this church presented the pastor a cash donation of $10.23. We are profoundly grateful to all these good people. It is our desire to serve them to the very best of our ability. Also many thanks to present and former members for the large number of Christmas cards.

"The charm of Christmas lies in the thought that we live in the memory of our friends."

Our first quarterly conference was largely attended, there being around 35 present. Dr. S. W. Taylor of Asheboro kindly consented to come and talk to us on Appreciation Year. He delivered an inspiring address and presided over the business session of the conference. Plans were outlined covering the entire year.

Young People's Day will be observed at each church in the near future.

Most of the most loyal people in our conference are on Randolph charge. May the Lord abundantly bless our efforts together.

H. L. ISLEY.

Macedonia, Seagrove-Love Joy Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor.—Macedonia hasn't been heard from so much in the past, but we hope we can do better this year.

Our new pastor has filled three appointments. The members and friends of the church are well pleased with him. We miss Mr. and Mrs. Cowan and hope they like their new work.

In closing, we hope everyone has made a resolution to serve the Lord with his whole heart throughout this year.

MYRTLE SAUNDERS, Reporter.

Harmony Church, Yarborough Charge, J. F. Farr, Pastor.—There has been no report from our church since conference, but that does not mean that we have not been working. We have for our new pastor, Rev J. F. Farr from the Princeton charge of the M. E. conference. Although we regretted having to give up our former pastor, Rev. T. H. Vickery, we feel that we have been greatly blessed by having Rev. Mr. Farr sent to us. He has been delivering some splendid messages.

Since our last report we have organized two Christian Endeavor societies, a senior and junior society. The senior society has for its officers: president, Ralph Hughes; vice-president, Eleanor Knight; secretary, Mattielene Page; and treasurer, Sara Simpson. The Junior society, under the leadership of Misses Edna Hughes and Eleanor Knight, has for its officers: president, Opal Copeland; vice-president, Rebecca Jacques; secretary, Marian Lee; and treasurer, Sybil Knight.

The Senior Christian Endeavor society prepared and delivered baskets of fruit to all the older and sick members of the community on Christmas eve. Our Sunday school, as a gift to our pastor, gave him a pounding on Christmas eve.

We hope that this year will be as prosperous as the last year.

ELEANOR KNIGHT, Reporter.

First M. P. Church, High Point.—We have not reported since Christmas, but that does not mean we haven't been busy. It is a bit late to refer to Christmas, but we feel the Christmas programs should be mentioned. On Tuesday before Christmas the Sunday school gave its program and treat to the children. Each department was given an allotted time on the program, and the children were the participants. The program was well received, to say nothing of the treat! On Christmas morning Hawley's "Christ Child," a beautiful cantata, was presented by the choir. Many considered this the best musical program ever presented by the choir. At the Christmas meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary the Junior church was hostess. A pageant, "The Old, Old Story," was given. The stage was attractively decorated as a living room, and after the impressive pageant refreshments were served from a beautifully appointed table by the children. Arnold Koonce, as Santa Claus, distributed gifts. Gilbert Grey told Dickens' Christmas Carol, and Janet Edwards sang "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town" during the social hour.

A well attended, interesting meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held Monday afternoon, January 16, at the church. Mrs. J. M. Millikan gave a report on the meeting of the Woman's Work held in Lexington last Thursday. Howard Leak, a student at the college and a member of our church, spoke on the Young People's Work in our local church. During this month the young people are sponsoring Sunday night services. They have been singing in the choir every Sunday night and will have complete charge of the service the last Sunday night this month.

Mr. Madison has been using as his theme for the evening services this month, "Religious Art." His subject Sunday night was on "Sistine Madonna." Thus far these services have been well attended. A 5x8 print of each of these masterpieces studied is given to every member of the congregation.

The Girl Scouts have taken a small unused room in the church basement and are making a most attractive work shop. The Boy Scouts have been helping them paint. Miss Myrtle Cates, capable leader of the girls, has developed our troop into one of the outstanding Scout groups in town.

We were glad to welcome into our church fellowship recently Mrs. Ivan Hill, Mrs. W. C. Koonce, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Farlowe.

MRS. ROBERT DAVIS, Reporter.

Richland Circuit, C. L. Grant, Pastor.—We are still pressing on. We hope we are making some improvement. Our congregations are still encouraging. The Sunday school rooms at Charlotte are about complete. This will add a great deal to our Sunday school. We have organized a Christian Endeavor at Charlotte with a good number of members. The young people are showing a great deal of interest. At Browers Chapel the church has been underpinned. This adds a great deal to the appearance and comfort. Also new steps have been built. At Giles Chapel a new circulator adds a great deal to the comfort during this cold weather. The new part of the graveyard has been graded and will be sowed in grass this spring. Plots will be for sale to those desiring them. Other improvements will be made here in the early future.

We plan to hold a memorial service at Giles Chapel the third Sunday in May. The program will be announced later.

No special improvements to be mentioned at Cedar Falls, but here we have an interesting congregation and the church is moving along in a fine way.

Union has an interesting Sunday school and a very interesting prayer meeting going on. They report very often professions during the prayer meeting. The congregations here for the preaching services are good.

Giles Chapel and Browers have paid the A. C. Expense. Charlotte and Cedar Falls are about ready to pay this. We hope to meet all these claims as they come due. Pastor's salary is about paid to date.

We wish to express our appreciation to all who have given presents and gifts to the family, and helped in preparing our wood for the stoves: to Mr. J. D. Ross for his remembering us, and we wish to express our appreciation to Dr. Dempsey Barnes and Dr. Soady for their kind services during the illness of the children.

Best wishes to the Herald readers.

C. L. GRANT.

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Pensacola, W. C. Clark, Pastor.—Mrs. Emma Hensley recently bought new song books for the church.

On Christmas day the Sunday school was given a treat of candy and oranges. We also remembered our pastor with a small gift when he filled his appointment that day.

Mrs. F. E. Wilson and T. J. Wilson recently paid some on the painting of the church. The Sunday school gave a Christmas program.

MRS. W. G. BLANKENSHIP.

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Flat Rock Charge.—Our first quarterly conference was held at Bethel. All the churches were represented. All the business was harmoniously transacted. Annual conference budget was accepted in full. The conference approved the effort to raise the general conference budget in full. Substantial payments on pastor's salary have been made by all the churches to date.

During the Christmas season the work remembered us with many nice and valuable gifts, for which we are thankful. Our congregations are gratifying. The people are attentive to the Word and seem much interested in the services. Our Sunday schools are thoroughly alive and interesting. Our Ladies' Aids are doing excellent work. Recently the Ladies' Aid at Flat Rock church has beautified the church grounds with shrubbery at a cost of about $60. The people of Bethany have recently covered their church.

PASTOR.

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First M. P. Church. Charlotte, Rev. T. E. Strickland, Pastor.—The District Rally meeting, including the Mecklenburg and Rockingham charges with our church in Charlotte, was held at the Charlotte church last Sunday at 3 p.m. The devotionals were conducted by Rev. J. W. Short, pastor of the Mecklenburg charge, with Rev. T. E. Strickland presiding.

Discussions were held on subjects of great interest to every Methodist Protestant member. The first discussion was led by Rev. R. L. Vickery on "Personal Evangelism." He used scripture found in first chapter of John, verses 35-42, as a basis for his discussion. "How to Increase Church Attendance" was discussed by Rev. J. W. Short. Three points were very outstanding: deepening the spiritual life and spiritual awakening; making religion real; and the handicap of the empty pew may be overcome by communion and fellowship.

Mrs. E. T. Bullard, a member of the Ladies' Aid society of Rockingham, reported on the splendid work done in their society, giving some very interesting and helpful suggestions. Mrs. B. W. Little, of Charlotte, gave a very interesting talk on "My Appreciation for the M. P. Annual Conference." Mrs. Little has for many years been an active member in the M. P. church. Even though she makes Hawthorne Lane M. E. church her church home, she is vitally interested in the Methodist Protestant church. "My Appreciation of the Methodist Protestant Church" was discussed by Mr. R. S. Garmon, layman of the First M. P. church, Charlotte. Family tradition in the Methodist Protestant church has created for Brother Garmon a deeper appreciation for the M. P. church. Rev. Michael Garmon and Rev. Hubbard W. Peeples organized the first M. P. church in this district at Midland.

Oen forum was held on the proposed methods of raising both general and annual conference budgets. A strong feeling was manifested by all to raise all assessments. We feel that this meeting created a deeper interest in our work.

A program will be launched, Mr. Strickland has said, beginning January 29, to raise our annual conference claims. Young People's Day will be observed and a special offering for World Service claims taken Sunday night, January 29, at which time a play will be presented by the young people of the church.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Charlotte church will meet with Mrs. J. H. McCall, Tuesday afternoon at 3:30. This meeting is a meeting of the Day Circle. The Night Circle will meet Monday night with Mrs. W. J. Lazenby.

Mr. Strickland began a series of sermons for better Christian living based on the Ten Commandments, Monday evening, January 8. His first subject was a very serious question, "Whom shall I put first in my life?" The subject for last Sunday evening was "Keep your eye on the goal," based on the second commandment. The subject for Sunday evening, January 22, will be, "To thine own self be true." We invite you to come and worship with us.

HELEN McCALL, Reporter.

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Chapel Hill, Davidson Charge, W. H. Neese, Pastor.—At the request of the Chapel Hill reporter I am reporting in her stead this week.

On Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. the Chapel Hill auxiliary met in the home of Mrs. Wade Smith with ten members and two visitors present. The program was in charge of Miss Bruce Smith. The theme was Christian Unity in India. Those having part on the program were Mesdames Van Surratt, C. L. Surratt, Raymond Steed, and Misses Bruce Smith and Sylvia Morris. The next program will be in charge of Mrs. A. C. Harris and the meeting will be with Miss Bruce Smith. Ways and means for raising money were discussed and it was decided to order and sell Skidoo. Some time prior to the meeting Mrs. Van Surratt had made an apron and placed thereon a pocket. The apron was then sent out on its mission of collecting money. Each person was asked to give one penny for each inch of waist measure. When the time came to count the pennies it was found that the apron had brought in something over $7. This amount went on the stove fund. The president, Mrs. Van Surratt, then made the pastor's wife a present of the apron. At this service it was decided to hold a thank-offering service the third Sunday in March. Each auxiliary member was given a thank-offering box. The ladies seem very much interested in the auxiliary work, as was shown by the splendid attendance at the quarterly meeting in Lexington last Thursday. Chapel Hill and Lineberry auxiliaries were represented by the following ladies: Mesdames Van Surratt, C. L. Surratt, A. C. Harris, Wade Smith, Garvin Elliott, Whitt Wood, Van Wood, W. H. Neese, and Miss Bruce Smith. The men going were Mr. A. C. Harris and Rev. W. H. Neese.

Just to show the Herald readers the Chapel Hill ladies put things across when they begin a thing, will say this: one month ago today a movement was started to get a new heating system. Today when we went in the church we found a nice new wood stove already serving the purpose and an oil circulator ready for use when needed, and the good part about it is it is nearly all paid for.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed at Chapel Hill today and a large number of the members communed.

The people are still remembering us with good things for our table and for our comfort. The latest donors are Mrs. Whitt Wood, Mrs. Edd Morris, Mrs. A. C. Harris, Mrs. Effie Varner, Mrs. J. C. Taylor, Mrs. Nichols and Mr. Van Wood. To all we say, Thank you. We are indebted to Mr. A. W. Surratt and Mr. Van Surratt for the cook stove that we found here when we moved. We appreciate their kindness in making it possible to have something on which to cook the good things our friends are giving us to eat.

We have found the people at Chapel Hill, as well as the other churches on the work, kind and appreciative, and we are hoping and praying that this may be a great year for us all, as we work and plan for the advancement of God's Kingdom here on earth.

MRS. W. H. NEESE.

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Worthville, Randleman Charge, Rev. C. L. Spencer, Pastor.—Our church and Sunday school work is, we feel, making progress. On the first Sunday we had a very good Sunday school. Spiritual and worth-while talks were made by Mr. F. E. Allred, assistant superintendent, and Mr. Ralph Jennings, secretary. Each Sunday the most important part of the lesson is brought out by some one of the different classes. Our attendance has increased with the beginning of the new year, and we are encouraged and hope that better work will be done his year than ever.

Our pastor is faithful, filling each appointment with good messages.

Most of our members have been blessed with good health so far this winter, except for colds, which have not yet kept them from attending the Sunday services.

MRS. C. O. BYRD, Reporter.

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Shiloh, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday at 11 o'clock. His subject was "The Soul's Vision." Scripture lesson is found in the 28th chapter of Genesis. Get your Bible and read this chapter and you who did not hear this splendid sermon will find in this scripture one whose soul had a vision and thus was stirred to action, which is always the result of a vision.

Mr. Ray Leatherman is our Herald Agent for this year. He has proven his ability to fill this place very efficiently in the past

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MARRIED

Foster-Smith

A marriage of much interest throughout the Liberty Hill and surrounding communities was that of Miss Grace Hortense Foster to Hobart Franklin Smith on Dec. 25, at 4 o'clock p. m.

The marriage took place at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Stogner of near Simpsonville with the attendance of a few relatives and friends. The bride wore a lovely suit cf teal blue with wine accessories.

Mrs. Smith is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Foster of the Liberty Hill church community near Greer, S. C., and the teacher of the Boy's Intermediate Class cf that church. She received her education at Reidsville High School.

Mr. Smith is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Smith of the Fulton church community and president of the Senior C. E. Society of Liberty Hill Church. He received his education at the Duncan High School.

The couple will make their home with the groom's parents.

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Stafford-Roberson

A beautiful and impressive wedding ceremony united in holy wedlock Miss Mattie Mae Stafford and Charles D. Roberson at the Methodist Protestant parsonage in Kernersville Saturday, December 24, 1938, at 7 o'clock in the evening. The ring ceremony of the Methodist Protestant Church was used, the writer officiating. Attendants for the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Marshall, of Kernersville, whose marriage was solemnized in Winston-Salem two hours earlier.

For the ceremony, the bride was attired in a dark blue velvet outfit, fur coat of gray and accessories of black. Mrs. Roberson is the attractive daughter of Mrs. Mattie Stafford and the late James Stafford, of Kernersville, and has been employed in the office of the Southern Silk mills here. She is a graduate of the Kernersville high school.

Mr. Roberson is a son of George Roberson and the late Mrs. Roberson, of Alamance County, where he resided until four years ago when he became connected with the Southern Silk mills in Kernersville.

Immediately after the ceremony the couple departed for their bridal tour which included Washington, D. C., and other northern cities. They will reside at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mattie Stafford, who is a member of the Kernersville Methodist Protestant church. Mr. Roberson and his immediate family are members of Bethel Methodist Protestant church, on Alamance Charge.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roberson, who are quite popular in Kernersville, have the best wishes of a host of friends for a long and happy married life.

C. B. WAY.

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Baxter-Wright

On December 28 Ferman Alexander Wright and Margaret Mittie Baxter were united in marriage by E. A. Bingham, uncle of the bridegroom at the Union Grove parsonage. The ring ceremony of the Methodist Protestant Church was used.

Mrs. Baxter is the accomplished daughter of Mrs. Ida Baxter of Cherryville, N. C. She received her education at North Brook High School and Appalachian Teacher's College at Boone.

Mr. Wright is the son of W. A. Wright and Dillie Wright of Fallston, N. C. He is a graduate of Fallston High School and High Point College. He is looking forward to finisching his theological work and being one of our ministers in the Methodist Church.

They have our prayers and best wishes for a happy and prosperous journey through life.

E. A. BINGHAM.

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Green-Hayworth

On Friday, December the 23rd, Miss Mildred Green and Mr. Clayton Hayworth were united in holy matrimony, in the writers parsonage home at Lineberry Church. Davidson Charge. Both bride and groom are prominent young people of Mt. Pleasant, North Davidson Charge. The ceremony was witnessed by a few close friends of the contracting parties. Our best wishes follow them.

WM. H. NEESE.

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Swicegood-Leonard

On Friday, December 23, at 5:00 p. m., a beautiful wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride when Miss Naomi Swicegood became the wife of Grady L. Leonard.

The bride is the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Swicegood of Lexington, R. 3, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harper A. Leonard, also of Lexington, R. 3. Rev. C. E. Ridge, pastor of the bride and groom, was the officiating minister and those in attendance at the wedding were the relatives and friends of the Leonard and Swicegood families. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard are both graduates of Reeds high school, and both are active members of Shiloh church. Their many friends join us in heartiest congratulations.

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Mize-Everhart

On Saturday evening, December 24, a wedding of interest to their many friends in this community took place at Shiloh parsonage, when Miss Drucilla Mize became the bride of Mr. Otho Banks Everhart.

The bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Mize of Lexington, R. 4, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Everhart of the Bethesda community. This young couple received their education at Welcome high school, and they are very prominent in social and religious circles. Mrs. Everhart is an active member of Beulah Reformed church, while Mr. Everhart is a member of Bethesda M. P. church. Rev. C. E. Ridge heard the vows that united them in the holy bonds of matrimony, using the impressive ring ceremony of the Methodist Protestant church. They, too, have our heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

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Everhart-Byerly

On Saturday afternoon, December 24, at Shiloh parsonage, the writer united in marriage Miss Alda Everhart, of Lexington, and Mr. Henry Byerly, of the Greer's Chapel community.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Everhart of Lexington, received her education in the city schools, and is a member of the Second Reformed church. The groom was educated in the Churchland high school and is a member of Greer's M. P. church. Again we extend congratulations and very best wishes.

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Fletcher-Pritchard

On Christmas morning at 9 o'clock in the President's parsonage in High Point Miss Ruby Pauline Fletcher was united in marriage to Wilbur Dixon Pritchard, the ring ceremony being used by the writer who is an uncle of the bridegroom. Mrs. Pritchard is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Fletcher of High Point. She attended High Point High School and for some time has held a position in the office of the Adams-Millis Corporation in High Point. Mr. Pritchard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pritchard of High Point and is a graduate of High Point High School and of the North Carolina State College at Raleigh. Since the time of his graduation in 1933 he has held a responsible position with the Adams-Millis Corporation in High Point. Mrs. Pritchard is a member of the South Main Street M. E. Church, South, in High Point, while Mr. Pritchard is an active member of the First Methodist Protestant church.

These young people are now at home to their friend on Boulevard street in High Point. May they have happiness and success in life.

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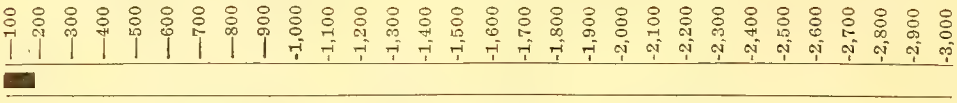

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FROM PASTORS AND PEOPLE

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several years. We are sure there will soon be renewals and new subscriptions to the Herald rolling in to the editor, and we will soon have our quota raised.

The 11th District Rally will be held at Greer's Chapel the fifth Sunday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock.

At the close of our preaching service January 15 our pastor opened the doors of the church and Mrs. Prather Koonts and Mr. Hollis Lanning were received into membership. They come by letter, Mrs. Koonts from State Street church, Lexington, and Mr. Lanning from Reeds Baptist. We cordially welcome them to a place among us.

There continues to be illness in our church family. We are praying that they may have a speedy recovery.

Pray for us that we may grow stronger in the Lord's work.

MRS. KYLE SINK, Reporter.

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Calvary Church.—It has been a long time since Calvary church has had a report in these columns. However, this does not mean that we have not been doing things—only the fault of a new reporter.

We are indeed pleased to have Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Stubbins returned to our church for another year. Everyone enjoys Mr. Stubbins' good sermons, and by his kindly visits he brings cheer to those who are sick or in sorrow. The church attendance is increasing at both morning and evening services. The financial plans for the new year have been launched with a good response by the membership. Every department of the church work seems to be alive and active, from the Sunday school through the C. E. societies and the three young people's missionary societies. We try to stress the work of the young people, believing that the future of the church is dependent upon them. Our choir has taken on new life under the direction of Mr. J. Westley White, a musician of fine training and much experience. Our former director, Mr. Arthur Fiddler, of High Point, favors us with solos ocasionally, and we always appreciate his presence and help.

PEARL McCULLOCH, Reporter.

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OUR FRIENDS PLEASE NOTE

Mrs. A. A. Ramsey sent us a special offering at Christmas in memory of her 15-year-old son who was called home on Christmas eve, 1937. She designated how the money was to be spent, and it has been spent as she said. The letter was written from Lillington, N. C., and was postmarked Lillington, N. C. We answered the letter and mailed it to Lillington, N. C., but it came back today. We try to answer all letters, but the circumstances clustering about this letter made us wish to answer specially. So we regret to have the answer come back. A card from anyone giving us the full address of Mrs. Ramsey will be greatly appreciated.

A few other letters have come back, and now we have no way of answering unless we hear from the same persons again. The street address or R. F. D. number will aid us in getting replies to the proper place. We thank you, and hope in this way to reach our good friend, Mrs. Ramsey, that she may know that we received and appreciate her gift.

Yours in His service,
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The Peril of Being Comfortable

By Ryland Knight

There is real peril in being comfortable. Our very comfortableness tends to dry up our sympathies, narrow our horizons, limit our interests, dwarf our generosity, deaden our souls. We have enough to eat; it is hard for us to visualize those whom hunger stares in the face each morning. Our children going comfortably to school blind us to orphans with no language but a cry, and wistful youths deprived of the education they long for by the lack of a few dollars. We go freely to church when we wish; so we forget that in other lands men are in prison at this very hour for attempting that same privilege. Someone taught us the gospel message with no effort on our part. We lose sight of the multiplied millions—thousands of them in our own city—who know nothing of our Christ. We have adequate facilities for work and worship. We fail to realize that men and women from homes like ours have gone out to other lands as our representatives, hazarding their lives for the Lord Jesus, preaching in dingy meeting houses that will not hold the crowds who seek to come, doing their work of healing in insanitary buildings with dirt floors, seeking to carry on for Christ, but constantly hampered by inadequate facilities. If they could sit in our pews for this one day, and we could stand in their place of service, they would never again have to ask us for whole-hearted support. But we are at ease in Zion. And being comfortable our souls are shriveling, our sympathies are stagnating. May God enlarge our hearts!

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

A Sunday On the Mocksville Charge

Last Sunday was spent with the pastor of the Mocksville charge, Rev. K. G. Holt, with two appointments, Union Chapel at 11 a. m. and Dulin's at 2:30 p. m. I did not visit this charge last year either on Sunday or during the week but did put it on the calendar for an early visit this year. On the way up last Sunday rain began falling and continued until near the hour for the church services. But at Union Chapel Sunday morning there was fairly good attendance at the Sunday school and all of these remained for the morning services. It had been a little more than twenty years since I had visited this church, the last and only other time to visit it was when I held a revival there for Rev. T. F. McCulloch in August, 1918. Several of the people who were active in the work at that time are still there. Some of these remembered me and I remembered them. Printed bulletins were used in the services Sunday morning giving the order of services and announcements. Brother Holt seems to be at ease in handling the services and everything went off smoothly. Both the bulletin and Brother Holt emphasized the fact that they wanted to raise Annual Conference Expenses and Delegates' Expenses to the Uniting Conference during this month and next. I trust they may succeed. It really was a pleasure to be at this church again and to renew former acquaintances.

My visit to Dulin's in the afternoon was my first there. This church is something like five miles northeast of Mocksville while Union Chapel is five or six miles northwest. The congregation at Dulin's was not large but seemed to be interested. Really I was well impressed by their evident sincerity of purpose to make the church work successful in the community. There were several intelligent looking young people in the services which always gives promise for the future. The organist was not present and there seemingly being no one else to ''hist the tune'' it became my opportunity to play that part. But the people sang lustily and seemed to follow my leadership. They seemed to be good listeners and rather easy to preach to. Here also as at the morning appointment printed bulletins were used. This is Brother Holt's second years on this charge and the work seems to be starting off well. The quarterly conference has accepted all of the assessments handed down to them by the annual conference and an effort will be made to raise them. I trust this charge may have a good year.

Young People's Day

Again I am calling attention to the importance of observing Young People's Day throughout our conference. If this has not been provided for for next Sunday then plan for it for another Sunday. The most of our churches will find it possible to use the programs sent out from headquarters but those churches which think they cannot use this program can observe the day by having a special sermon to the young people with the young people furnishing the music and acting as ushers. By all means let every church take an offering for young people's work as this counts on World Service.

Appreciation Year Meeting at Grace Church Feb. 20th.

A letter from Dr. S. W. Taylor who is the director for the southeastern area of the Appreciation Year Committee informs me that Dr. J. H. Straughn, the President of the General Conference can be in North Carolina for an Appreciation Year Meeting on Monday, February 20th. This meeting will be held at Grace Church in Greensboro and will be conference wide. It will be under the joint leadership of the Southeastern Area Committee and the Conference Committee. It will begin at 10:30 a. m. and will last through the afternoon. A full list of speakers in addition to Dr. Straughn will be announced as quickly as possible. In the meantime let every pastor plan to go to Grace Church on Monday, February 20th and let each pastor take some of his laymen. Announcement will be made later as to the noon meal.

Going To Duke Hospital

As a great many of you know my physical condition has been at a low ebb for the past several weeks. This condition has baffled my family physician and two or three other specialists. So, on tomorrow morning—Tuesday—I expect to go to Duke University Hospital for observation to try to determine the cause. In the meantime if you need to write me address me at 909 West College Drive, High Point, for I may not find it necessary to remain very long at Duke.

More About The HERALD Campaign

I am suggesting to all of our people that they read the splendid article on the Methodist Protestant Herald by Rev. T. G. Madison as printed in the Herald last week. This article shows very clearly what the Herald has meant to our conference and to our people generally. Having been in the business of getting subscriptions ever since I entered the conference I know that the way to get subscriptions is to go out and solicit them personally. Very few subscriptions have ever come in as a result of an appeal from the pulpit although that has its place. It is good preparation to present the matter from the pulpit but it must be followed up by a personal solicitation. Let Herald agents and pastors be very busy these days for the people need the Herald and the Herald needs the subscribers. Having had the responsibility of running the paper for two years I know something of what it means to try to finance the paper. We must not leave all of this to the editor but we must help him.

Appointments

Sunday, January 29th, 11 a. m. Denton, Canaan in afternoon.

Sunday, February 5th, West Forsyth-Stony Knoll 9:45 a. m. and Baltimore at 11:15 a. m.

Tuesday, February 7th, 10:30 a. m. Western Pastors' Federation at Roberta.

Sunday, February 12th, 11 a. m. Reidsville.

J. E. Pritchard.

''If temperance prevails, then education can prevail; if temperance fails, then education must fail.''—*Horace Mann.*

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A Prayer All Might Pray

O Lord, grant me so to love thee, with all my heart, with all my mind, and with all my soul, and my neighbor for thy sake, that the grace of charity and brotherly love may dwell in me, and all envy, harshness, and ill will may die in me; and fill my heart with feelings of love, kindness and compassion, so that, by constantly rejoicing in the happiness and good success of others, by sympathizing with them in their sorrows, and putting away all harsh judgments, and envious thoughts, I may follow thee, who art thyself the true and perfect love.—*Dr. Harry E. Fosdick.*

Many men owe the grandeur of their lives to their tremendous difficulties.—*C. H. Spurgeon.*

Every noble work is at first impossible.—*Thomas Carlyle.*

Let us beware of losing our enthusiasm. Let us ever glory in something, and strive to retain our admiration for all that would ennoble, and our interest in all that would enrich and beautify our life.—*Phillips Brooks.*

The one prudence in life is concentration; the one evil is dissipation; and it makes no difference whether our dissipations are coarse or fine.—*Emerson.*

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord my strength and my redeemer.—*The Psalmist.*

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Judging Spiritual Truth

There is a common and a very erroneous opinion that a bad man may be as good a judge of spiritual truth as a good man. This is based, we suppose, upon the assumption that all knowledge is gained the same way. That the mysteries of grace is understood by the method used in learning the multiplication table or the rules of syntax. But St. Paul declares that "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot know them, for they are spiritually discerned." That what a bad man is so darkens his mind and dulls his heart that he is unable to discern the mysteries of grace. The only true judge of spiritual truth is the saint. The Psalmist exhorts us, "O taste and see that the Lord is good." We can never know the fulness of pardon and the power of that love which never faileth except through experience. Yes, there are humble saints whose knowledge of history and science is so small they may be termed ignorant, yet they have walked with God so long, that the great scholars of the Hebrew and Greek languages may sit at their feet with profit. The judge of spiritual truth is the saint.

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"So Run"

St. Paul was a modernist, in that is he so phrased his messages that those to whom he wrote saw the relation of spiritual truth to the every day life they were living. He more than once refers to the Christian life as a race to be run. And in this race all may run but one receiveth a prize. He here exhorts, "So run that ye may obtain." When Ramsey MacDonald was Prime Minister of England he delivered an address on the Secret of Success, there is one point in that I recall, he said one ought always to do his best. That is admittedly the way to win—do your best; so run as to obtain. And if one really does his best and fails to win he has not lost, though he did not receive the prize. There are many among us who seem never to be embued with the desire to do their best with life. They live a Micawber sort of way expecting something to "turn up" that will bring success. It rarely does. We have seen teachers in the Sunday school just "killing time" with all sorts of devices; they were teaching to get through, rather than to get some truth across. Once in a while you hear a sermon that is delivered the same way. You are impressed with the aim of the preacher, he has three or four points to be elaborated, some illustrations to tell—enough of them to last for thirty minutes and then he is satisfied. All of us may need to heed this injunction of the Apostle, "So run that ye might obtain."

St. Paul was a winner. Although he was a man with great accomplishments he had many obstacles to overcome, some of them great enough to defeat a man so great as he, but he was a winner. And during the last year of his life he writes to Timothy, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course; kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." "So run."

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APPRECIATION YEAR RALLIES

Arrangements have been made for Appreciation Year Rallies in the Eighth District, as follows: Randleman charge, Mt. Lebanon church, first Sunday in February; Richland charge, Brower's Chapel, second Sunday in February; Why Not-Love Joy charge, Why Not church, third Sunday in February. The hour for each rally is 2:30 p. m. The program will be arranged to consume about one hour and thirty minutes. Addresses will be made by visiting speakers to be announced later.

We are conferring with pastors of other charges in the district, and expect to be able to announce more rallies to be held in due time.

S. W. Taylor, *Chairman.*

January 19, 1939.

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THIRD DISTRICT RALLY

The Third District Rally will be held at Salem Church, Saxapahaw Charge, Sunday, January 29, 1939. The program will start at 2:00 p. m.

Devotion, by Rev. M. C. Henderson. Rev. Geo. R. Brown will speak on the subject: "Gratitude for the Methodist Protestant Church." Mrs. R. M. Andrews will speak on the subject: "Appreciation Year—Women's Part." We will have special music by Saxapahaw quartet and Hebron church quartet.

D. I. Garner, *District Chairman.*

Sunday School Lesson

By Rev. O. L. Easter

PETER DECLARES HIS LOVE

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, January 29

Lesson Text—John 21:11-19.

Golden Text—If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments.—John 14:15.

If Peter in his wretched denial was the outstanding occasion that revealed the weakness and meanness of human nature he is in his dramatic reclaimation the occasion that brings to us the outstanding attribute of Christ. Human sinfulness is an old story but Divine forgiveness as seen in Christ is amazingly new. Other religions have many of the elements that are found in the Christian religion but in the reclaiming of sinful life from the powers of sin Christianity is unique. Judaism dealt with sin and the sinner but with sin it had only "thou shalt not" and for the sinner it had only punishment—even death in many cases. God through Christ demands restitution but that demand works to restore the soul of the sinner. "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not dispise." "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit." Thus in this touching scene in which Jesus so carefully and kindly brings about the restoration of poor wretched Peter we see this process of God's redemptive quality in action.

Since all of us have sinned like Peter and often come short of the glory of God this fact of God's attitude of loving redemption from this sin is the keynote of this lesson for us. Beecher once said that when a man undertakes to repent toward his fellowman, it is repenting straight up a precipice; that when he repents toward public sentiment, it is throwing himself into a thicket of brambles and thorns; that when he repents toward the law it is repenting in the crocodile's jaw; but when he repents toward God, he repents toward all love and mercy. Of course it is Peter's broken and contrite heart that led him back to the Christ that he had sinned against but before the thought of repentance as a solution for our sinful predicament must come this consoling reality that God will regard our wretched state with pity and salvation. The climax of the famous Prodical Son story as told by Christ was perhaps at the point where the Prodical seeing that he had sinned against his father decided to return but the element of the story that has made it immortal was the scene wherein the father fell on his neck and kissed him.

"'Tis love! 'Tis love! thou diedst for me!
I hear thy whisper in my heart;
The morning breaks, the shadows flee;
Pure universal love thou art:
To me, to all, thy mercies move;
Thy nature and thy name is Love!"

The tenderness and long suffering kindness of Jesus Christ are nowhere more clearly illustrated than in his dealings with Peter. That tender, disappointed, beseeching look that He gave Peter is one of the strongest incidents of the whole story of His human life. Then in these thorough, heart-searching words of "Lovest thou me" are to be found the far-reaching nature of his salvation. He did not send that piercing sentence home three time to punish Simon for his three denials, but rather that he might make his joy of forgiveness to be full. His is no patched up job of soul appeasement; when Christ restores a soul it is restored from even the most crimson red to whiteness of snow.

Having declared the love of Christ as seen in this lesson we would not fail also to emphasize the glory of Peter in declaring his love as is intimated in the lesson subject. Our hopes for his salvation in last Sunday's lesson were left suspended on that side glance of the denial scene which told us that after this dastardly act Peter was seen to go out and weep bitterly. His ability to declare his love after the resurrection rested on the nature of that remorse. Remorse is not always a sign of repentance. At times men can have remorse for a sin and yet not have repentance which we have said is necessary for salvation. It was remorse and not repentance that led Saul to say: "I have sinned." David sinned as greatly as did Saul but his was true repentance that said: "I have sinned *against the Lord.*" Pharaoh prayed: "Take away the plague." David prayed: "Pardon mine iniquity; take away the guilt." Worldly sorrow seeks to escape punishment; Godly sorrow, to escape the cause of it. Peter's reaction to the searching words of the Master's puts his sorrow in the bracket of Godly sorrow—sorrow that drove him to repentance towards God. The incident at the hands of Jesus stirred in him a deep love that from henceforth enabled him to keep Christ's Commandments.

"'Tis the part of a coward to brood
O'er the past that is withered and dead;
What tho the heart's roses are ashes and dust?
What tho the heart's music is fled?
Still shine the grand heaven o'er head,
Whence the voice of an Angel thrills clear on the soul,
Gird about thee thine armor, press on to the goal."

PAUL HAMILTON HAYNE.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT RALLY

The Eleventh District Rally will meet at Greer's Chapel Church, Shiloh Charge, Sunday, January 29, from 2:00 to 4:00 p. m. A good program has been arranged and every minute is going to be full of interest, and information about "Our Church", what it has done, its present program, and its future.

The following speakers are to appear on the program: Rev. Kenneth Holt, Mrs. Wiley Shoaf, Rev. L. E. Mabry, Rev. O. C. Loy, and Rev. A. Ridge.

Come on folks from the 11th District and lets encourage these speakers by giving them a packed house. That would certainly be a thrill to all of us.

C. E. RIDGE, *Chairman.*

Careful attention to one thing often proves superior to genius and art.—*Cicero.*

WITH THE POETS

Elizabeth Vera Idol

THE MAN WITH THE HOE

By Edwin Markham

As an illustration for an article appearing in the magazine section of the *New York Times* for the Sunday just past there was a cartoon bearing the title of the poem selected for this week's consideration, showing ''The Man With the Hoe'' bowed under the weight of present day burdens, wars, old hatreds, arms, economic problems, taxes. In 1899 America was emerging from the War with Spain and caught in an industrial turmoil that, although it did not approach in scope or seriousness the world-wide uphaeval of today forced thoughtful people into a growth of social consciousness and ideas of responsibilities toward their bellow-beings that they had not known before.

It was on January 15th of that year that there appeared in the *San Francisco Examiner* ''The Man With the Hoe, a poem that so incorporated all the problems of the time, so intensified the unrest that was in the air, that it transcended the country and the times that called it into being and voiced the indignation of all humanitarians everywhere, not against toil itself, but against the drudgery and soul-destroying exploitation of labor. Immediately the lines appeared in every part of the globe; they were quoted and copied in every walk of life, in the literary as well as the labor world. Some one called the poem ''the battle-cry of the next thousand years;'' and Joaquin Miller said of it that it ''contained the whole Yosemite—the thunder, the might, the majesty'' of it. Louis Untermeyer said: ''In the figure of one man with a hoe Markham drew a picture of men in the mines, men in the sweatshops, men working everywhere without joy, without hope. . . . To social consciousness he added social conscience.''

Edwin Markham owed the inspiration of this poem to Millet's painting bearing the same title. As he looked at the bowed, broken French peasant he became to him a symbol of the poverty-stricken, hopeless toiler in all lands. ''The Yeoman is the landed and well-to-do-farmer,'' he said, ''you need shed no tears for him. But here in the Millet picture is his opposite—the Hoeman; the landless workman of the world.''

In ringing blank verse the poem resounded, describing this ''montrous thing distorted and soul-quenched,'' and in terrible indicting questions, arraigning Mankind for its betrayal of humanity:

''Bowed by the weight ot centuries he leans
Upon his hoe and gazes on the ground,
The emptiness of ages in his face,
And on his back the burden of the world.
Who made him dead to rapture and despair,
A thing that grieves not and that never hopes,
Stolid and stunned, a brother to the ox?
Who loosened and let down this brutal jaw?
Whose was the hand that slanted back this brow?
Whose breath blew out the light within this brain?''

This creature is the Thing that crushing hopelessness had made of that which God decreed:

''To have dominion over sea and land;
To trace the stars and search the heavens for power;
To feel the passion for Eternity,''

and with prophetic awfulness the poet foresaw the destruction that must overtake the destroyer himself, and the danger in which the very universe itself must become involved.

With great imagery and lofty flights of imagination caused the poet to picture the loss of all that man may know and feel and be in his greatest and most inspired moments:

''What gulfs between him and the seraphim!
Slave of the wheel of labor, what to him
Are Plato and the swing of Pleiades?
What the long reaches of the peaks of song,
The rift of dawn, the reddening of the rose?''

But all these wonders of the universe are lost because of ignorance and cruelty and darkness.

In his poem, ''Caliban in the Mines,'' Louis Untermeyer in the voice of a worker in that never-ending darkness cried with a terrible poignancy:

''God, if you wish for our love,
Fling us a handful of stars!''

With somewhat less lyricism, but the same yearning desire for beauty and justice, Markham urged ''masters, lords, and rulers in all lands'' to touch again this distorted and soul-quenched shape with immortality:

''Give back the upward looking and the light,
Rebuild it in the music and the dream;
Make right the immemorial infamies,
Perfidious wrongs, immedicable woes.''

Poets from time to time have always been touched with the love of humanity, and in the past quarter of a century this has been increasingly true. A poet as new as Stephen Spender cries with an even more hopeful note that Markham himself of the Man who shall be made, ''bringing light to life.'' But the thought-provoking questions uttered with the true poetic fervor of imagination with which Markham closed his poem reach the very heart of humanitarianism. Not a sentimentality which identified itself with the famous and the powerful, but a sympathy, which, while it voiced hope and a faith in the ultimate triumph of justice, did not hesitate to penetrate to the very heart of injustice, crying to the ''Judges of the World'' a protest that is also a prophecy:

''O masters, lords and rulers in all lands,
How will the Future reckon with this man?
How answer his brute question in that hour
When whirlwinds of rebellion shake all shores?
How will it be with kingdoms and with kings—
With those who shaped him to the thing he is—
When this dumb terror shall rise to judge the world,
After the silence of the centuries?''

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When anyone has offended me I try to raise my soul so high that the offense cannot reach it.—*Descartes.*

DR. BETHEA BOOSTS THE CHURCH PAPERS

As an ex-booster for the Herald, I am not quite sure of what I should say. After having studied the reports of each so long and made out my letter from them it is pretty hard to keep off that line now. But as Dr. Bates is official booster now, will try to say some of the things that I have already said, for it would be hard to get into this field of saying a good word for the Herald and not get on territory that has already been covered.

If I were to tell you that it was necessary to eat good food, nutritious food, in order that the body might be strong, you might question what kind would be the best, but you would not question the fact that food should be taken at regular intervals to keep the body in a healthy state.

Now when we think of the many folks are simply guessing at what is going to be done in April at the Uniting Conference, without reading any of the plans that have been made, it is easy for us to take into our minds something that will not make us such healthy Methodists as we need to be when we get into the new set-up that is coming this year. I believe in the men who have been working on this thing. They are fair minded men. They are trying to carry out the will of the majority, and we remember that has been overwhelming. This shows us that we need to read the more in order that we may not be suspicious of the men, but that we may look for something bigger and better than we have ever been connected with before.

This writer is reading three Methodist papers now and the *Missionary Record* of our own denomination, and there are a great many things that are coming to light that are encouraging.

I am thoroughly convinced that the leaders are anxious that this thing shall mean more for us all and especially in the advancement of the Kingdom. So what I am trying to get at is that we need to read more and keep right up with what is going on. This can be done in a measure by reading the Herald. In a larger measure by reading other Methodist periodicals. Well, then; One of the big things for us Methodist Protestants to do here in North Carolina Conference is to keep our own paper so that we may have our side of it, and we believe that will give us a greater inspiration for what is to come.

May we not advance the interest of the entire cause by doing all we can for our own. Some said to me when I first came to Asheville that our cause here was languishing because we were waiting for union to come along and pick us up and get us going. I said well, folks do not like dead things. Curiosity seekers like to look at a corpse. We preachers have all found that out. But we will feel much better to get going and go in with our bands playing and our heads up because we have something to take in that others will want and we will not feel like we are slinking in, excuse the term for the lack of a more descriptive one, and we want to put something into it that will give a thrill to others as they join forces with us against evil.

This has had a wonderful effect. Our congregations has more than doubled. Our collections at first were very discouraging. They have been doubled in the last three weeks. A good neighbor asked me to lets have union services. I told him we could not pay our bills that way. We must be honest in order to be Christian. This is APPRECIATION YEAR! I want some of these claims paid if we cannot pay them all. I want you folks to take your church paper so you will not only know what is going on, but will help to carry a living institution into the new church. Won't that look better? Will not that be one way to be faithful? I am duty bound to the Methodist Protestant Church and its institutions till the day of her union with larger numbers. Let us do our best brethren, not simply to say we did it, but because we want to honor Him who has permitted us to live these years, and we are going in alive from every standpoint. Therefore lets subscribe, read, and induce others to take the Herald and carry on for this year, then to bigger and better things!

N. G. Bethea.

ANOTHER VOYAGE, NOT BY SEA

I continue to get many kinds of invitations for all sorts of Methodist occasions. It seems that since we have but one such general officer my name pops up as the natural person. As far as possible I'm saying "yes." If there were half a dozen of us it would ease the tension somewhat. But everywhere I go I get so much fine attention, and, and—shall I say, flattery! It's simply because our people in the other two churches are intent upon proving their sincerity in this matter of union. To see representatives of the three churches "ganging up" one would suppose they never had been separated, that it always had been this way. But, dear me! Had there been more of it in all three back over the years there would be less occasion for it now. But that's not the point. The point is, that it is so now and we are all happy about it.

Why have Christmas if you can't stay home for the joy of it! Tuesday after is too soon to be leaving it. And yet, out at Garrett, the theological school of the Northern church, there is held at this time each year what is known as "The College of Preachers," under direction of the Board of Education. It brings together about 125 of the annual conference education leaders, expenses all paid. And it's a great affair—about three and a half days with many of the leading minds of the church making the addresses. I felt like I had had a postgraduate course in theology. The general theme was "Man." Last year it was "God." My assignment was "The Worshipping Man—or, Man on His Knees." Should you want to check on me you can do so by securing the little booklet containing a digest of all the addresses. It is difficult to overestimate the value of a group like this, touching as it does the entire denomination in America. Personally I hope the institution will be continued in the new Church and that some of the rest of you will have the opportunity of addressing. The trouble about it though is that the Thing makes you work so hard to get ready for it.

You will remember that last year the Southern Church had a great Aldersgate program at Savannah under the auspices of the Missionary Council. This year the affair was at San Antonio, Texas. It was called the Unification session. The attendance seemed larged than at Savannah. The great church was crowded day after day. This time to my great satisfaction I was not the lone speaker from our Church. Dr. Hawley, chairman of our Board of Missions, made an address dealing with the Missionary Situation in our church. He made a fine job of it and got a fine reception and certainly made many more friends for our church. I came on the next day with my part on the Preparation of the Ministry for Deepening the Spiritual Life of the Church. But here again were many of the great leaders of this Southern church. They are indeed on the march in this church . The vigor, the vitality, the outlook they put in their work is amazing. Should any one suppose this Southern crowd is not alert to the days we live in will be pleasantly surprised when they know better. I doubt if there is a denomination in the entire country pursuing its task with more inspiring leadership and programs. But, returning to our part—Dr. Forney Hutchinson, one of their outstanding men, at the beginning of his address said: "It is becoming increasingly apparent that the Methodist Protestant Church will make a contribution to the United Church far out of proportion to their numbers." Not so bad, as a discovery. Of course, being modest, we've known it all along, haven't we!

Then, on my way back, I stopped off at Kansas City to speak to the joint Methodist Preachers Meeting. There again was a fine hearing. Bishop Mead is there and doing his part in this entertainment business, and it is a hard job. With Bishop John M. Moore we explored the vastness of that mighty auditorium. It is really a gorgeous affair. The main room seats about twenty thousand. A second beautiful theatre about two thousand and a smaller octagonal room about one thousand. In addition, there is vastness, upstairs and down with all sorts of committee rooms seating anywhere from fifty to five hundred. We'll surely be properly housed, and with amplification all over the building, even the timid soul can be heard, if he dare make a speech. Mighty things are ahead of us—and we need to be much in prayer.

JAS. H. STRAUGHN.

WESTERN PASTORS FEDERATION MEETING

The Western Pastors Federation will meet in Roberta M. P. Church on Tuesday, February 7, at 10:30. The ladies of the church will serve lunch for all who attend at a very small cost. Ministers are expected to bring their wives and some leading laymen from their respective charges.

A brief devotional service will be conducted by the chairman, and this will be followed by an address by Rev. E. A. Bingham on the subject, "How the HERALD Helps Our People, and the Work of Our Church." Following this we will hear an address by Dr. J. E. Pritchard, President of the North Carolina Conference.

In the afternoon we will have a short address session, this to be followed by two addresses. Rev. J. C. Madison will speak on, "The Methodist Protestant Church Is Neither Dead Nor Dying." The last speaker for the afternoon will be Rev. J. L. Ingram, pastor of Welcome Circuit, M. E. Church, South; subject, "After Union, What?"

I think we decided in our last meeting to invite some of our neighbor pastors in the churches uniting in this plan of Union to meet with us, and I hope you brethren will do this.

C. E. RIDGE, *Chairman.*
T. G. MADISON, *Secretary.*

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT RALLY

First Methodist Protestant Church
Albemarle, N. C., January 29

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Afternoon 3:00

Devotion .... Max Gantt.
What My Local Church Has Meant To Me and the N. C. Conference .... Rev. H. W. Bell.
Larger Fellowship In the New Church .... Rev. D. T. Huss.
Special Music.
Benediction .... Earl A. Cook.
Recess until 7:00 o'clock.

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Mrs. W. L. Little, District Chairman
Ladies' Auxiliary, In Charge

Hymn—"Come Thou Almighty King."
Scripture Lesson ... . Mrs. H. M. Tarleton.
Special Music.
Prayer .... Mrs. D. W. Sides.
Offering.
Special Music.
Religious Drama—"SHRINES" by Concord Church.
Hymn.
Benediction.

C. G. ISLEY, *Cairman.*

PROGRAM: 14th. DISTRICT RALLY

Mt. Moriah Church, January 29

11:00 A. M.

1. Hymn: Congregation.
2. Devotions: Rev. R. L. Hethcox.
3. Special Music: Polkville Glee Club.
4. What the Methodist Protestant Church Has Meant To Me: Rev. H. G. Garmon.
5. Special Music: Glee Club.
6. What We Are Taking Into the Union: Rev. T. G. Madison.
7. Business and Announcements.

Lunch.

1:30 P. M.

1. Hymn: Congregation.
2. Prayer: Rev. Herman Yokely.
4. What My Local Church Has Meant To Me: Mrs.
3. Special Music.
B. L. Heavener.
5. Special Music.
6. The Larger Fellowship In the New Church: Rev. W. L. Harkey.
7. Hymn: Congregation.
8. Benediction.

T. G. MADISON.

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The rikisha, long regarded as the symbol of the Orient, is fast disappearing in Japan. Motor busses, taxis and tramcars have forced the quaint man-drawn, two wheeled vehicle off the busy streets of most of the larger cities.

MISSIONARY COLUMN

MRS. R. M. ANDREWS, Editor
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Greensboro, N. C.

Mrs. Hammer reports that the new pageant on India has been delayed. She will mail copies as soon as she receives them.

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DATE SET FOR WOMAN'S CONVENTION

Mrs. William C. Hammer who has just returned from a meeting in Pittsburgh, announced that the Annual Woman's Convention date has been changed from May to June on account of the Uniting Conference. The Convention will meet June 9 at Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md.

This announcement was made to a group of present and past members of the Executive Board of the N. C. Branch of Woman's Work who were spending the day in Thomasville at the home of Mrs. J. H. Boyles, as guests of Mrs. Boyles and Mrs. H. C. Nicholson.

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THANK OFFERING

By Mrs J. Clay Madison.

One of the most ennobling influences of life is to be gripped by a sense of gratitude and in the spirit of sportsmanship seek to pay back in part at least that of which we have been the recipients. We can hardly think of a higher motive for righteous living than that of gratitude. We are often reminded of the debt we owe the home from which we came and of our responsibility of living up to the expectations of the parents therein. That is an institution in importance second to none. We are often reminded of the great nation of which we are citizens, the freedom and opportunity which it provides. It deserves our loyalty. Then we are most often told the story of Jesus Christ, His sacrifice, His love for us. What a debt of gratitude we owe to Him!

This year the Methodist Protestant Church is calling upon its members to give more liberally than ever before motivated by a sense of gratitude for their church. And why should we be thankful for our church? Let us remember that the Christian home has been nurtured and preserved in a culture conditioned by the Christian Church. Let us remember that our nation is what it is today because of a free church, free to proclaim its message, free to pronounce the judgments of God, free to give direction to public policies. Let us remember that the church is the channel through which the message of Christ has lived and found its way into distant cultures, through which that message has come to us today. The church began with a cross, it has lived as a result of great sacrifice, its freedom has been preserved at the price of blood, and yet it comes to us asking nothing but our loyal support and devotion in return. And what shall we do? In the spirit of honor and good sportsmanship are we not bound to give in return, to invest one more sacrifice in the life of this great institution? Surely that at whose hands we have received the greatest treasures of life has a claim upon us.

Thank Offering, gratitude for our church, that is our opportunity to share Jesus Christ with the world, whom through the church we have found. In the spirit of appreciation for what the church has done for us, that is our opportunity to give that church new life and new outreach by contributing liberally to its program.

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PASTOR HOWARD WRITES

It seems quite customary for the pastors to write at least one letter to the Herald and say how glad they are to be back with their people. Every preacher who has served in Eastern North Carolina knows how kindly the Servants of the Lord are treated down here. It would make too long a letter to enumerate the gifts, cards, and countless "nameless, unremembered acts of love." All of these strengthen the tie that binds a pastor to a congregation. Though the gifts are not enumerated and the givers are not named, there is gratitude in the heart of this preacher.

The moving season has brought into the Eden and Hollister communities several new families. We welcome them and offer them rent-free some empty pews in our churches. The Sunday School at Eden has been substantially increased in the past month.

Some improvements are planned for Bethesda Church. This is one of the most historic churches of the conference and has been praised for its worshipful atmosphere. Every effort will be used to keep the church looking its age. There is a religious value in history and sacredness in age which ought to be more carefully guarded in our church life.

We are expecting this to be a very good year for Halifax Charge. And effort is being made to observe all of the special days in order to help raise the entire assessment for Appreciation Year. It is right much of an effort for the churches in this district to raise their apportionments but if there is any section of the church which has something to boost appreciation year it is Eastern North Carolina. The First District was the cradle of the conference; the children have outgrown the parent, but we will try to show our appreciation for the Methodist Protestant Church by raising the World Service budget in full.

W. M. HOWARD, JR.

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A man went to his doctor and requested treatment for his ankle.

After careful examination, the doctor inquired: "How long have you been going about like this?"

"Two years."

"Why, man, your ankle is broken! How you managed to get around is a marvel. Why didn't you come to me at first?"

"Well, doctor, every time I say something is wrong with me, my wife declares I'll have to stop smoking."—Ex.

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(Thank you, Brother Auman.)	

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

By REV. JOSEPH COBLE

"ALL ONE BODY WE"

February 5, 1939

Scripture Text: Eph. 4:1-7, 11-13.

"Like a mighty army
  Moves the church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
  Where the saints have trod;
We are not divided,
  All one body we;
One in hope and doctrine,
  One in charity."
        —Sabine Baring - Gould.

Christian Endeavor through its discussions and its union meetings, such as city, county, and state conventions, has done much to make this indeed a reality within the churches in America. In its thought and in its program is has leaped across denominational barriers and has helped young people the world over to sing with consecrated meaning:

"We are not divided,
  All one body we;
One in hope and doctrine,
  One in charity."

On all sides today one hears churchmen discussing the coming together of denominations in order that they might be better able to carry on the work of the gospel ministry. Ever since the first century the church has been a divided church, but today with many leaders who are more Christlike in their spirit than the world has known for a long time, we are changing our conception of the true church from what our forefathers have led us to believe it is and are turning back to our Lord's teaching and the interpretation of that message by the early churchmen.

All too often the different denominations of the Christian Church have spent so much time and effort trying to defend some of their petty differences of creed and worship, that they have not been able to accomplish their purpose in the world. True Christianity does not have to be defended, but rather it should be practiced.

Basic in the teachings of Jesus was unity of believers. He desired to bring all men into a spirit of unity and brotherhood. Jesus is the Shepherd and thus we are all sheep of one flock. God is our Father, and we are all sons and brothers who look up to our elder brother Jesus to lead us to the way of life desired by the Father. Somehow we have fallen far short of the ideal which Jesus desired us to practice. There are very few men in the world today who could and would reach out their hand to every other man in the world and with the spirit of love which Jesus taught, call him brother. It will be only when we catch the Spirit of Jesus that we can say, "All one body we," either as human beings or as denominations. We have a long way to go, but the appeal of the Master is so powerful that young people are leaving all to follow Him. It is these same young people who are going to do much to mend the schisms now existing between followers of His.

There are several agencies besides the Christian Endeavor that have been definitely working to bring all believers into one body. They are the Federal Council of Churches, the Internatoinal Council of Religious Education, the Emergency Peace Campaign, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the United Christian Youth Movement, the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., and other like-minded groups.

Nothing has ever gone as far in this state toward uniting the peoples of all denominations into a concerted effort as has the North Carolina Council of Churches. This was evidenced last week when for three days men and women representing all of the leading denominations throughout the state filled the auditorium of the First Presbyterian church of Durham. There they worshiped together, ate together, communed together in Christian fellowship, and were led into richer Christian experiences by the religious leaders of other denominations.

When enough of us come to really know Jesus Christ and Him crucified, all denominational lines and racial barriers will be broken down, and all men will work in Christian unity—then we will "all one body be."

"Keep close, then, boys, and never quarrel;
Observe the dying father speak,
Try, lads, can you this bundle break;
Then bids the youngest of the six
Take up a well-bound heap of sticks.
They thought it was an old man's maggot;
And strove by turns to break the fagot:
In vain; the complicated wands
Were much too strong for all their hands.
See, said the sire, how soon 'tis done:
Then took and broke them one by one.
So strong you'll be in friendship tied;
So quickly broke, if you divide.
Keep close, then, boys, and never quarrel:
Here ends the fable and the moral."
        —Jonathan Swift.

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SATISFACTION

There's no thrill in easy sailing,
  When the sky is clear and blue;
There's no joy in merely doing
  Things which any one can do.

But there is some satisfaction
  That is mighty sweet to take,
When you reach a destination
  That you thought you couldn't make.

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WHAT IS LIFE?

Life is a pattern cut to fit
The span of years that models it.
With springs of humor, lacy smiles
That may be changed to match the styles.
Shot through sometimes with tragedy
And edged with brown sobriety.
A garment beautiful to see
For one who wears it gracefully.
        —Lolo M. Stultz.

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"Brother Jones," said the Deacon, "can't you all donate some small contribution to de funds for fencing in de cullud cemetery?"

"I dunno as I can," replied Brother Jones. "I don't see no use in a fence around a cemetery. You see, dem what's in there can't get out, and dem what's out sho' doan wanna get in."

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

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We thank you for these offerings. There are no packages to report this week.

The list this time is short, because we are now down to the regular offerings, and must depend on these for a long time. Please boost the monthly offerings for us, or we will fall behind again.

A. G. DIXON, Supt.

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A CARD OF THANKS

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking my good friends all over the state for the many cards and letters of sympathy that have come on the account of the death of my father, S. M. Warlick. I am enclosing one sent by a former pastor of my father. Here it is:

"Mr. Sam Warlick was one of God's good men. He possessed those Christian attributes that make men great. I shall never forget the friendship, and the privilege of being his pastor for five years. He made it so easy for the preacher to preach. I was greatly impressed by his modesty, his self-control, and his wonderful personality.

I shall always remember him as one of the best Christian men I ever knew, and I am glad to pay him this tribute.

C. E. R.

I would like to quote others, but this covers the ground so completely that I am only giving this one.

Also wish to thank the Auxiliaries and Circles where we have labored for their messages of sympathy also.

MRS. N. G. BETHEA

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The tramp called at a cottage and asked for food.

"And how would you like a nice chop?" said the owner of the cottage kindly.

"That all depends, lady—is it lamb, pork, or wood?"—Ex.

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"Say, Grandpa, how do you account for your longevity?"

"My which? Longevity? Never had it—it's rheumatism that bothers me."

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Haw River Circuit.—It's about time somebody was reporting from this part of God's moral heritage. Maybe that somebody's me.

We have been received kindly for our third year. Prospects are that it will be the best year yet. The congregations this month at all the churches have been the best since I've been here.

We are making plans for the holding of Young People's Day services at all the churches. We are hoping that the response to the Appreciation Year appeal will be large.

We are also working on the raising of our Annual Conference claims. We are asking the folks to put aside a dime a week for the Sundays of the first quarter of the conference year. If 200 of our folks will do it, we will be able to raise our claims in full by the first of March. It remains to be seen, of course, whether they will do it. We'll let you know later, whether they did or didn't.

Through the Circuit Auxiliary more than $50 has been turned in on the Minnis Salary fund. Almost $19 of this amount came from the Friendship Christian Endeavor society.

It's a little late to say anything about it, but I want to express my thanks to the Mizpah C. E. society for a fine shirt they gave me at Christmas. The season was observed in some way or other at each of the churches. It was my good fortune to get to all of them, excepting the one at Friendship. I was away from home at that time, much to my regret.

The folks are keeping us in fresh meat and other good things for the table, for which they have our sincere thanks.

C. W. BATES, Pastor.

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Lincolnton, W. L. Harkey, Pastor.—Our pastor brought us a very inspiring sermon this morning. Three new members were admitted into the church: Mrs. Floy Garrison, Mrs. Ruth McGinnis, and Mr. Ford.

New class officers and teachers were elected last Sunday in the Sunday scohol. Mrs. Cass Leonard resigned as teacher of the Beginners, and Mrs. Ted Eurey was elected to fill her place. Mr. Flay Garrison was elected to teach the young men's class after our pastor asked to be relieved of the duty.

The young matron's class is staking a campaign for funds to have some work done to their class room. They have had a number of new members to join the class recently.

The Women's Auxiliary held their monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. J. C. Eurey. Most of the members were present. They decided to purchase some much-needed song books for the church.

The Christian Endeavor society has been having an unusually large attendance. Very interesting programs are being given each Sunday. Keep up the good work, Endeavorers!

Our pastor is planning to launch a drive for subscriptions for the Herald very soon. We hope he will be very successful, because the members who do not take the paper now are missing it so much.

The last report mentioned that our furnace was to be repaired. When the man started the work, he found the complete works were burned out. So rather than try to patch up the old, we decided to buy a new furnace. It was installed just before Christmas, and everyone is very proud of it.

A new plan has been adopted by which we hope to pay off our church debt. A number of members have pledged 25c a week which will be paid into the Building and Loan. If each member will cooperate with the pastor and officers in this plan we can soon have the House of the Lord free of all debts.

MRS. TED EUREY, Reporter.

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Flat Rock Church, Flat Rock Charge.—It has been some time since a report has gone in from this church, but that does not mean we have been idle. Our treasurer tells us that the financial condition of the church is better than it sometimes is at this time of the year. We are making an effort to raise a certain part of the pastor's salary each quarter. We are glad Mr. Burgess is with us again this year. We are well into the third year of his pastorate, and he continues to bring to us regularly his splendid, rich messages from God's Word.

The Ladies' Aid society met with Mrs. Carl Haynes this month, with the new president, Mrs. Alvis Ellison, in the chair. Now that the church debt is a thing of the past and dedication a cherished memory, and a long-planned-for planting of shrubbery has been placed about the church as a result of the efforts of the society, the ladies are undertaking to help with the local church budget this year.

One of our faithful members, Mrs. Nannie Wilson, passed away suddenly on January 2. The bereaved family have our sympathy. Mrs. Wilson was a regular church attendant and also a member of the Ladies' Aid. She will be greatly missed.

We have heard many expressions of regret among the members of our congregation at the removal from our neighborhood of "Uncle Bob" Haynes and his good wife, "Aunt Ella." They say they expect to get back to church occasionally, circumstances permitting.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. IRA N. JOHNSON, Reporter.

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Spring Church, Spring Church Charge, J. E. Garlington, Pastor.—We are holding our Sunday school and prayer meeting at the usual hour, with about the same average attendance.

In the absence of our Sunday school superintendent, Clinton Rae Crew, our new assistant, has been doing a good job in taking his place. We feel that we are indeed fortunate in having young people that are willing to take a leading place in church whenever they are asked to.

Mr. J. J. Massey, our newly-elected class leader, has decided to let the young people lead the prayer service one Sunday each month. On the second Sunday Catherine Crew, as leader, used Prayer as her subject. Many of our young people took part in the discussion, also led in prayer. This was not only an enjoyable service but beneficial.

We enjoyed having our young people that are in college and away at work, with us for the Christmas holidays. We certainly miss them now that they have returned to their different fields of work.

Mr. Garlington was with us for three weeks. He preached each Sunday he was here, and brought us some good and helpful messages. He made many pastoral visits. We certainly enjoyed having him in our homes. He will be with us again next Sunday.

Quarterly conference, which was held in Pleasant Hill church Friday night, December 30, was well attended. Each church was represented. Mr. Garlington urged that we accept the entire World Service apportionment and put forth every effort to raise it.

We have paid a good amount on our church debt since Christmas. We hope to raise the entire amount before the year is out.

We are now trying to supply our church with the Methodist Hymnal. Several have been donated. If any of our former members, pastors or friends would like to place one or more in our church in honor of some loved one or friend, we would certainly appreciate it. The price of one Hymnal is one dollar.

We are glad that Mabel Massey was able to return to college in Greensboro after the holidays. She was operated on in Roanoke Rapids hospital during the early part of her vacation.

Mrs. S. E. Crew, who has been a patient at Stuart Circle hospital in Richmond, Va., for the past two weeks, is at home convalescing nicely.

MRS. R. M. ROBINSON.

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Caroleen, Rev. Herbert D. Garmon, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointments here last Sunday and delivered two fine messages. There was a good crowd present for both services. Our Sunday school attendance averages about 203.

We are proud to report our church service of two weeks ago Sunday (our preaching services are every other Sunday). Our pastor (whom we thank God for sending us) brought two wonderful messages. At the morning service one soul found Christ, and at the evening service one was reclaimed. We are so thankful for messengers and messages that stir the hearts of sinners at each and every service.

There is still fine interest in our mid-week prayer services as we make a study of the Book of Acts. We are proud of our Christian Endeavor societies, both Junior and Senior. There are about 40 on roll in each society. We are still working for more and greater things.

LOIS HOLLIFIELD, Reporter.

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Pleasant Hill, Spring Church Charge, J. E. Garlington, Pastor.—It is somewhat late for Christmas news, but anyway, here it is.

On Friday night before Christmas a short program was given by the C. E. society, folowed by a Christmas tree. The society remembered a needy family with a very substantial Christmas box, and presented the church with a much-needed set of stage curtains. We appreciate the help of Mrs. J. W. Medlin and Mrs. M. L. Crew in getting and making the curtains.

On Sunday night, December 25, a pageant, "The Heart of Christmas," in which about 20 young people took part, was presented. The pageant was unusually good, and the audience unusually large. The offering was $8.00.

Our birthday offering for the past year amounted to about $9.00, which, combined with the Thanksgiving and regular monthly offerings, made a total of $31 contributed to the Children's Home since conference.

First quarterly conference met on December 31, at which time Mr. Garlington explained the purpose of the World Service budget, and the importance of raising it in full this year. As a result, since then $50 has been pledged on the budget, and we hope the entire amount of $102 can be raised at an early date.

We are hoping to present our Young People's program on Sunday night, January 29, using the pageant, "Shrines."

We enjoyed having Mr. Garlington in the community during the holidays. He gave us two good sermons while he was here.

Mrs. Rose Crew, who has been ill since the last of November, is slightly improved.

REPORTER.

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Mt. Zion Church, Pinnacle Charge, Rev. J. D. Morris, Pastor.—We are beginning a new year, hoping that many have made the resolution to get the most out of it by attending church and helping build up God's Kingdom.

We were sorry our pastor could not fill his regular appointment with us last Sunday. Rev. Mr. Presnel of Pilot Mountain delivered the sermon to us at the 11 o'clock service.

Our collection for the Children's Home was $3.08. We had good attendance. We have 84 on roll now and are praying that more will join in with us each Sunday.

We are hoping that by God's help this will be the most successful year we have ever had.

REPORTER.

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Pine Grove Church, Kernersville - South Winston Charge.—Due to the fact that our pastor cannot be with us on the last Sunday of this month, Young People's Day was observed at our church yesterday. The program, as arranged by Rev. F. L. Gibbs, was carried out. Mr. H. G. Easley of Burlington, a talented musician, was present and furnished special music and sang a solo. The Pine Grove quartet, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ingram, Ned Ingram, and Fred Dillon, sang. Young people and members of our church also sang, with Miss Peggy Beeson at the piano. A splendid sermon was preached by our pastor, Rev. C. B. Way. The message was very appropriate on Paul's advice to young Timothy, "Let no man despise thy youth." Both Sunday school and church services were well attended.

We were sorry to learn of the illness of one of our loyal members, Miss Sally Barrow. We missed her at church service and wish for her a speedy recovery.

Our church house has received a new coat of paint, and part of it the second coat, but the painters have been held up because of weather conditions.

The Ladies' Aid met at the church Saturday afternoon. After a short devotional program, business was taken up. Mrs. Allen Warren was elected corresponding secretary. The president, Mrs. Ned Ingram, then appointed the members of the program, prayer, and flower committees. An open discussion followed. It was decided that an outstanding need we could supply was a new carpet for the pulpit, and plans were formed to raise the money needed. The next regular meeting will be at the home of one of the members on Friday evening, February 17. After the program of this meeting there will be an auction sale to sell articles made and donated by the members.

MRS. RALPH FULP, Reporter.

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Pleasant Hill Church, Rev. G. B. Ferree, Pastor.—It scarcely seems possible that we are well on our way into a new year, the last as a separate denomination.

We were deeply impressed with the message presented by our pastor Sunday, it being the first of the new year.

The Woman's Auxiliary met last week, with 14 members and four visitors present. They contributed to the payment for the church roof. Two more subscriptions for the Missionary Record were added to the present list.

The Young People's society meets on fourth Sundays immediately after Sunday school. Miss Lena Hunter directs these meetings.

We are very sorry to report the illness of Mr. W. A. Long, also Mr. R. J. Whitman. We sincerely wish for them a speedy recovery.

Ralph Ferree, son of Rev. and Mrs. Ferree, and a student at High Point College, spent the week-end with his parents.

MILNA LONG, Reporter.

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Fairview Church, Rev. Joe Coble, Pastor.—Since there has not been a report this year from this church, we are glad to say that the work is porgressing nicely under the leadership of our new pastor. We are very happy to welcome him and his wife into our church and community, and feel sure that we are going to have a good year together.

The various organizations of the church are showing much interest at this time. Our C. E. society is very active and is doing a great work; also our auxiliary is doing good work. We are planning to make a quilt, to be sold to raise funds for the various causes needed.

The first quarterly conference met in the Haw River M. P. church on January 1. Many new plans were suggested at this meeting for the year.

The attendance in our Sunday school and church services is very good, and we are earnestly hoping that this will continue all through the year, and that through our prayers and efforts we will accomplish great things this year.

MRS. CLARENCE RUDD, Reporter.

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Mizpah, Haw River Charge, Dr. C. W. Bates, Pastor.—I appreciate the honor my church has bestowed upon me and hope to fulfill my duties to the best of my ability.

It seems many of our people must have made a new year's resolution to attend church better in 1939. Anyway, we are delighted to have our old ones and the new ones in the community to attend our church services.

We have learned to love our pastor and family. He filled his appointment Sunday and preached a most helpful and appropriate sermon on the subject, "Hands That Pray." Throughout the discourse he made it very plain the essentials necessary in answered prayer.

The committee appointed for the special services throughout the year have already begun to function; the first being the Christmas service which was very sweet for the occasion. The program for Young People's Day is being prepared. All other activities of the church are functioning properly.

We feel the prayers of many of our people are being answered since our co-worker, Mrs. H. G. Jones, who has been sick for quite a while, seems to be so much better. We trust God will soon restore her to her health.

We hope to cooperate with our pastor in every way possible to make this a successful year for our church.

Our pastor has been appointed subscription "booster" for the church paper, so please help him by sending in your subscriptions. Thanks.

LALALEA STEWART, Reporter.

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Friendship Church, Fallston Charge.—A large crowd attended Sunday school this third Sunday with 117 present and 4 visitors. The following people have attended Sunday school every Sunday in 1938: Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Richards, Vera and Irene Richards, J. D. Coolidge, Wayne Bingham, R. L. Leonhardt, Jr., and Nancy, Madeline and Hubert Wright.

Rev. Mr. Hethcox took his text from Revelations 2:17, and gave to us an inspiring message concerning repentance. At the close of the services a short business meeting was called by the building committee with the pastor in charge. This committee wants the main part of the basement finished. In order to do this we must all help. The members might give trees for lumber, money or labor. A committee consisting of Mrs. A. A. Lackey, Mr. Johnny Lewis, and Mr. Gettys Bingham was appointed to canvass the members for the materials needed. Mr. C. A. Wright, a member of the building committee, has volunteered to take the responsibility for seeing that it is finished when the materials have been given. We want soon to have the church dedicated.

There will be a union Sunday school of the two churches of Fallston the fifth Sunday, followed by Communion services. The fifth Sunday district rally will be held at Moriah church.

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College Street, Littleton Charge, D. D. Broome, Paster.—We have started our new year with a willing mind and have resolved to accomplish much within the year. The Ladies' Auxiliary met at the parsonage with Rev. and Mrs. D. D. Broome at our last meeting. The meeting was called to order by our president, Mrs. Sallie Williams, and Mrs. D. D. Broome had charge of the program for the evening. A song, "He Leadeth Me," was sung at the opening, and Mr. D. D. Broome led in prayer. Mrs. Broome gave an interesting talk on China, and others added information on the subject that was discussed. At the close of the program, business discussion began. The treasurer gave a summary of the auxiliary treasury and a statement of what had been spent during the month. Arrangements were made to pay our bills, and so we started out with a clean sheet for a new year ahead. The meeting was closed by sentence prayers, after which a delicious plate, consisting of fruit salad on lettuce, crackers, home-made candy, and orange juice, was served.

The Sunday school increased in number last Sunday. We are hoping to have a larger school this year than last year.

We are sorry not to have Mr. Tasker Williams with us now in our work. He has gone to Richmond, and we miss him very much.

Our pastor has filled all his regular appointments, and we are given an extra service on the first Sunday night.

ANNIE PERKINSON, Reporter.

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Saxapahaw Charge, M. C. Henderson, Pastor.—This being our first report since coming to this work, we hardly know where to begin. We are comfortably located in the parsonage, and are looking forward to a good year. We have been cordially received by these good people. They have remembered us with many useful gifts. From Concord church came a nice pounding. For all this we are thankful; may we show our appreciation by giving them our very best service during the year.

Our first quarterly conference was held at the Saxapahaw church December 17, with all the churches represented and the business transacted harmoniously. All the churches have accepted their budget in full.

On the fifth Sunday afternoon of this month the district rally will meet with us at the Salem church, and we are hoping that all the churches will be represented.

PASTOR.

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Maple Springs Church, Forsyth Charge.—The first quarterly conference of the charge was held at this church the second Sunday afternoon with a very large attendance. Rev. R. A. Hunter presided. An address was given by Rev. J. L. Trollinger, pastor of the First church in Winston-Salem. After the meeting everyone adjourned to the basement and enjoyed sugar cake and coffee.

The Ladies' Auxiliary met this month with Miss Elsie Baity. Mrs. A. C. Motsinger was in charge of the devotionals. Two interesting readings were given, as follows: "Christian Unity in India," by Mrs. R. A Hunter; and "Interdenominational Fellowship Projects in India," by Mrs. Baucom Mrs. Ira Baity conducted the Question Box, and Miss Myrtle Kiger closed the program with prayer for the Christians and missionaries in India.

During the business session it was decided to have a chicken pie and oyster supper at the church on February 11.

Our pastor, Rev. R. A. Hunter, filled his regular appointment last Sunday evening and brought us an inspiring message.

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Seagrove, Seagrove-Love Joy Charge.—Our pastor, Rev. J. H. Trolinger, filled his regular appointment Sunday at 11 a.m. He delivered an interesting message, full of inspiration and spirituality. Communion service was held and a large part of the congregation partook.

Our Sunday school is growing steadily. New members are added each Sunday. A contest is being carried on and the Sunday school is divided into two parts, the Blues and the Reds. James Auman and Wade Harris are the captains. At the close of this quarter the side having the best attendance and getting the most new members will be entertained by the losing side.

Our Christian Endeavor is increasing in membership, and interest seems to be also growing. A business meeting was held Saturday night, January 7, in the basement of the church. New officers were elected, as follows: L. A. King, superintendent; James Auman, president, and Vera Williams, secretary. After the business session, games were played by the young people and refreshments were served.

A Christmas program was held in our church on Friday night before Christmas. The program was in charge of Mrs. James Green, Mrs. A. C. Harris, and Mrs. D. J. Johnson. A large number of presents were exchanged, and every member of the Sunday school and everyone present received a bag of fruit, candy, raisins, etc.

A watch night service was held in the basement to watch the old year out and the new one in. Refreshments were served and an impressive service was held conducted by our pastor.

Our December meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary met with Mrs. W. V. Redding. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments served. The January meeting met with Mrs. Clyde Russell. Nearly all members were present. One new member was added to our number. Refreshments were served. The next meeting will be with Mrs. W. P. Strider. Pray for us that we may do more for the Master tihs year than ever before.

MRS. NOAH WILLIAMS, Reporter.

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Kernersville Ladies' Aid Circle, Jan. 23.—The January meeting of Circle No. 1 of the M. P. Ladies' Aid society of Kernersville was held at the home of Mrs. J. S. Linville. Rev. C. B. Way, pastor, led the prayer immediately following the reading of a chapter from St. Matthew by Miss Rose Linville.

A feature of the program was the singing of "My Grandfather's Clock" by Miss Louise Way and brother, C. B. Way, Jr. Miss Mamie Bull, vice-president, had charge of the business program in the absence of the president, Mrs. J. W. Corum. Reports were made by the secretary, Mrs. C. B. Way, and the treasurer, Mrs. A. N. Linville. Plans were discussed for the purchase of new chairs for the church choir.

Mrs. Linville was assisted by her daughter, Miss Rose Linville, in serving refreshments. In addition to the members, four visitors were present. The February meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Jack Watkins.

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Bethesda, North Davidson, O. B. Williams, Pastor.—The Ladies' Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Enzer Latham, with Mrs. Ray Lillien and Mrs. Ruth Everhart as joint hostesses. The meeting was opened by singing. Prayer by pastor. Scripture by Miss Mildred Latham. Meditation by the president, Mrs. C. M. Yokley. Roll call and minutes read by Miss Doris Brinkley. Poems by Misses Lila Mae Latham and Doris Brinkley. Rev. Mr. Williams made a short but interesting talk on Missions. Mrs. Williams gave a brief report on the quarterly meeting held at Lexington. We decided to use the Blue Plate as a way to raise some money for the coming year.

After the business, two short contests were held, Mrs. S. R. Wagner and Miss Doris Brinkley winning prizes. Delicious refreshments were served to the following: Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Williams, Mesdames C. M. Yokley, S. R. Wagner, R. L. Grubb, John Brinkley, Henry Sowers, June Everhart, Ray Latham, Clayton Hinkle, Mary Lanier, Enzer Latham, J. O. Everhart, and Misses Virginia Wagner, Lila Mae and Mildred Latham, and Doris Brinkley.

The Workers' Council held a fellowship meeting at the church, with the pastor present. Plans were made to get in touch with every church member during the year. A corresponding secretary is to be elected by the church.

MRS. J. O. EVERHART, Reporter.

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New Salem, Randleman Charge, Rev. C. L. Spencer, Pastor.—This is our first report this conference year. I will say we were all very glad to have our pastor return. We trust we can show Rev. and Mrs. Spencer our great appreciation for their wonderful and untiring work in our church.

It is a bit late to refer to Christmas, but we feel the Christmas program should be mentioned. We gave our Christmas program Saturday night, December 24. This was one of the best programs ever given at our church. We appreciate the splendid work the young people did in making this program a success.

We are glad to report that one of our members, Mr. E. L. Hayes, who has been very ill at the home of his daughter, is improving. We miss him in our church work and hope he will soon be able to come back.

Miss Isabelle Ward has been confined to her home this week with flu. Mr. C. B. Hinshaw, who has been sick for some time, is able to be out gain, we are glad to report.

We as a church extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. M. A. Fogleman, who has just recently lost his brother.

Miss Eva Brown, of Gadsden, Ala., is spending some time here visiting her sister, Mrs. E. C. Hinshaw.

MRS. R. F. WARD, Reporter.

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Christian Endeavor Society of Vickery Church.—There has not been a report from our society for a long time, but we are still having our meetings. We have made a new year's resolution to have better attendance and better programs. We began an attendance contest on the second Sunday night of the year. We have 47 on roll and had 33 members present on that night. Mildred Kirkman, the leader for the night, read the scripture, after which we were led in prayer by Bessie Mae Willard. Fleta Mae and Lois Hahn sang a special song. We had as our speaker Miss Marks, a teacher from Sumner school, who made us an interesting talk on the subject, "How We Got Our Bible." At the close of the program Emily and Carolyn Kirkman rendered a special song.

Our most interesting program was held on January 15. Esther Marsh, as leader for the night, was fortunate enough to get Professor Byron Crouse, a man who has had the recent privilege of traveling around the world doing missionary work. He is also a very good singer and favored us with a solo. He made a very interesting talk, the subject being "Your Life Is Not Your Own." I am sure we all enjoyed his splendid talk as well as his singing. At the close we were led in prayer by Mr. Crouse.

After the program we had a business meeting at which Mr. Frazier, a representative from the City Union of Greensboro, made us a brief talk and asked us to join the City Union. We accepted the invitation and will be voted in at the next rally meeting. We are very proud of our attendance and wish to welcome everyone to our meetings. We were glad to have Fairfield C. E. society with us Sunday night. We are also glad to have Paul Armfield and Clifton Duncan back with us, as they have been sick for several weeks.

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Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant Charge, J. W. Braxton, Pastor.—Attendance at the Mt. Pleasant Sunday school for the fourth Sunday was 193. Plans are being made to observe Young People's Day at the 11 o'clock service on the fifth Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Braxton is giving a series of Sunday evening lectures with stereopticon slides at the church, which is being enjoyed by all.

The Business Girls' Circle met at the home of Mrs. Louise Shoffner on Saturday night, January 21. Mrs. Grace Stafford read the scripture, with Mrs. Virgie Amick leading in prayer. Special music was furnished by Mrs. Rebecca Alexander. The topic was "Home Evangelism in China," and was discussed by Mrs. Nellie Curtis. After the business session the hostess served delicious refreshments.

The regular auxiliary meeting was held Sunday morning, January 22, after the Sunday school hour.

Miss Elaine Causey, from Greensboro College, spent the week-end at her home, and had as guests Miss Thelma Loftin, Miss Frances Lister, Miss Elizabeth McCall, and Miss Josephine Corbett, all students at the college. We have several new faces who have joined our Sunday school. We welcome all these new members and visitors.

This writer had the privilege to visit and worship with Shiloh Presbyterian members on the third Sunday. The message of the morning was brought by Dr. E. E. Gillispie, superintendent of Synod's Mission Home.

Mr. Tilden Shoffner, who has been ill for some time, was moved to Piedmont Memorial hospital Sunday night. Miss Jauncie Smith at the same hospital is quite ill at this time. Mrs. Underwood, mother of Mrs. R. C. Causey, is also a patient at this hospital. We wish for them all a speedy recovery.

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Bethel, Alamance Charge, Dr. Geo. R. Brown, Pastor.—Our work has started off fine for the new conference year. We are glad to welcome our new pastor and his wife to Alamance charge. May we support them by our prayers, our contributions, our cooperation, and our presence at church services. Dr. Brown has filled all his regular appointments and Mrs. Brown conducted our fall thank-offering service at Bethel. Our Woman's Auxiliary is indeed fortunate to have Mrs. Brown to assist us in our missionary work.

We have a wide-awake Sunday school which is doing good work. Officers have been elected as follows: Superintendent, Lonnie McPherson; assistant superintendent, William Seawell; secretary, Miss Nannie McJherson; assistant secretary, Miss Sadie McPherson. We had a beautiful Christmas service and tree the night before Christmas. Also the teacher of the mothers' class, Mrs. Lonnie McPherson, entertained her class at her home during Christmas one day. About 45 ladies enjoyed her hospitality and the beautiful program she had arranged.

We were glad to have a number of the young people with us at church during the holidays.

Our Auxiliary held its regular meeting the second Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. M. Foust. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Braxton Bivens the second Sunday in February.

Our district rally will be held at Salem church on Saxapahaw charge next Sunday afternoon, January 29. We hope Bethel church and all others in the district will be well represented.

At our next preaching service the Lord's Supper will be observed.

MARCIA FOUST, Reporter.

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Seagrove-Love Joy Charge, James H. Trolinger, Pastor.—This charge consists of five churches, Seagrove, Love Joy, Fairgrove, Pleasant Hill, and Macedonia. Love Joy and Macedonia are in Montgomery county; the other three are in Randolph county. We have here some big-hearted people at all these churches.

To say that we have been pounded is not enough, but when we say that Fairgrove pounded, Seagrove pounded and just keeps pounding, and then Pleasant Hill pounded, I am sure you will know that space would not permit us telling of the three; and then Love Joy people have been on the giving hand, and just the other day Brother Noah Williams of Seagrove church sent over a nice truck load of wood; and this is not the first wood he has sent to the parsonage since our coming.

We feel that the people have been very nice to us, and we want to say Thank you, and we just pray the dear Lord to richly bless you all.

JAMES H. TROLINGER.

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Corinth, Littleton Charge, D. D. Broome, Pastor.—Our Sunday school is still moving on. We hope to have better attendance since several new families have moved into the community.

Our pastor has filled all appointments at this church. We were glad to have visitors from Littleton and Hawkins Chapel on the third Sunday night, and we hope they will come again.

We regret very much to lose Mr. W. I. Porter and family from our church. They moved to Vaughan and took their letter with them. They wil be missed in the church and community.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Morris celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on January 16. If I make no mistake, Mr. Morris is the oldest member of this church, and he is one of the most faithful members we have, always present and on time at church service and Sunday school, if he did have to walk a mile and a half to get there. He has attended Sunday school at this church since a small boy, and has always stood by his church and pastor. The preacher always found a warm welcome in his home. Our church is proud of this good member, and we wish we had more like him. He and his companion have raised 11 children, all living, and at one time they all belonged to Corinth church; but moving and going to other places to live, they moved their membership. Mrs. Morris is a member of Hawkins Chapel church. Mr. and Mrs. Morris are living at the same place they started out together 50 years ago.

Our sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Pearce in the loss of their infant son on January 7. He was buried in the church cemetery on January 8.

MRS. B. F. MORRIS, Reporter.

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Whitakers Church, Rev. W. L. Loy, Pastor.—We haven't had a report since conference. However, we are still alive and holding our own. We gave our new pastor a little get-together meeting and all seemd to enjoy it. We think he is taking very well with the people generally.

Christmas night we had a program of readings and songs, with a contribution which was given to the two orphanages, the M. E. and our Children's Home. We have a fairly good Sunday school attendance, could do better. Our auxiliary is doing well, good attendance and interest. We are expecting to observe Young People's Day the fifth Sunday morning at the Sunday school hour. We have had some sick ones for a while, but are glad to report they are better now.

We will hold our first quarterly conference the third Sunday in February.

REPORTER.

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Clark's Chapel, Weaverville Charge.—You have not heard from us since conference, and the reporter pleads guilty to the charge of negligence, but pledges more faithfulness to the discharge of the duties of his office in the future.

We are grateful to have Rev. W. C. Clark return to us again for the third year. Mr. Clark is doing a wonderful work on this charge, and was rewarded by a rich harvest of fruit for his labors by having the pleasure of carrying a "paid in full" record for the entire charge with him to conference last year. This record has not been paralleled for several years, therefore we are indeed very thankful, and we are praying that we may be able to reach even a higher goal this year.

The pastor has favored us with preaching services on the second Sunday night and the fourth Sunday morning each month. He delivered a very earnest and influencing sermon the fourth Sunday morning on the vital problem of fighting the move to vote legalized liquor stores back in our county. This move is to be put to a vote in the very near future, and he pointed out that it is not only the duty of the churches but of the entire citizenship of this county to defeat this issue.

Our Sunday school, with a few exceptions, reelected the same officers and teachers for this year, and we are very proud to report that the Sunday school has had the best average attendance so far this winter that we have had in a number of years; and we are sure that it will show a pleasing increase with the arrival of warm weather. We still have unoccupied seats in our church, though, and we request our fellow churches to join us in prayer that we may be able to reach out and fill these spaces from the vast number who are not affiliated with any church.

The organization in the near future of a Christian Endeavor society is planned for the young members of our church so that they may carry on their share of the good work in a service of their own.

JAMES R. CHEEK, Reporter.

Vickery Church, Guilford Charge, Joel B. Trogdon, Pastor.—Although we have not taken time to write, Vickery church has not been idle. The recently completed addition to our church building has been paid for and we are beginning a new year entirely out of debt. We have also bought a new Heatrola, and through the generosity of Miss Pearl Pentecost we have some new pulpit chairs.

Regular services were held at our church Sunday morning. Sunday school was at 10 o'clock, with 132 present. At the 11 o'clock service our pastor brought us a very inspiring message.

The Woman's Auxiliary will be with Mrs. George Osborne for the next meeting, Friday, January 27. The attendance has not been as good as we would like during the winter months, but we are expecting a better attendance as the weather improves.

The Christian Endeavor society gave a very interesting program last Sunday night with Miss Esther Marsh as leader. Prof. J. Byron Crouse, of Wilmore, Ky., furnished special music and gave a very interesting talk. Professor Crouse is a very capable speaker and has been in 30 different countries singing and preaching.

It was decided last Sunday that we would observe Young People's Day the fifth Sunday of this month.

FLETA MAE HOHN, Reporter.

Central Church, Asheboro, S. W. Taylor, Pastor.—Our work has started well for the new year, and we are moving along with encouraging trends. Thanksgiving and Christmas were duly observed with appropriate services, and with the usual offerings for the Children's Home.

Our first quarterly conference, held December 8, attended to all routine business, including the adoption of the budget, set up by the stewards, of $4,670. All general and annual conference budgets were accepted, and an Appreciation Year committee appointed for the local church. Our monthly church paper, "The Messenger," was ordered continued. "Loyalty Day" was observed December 18, with good results. Slightly more than $2,000 was subscribed by 111 members. The stewards are still working, and other members are subscribing. An interesting and pleasing "Watch Night" service was observed in the social room of the church December 31, from 10 to 12 o'clock, with quite a number present.

We are now planning for Young People's Day, to be observed on the fifth Sunday in this month, January 31. "Shrines," a chancel drama, will be the chief feature of the night service. We are also planning our annual Bible Sunday, which will be observed February 12, second Sunday. Dr. P. E. Lindley will be our speaker for the morning hour. We are trying to make much of this service. Magnifying the Bible is big business.

There is increasing sentiment among our people for improving our church building, especially our Sunday school housing. Some steps are being taken in that direction, but nothing definite has yet been done. Such movements require time. Among other gratifying aspects of our work here there is to be noted the splendid interest on the part of our young people. We have a fine group in that class, and they are making a very encouraging and worth-while contribution to our work. A Junior C. E. society is in contemplation, and we hope to have it going very soon. The Asheboro church has a great opportunity. The fields are white unto the harvest, and we are hoping and praying that God may use us in a great reaping.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Burkhead have our deep sympathy in the recent passing of Mrs. Burkhead's father, Mr. A. C. Cox, and likewise, Mrs. Eunice L. Hayworth, in the passing, yesterday, of her sister, Mrs. J. P. Phillips. We pray God's comforting mercies upon them. We are also deeply concerned for Dr. Soady because of painful hurts received on Christmas Sunday in an automobile accident, while he and his son, "Ted," were on their way to Canada. "Ted" was only slightly hurt. The Doctor is gradually improving, and will no doubt be well soon. He is still practicing, despite the fact that one foot is in a cast.

S. W. TAYLOR.

Fountain Place, Burlington, R. E. L. Moser, Pastor.—Since this is the first report from Fountain Place since conference, I wish to say that we are very happy to have Mr. and Mrs. Moser come to our work for another year. In the past two years we have enjoyed working with them and hope we may be just as happy and able to accomplish more this year.

In the fall the Ladies' Auxiliary held an interesting thank-offering porgram, at which time a good offering was received. During the last few months there seems to be a decided increase in interest in the auxiliary work, due largely, I think, to the enthusiasm and efforts of the president, Mrs. M. P. Nicholson. The budget is paid up to date and some has been paid on the local building fund. Plans are being made to plant shrubbery on the church grounds. The December meeting of this society was especially well attended. Nineteen were present at the home of Mrs. Burke Baliff. After a Christmas program and business meeting, Pollyanna gifts were exchanged from a beautifully decorated Christmas tree, and the hostess gave each person present a treat. In January the meeting was held at the new home of Mrs. T. A. Amick.

At Thanksgiving Fountain Place Sunday school sent an offering of over $100 to the Children's Home. This offering included a good donation of material from the local plaid mill for the Home.

At Chirstmas the Ladies' Auxiliary gave Christmas cheer to an elderly lady who, having no family of her own, lives in the home of friends and was in need of clothing. The Annie Forest Bible class, Mrs. J. W. Sharpe, teacher, gave Christmas happiness to a needy family, consisting of a mother and four children. Clothing, food, bedding, and toys were given.

Thursday night, December 22, a Christmas get-together was held for the entire church. Christmas carols were sung, and devotions led by the pastor; then Dr. T. M. Johnson, who was visiting in the community, reviewed in his interesting manner "The Other Wise Man." After more Christmas carols were sung, the group went into the recreation room, where fruit was served and Santa Claus gave each child his treat from the Sunday school.

The Junior Christian Endeavor society invited their parents and friends to a candle light Christmas service in their room Sunday evening, December 18. A Christian Endeavor prayer meeting was held around an open fireplace where embers glowed and the candle light, Christmas tree, and other decorations made the scene a beautiful one. These Juniors have recently held a contest in which Lucy Nicholson was winner. They are making other plans for the near future.

In recent months three newcomers have come into our midst: to Mr. and Mrs. James Parrott, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Steele, a son, and to Rev. and Mrs. R. E. L. Moser, a son.

Fountain Place church plans to celebrate Young People's Day the last Sunday in this month.

MRS. A. V. AMICK, Reporter.

West End Church, Greensboro.—A Fellowship meeting was held and a "potluck" supper served last Friday night. The attendance was very good, and all appeared to enjoy the occasion, even the women who did all the work.

There has been quite a bit of sickness in the congregation this winter. Among the number is our superannuated preacher, Mr. W. D. Reed, and Mrs. Reed. Both are improving, we are glad to learn.

Three new members were added to the church last Sunday.

The Board of Stewards is planning to enlist more of the members in tithing by making February Tithing or Loyalty month.

Miss Gladys Routh is chairman of the committee to arrange for the observance of Young People's Day. General superintendent of the Sunday school, Brother J. Norman Wills, is alert in trying to keep the departments all functioning normally.

Moriah, Rev. J. Leo Pittard, Pastor.—We are glad to report a good start for the new calendar year. Our attendance has been good for both Sunday school and church services.

Our Christian Endeavor is doing fine. Twenty-two of the members attended the quarterly meeting of the Grensboro Union on January 17 at 7:30 at West End church. A very good meeting was held, after which there was a social hour. Our hats are off to West End. We had a grand time.

Our pastor has been bringing us some wonderful sermons this year. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was held on January 8. This was a very impressive service and we had a very unusual attendance.

The first Sunday in February we are having Young People's Day. A special program is being arranged, and we are expecting a good crowd at our 11 o'clock service, at which time Mr. Pittard will bring us a message suitable to the occasion.

The Ladies' Auxiliary met with Mrs. C. E. Moser the last Friday in December. We had a good meeting, and during the social hour Mrs. Moser served coffee with fruit cake.

Three cheers to our pastor for his help and guidance. We have the mortgage paid off our parsonage and, too, it has been redecorated on the inside and painted outside.

February and March have been set aside as tithing months. Let us hope this works so well we will keep it up.

The senior Bible class met with Miss Kate Kirkman and her brother, A. V., Jr., on the last Saturday night in December. After the business session a social hour was enjoyed by all.

The junior Bible class had a Christmas and New Year's party on the last Wednesday night in December at the N. C. club house. We are proud of these young people. We know, though they be young today, they will be the backbone of our church tomorrow.

I wonder if everybody is enjoying the little book, "The Upper Room," as much as I am. Our pastor passed but 25 of these the first Sunday in the year, and I for one will not be without one from now on.

A few of our members have been quite ill, but we are glad to report some improvement. Our fervent prayers and earnest sympathies are offered in their behalf.

MRS. W. A. SHERRILL, Reporter.

First M. P. Church, Gibsonville.—We were appointed to this charge just before Christmas by the conference president. We moved into the parsonage on December 22, and were just in time to participate in the Christmas festivities. To add to the Christmas joys of the pastor and his family, the good folks of the church gave them, among other things, a substantial pounding, consisting of many good things to eat. Since arriving here the folks in Gibsonville have been very gracious to us.

The work in the church is progressing in a favorable manner, with the church services and Sunday school being well attended. The Christian Endeavor, with new officers recently elected, is growing in interest and showing an increase in attendance from Sunday to Sunday.

The first quarterly conference meeting was held Friday evening, January 20, with the pastor in charge.

We are looking forward to a profitable stay, in working with our co-laborers in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

CHARLES E. ANDERSON.

Hope Church, Siler City Charge, Rev. A. M. Smith, Pastor.—A very interesting knowledge came to me a few days ago when I received a renewal from Mrs. John G. Hanner, that I wanted to pass on to the readers of the Herald. Mrs. Hanner has not been without the Herald since it began being published, which is a period of over 30 years. She is one of the oldest living members of Hope church, joining in early womanhood after her marriage to the late Mr. Hanner. In early girlhood she joined an M. E. church in this section. For the past few years she has not been able to attend regularly, but in prayer, thought, financial aid, and loyal devotion, she is one of the most faithful. The activities of the church are always an interest to her, and her support to any worth-while cause is always given.

Mrs. Hanner is to be congratulated on her loyal Christian devotion and her devotion to the Herald. Her many friends wish her a long and happy life in the beautiful service of the Lord she is now living.

The regular first Sunday appointment will be filled by the pastor. May we have a large number of members and friends to enjoy another of his wonderful messages.

Clayton Blair, who suffered a head injury some time ago, is able to be out again.

LUCY JONES, Reporter.

Pine Bluff Church, Rev. C. G. Isley, Pastor.—Perhaps it would be of interest to the young people of the other churches to know how the young people of our church carry out their Christian Endeavor work or our Bible study, as we call it. We first started our work by selecting some book in the Bible, and then the leader assigning one chapter of the book to each person who was willing to take the chapter, read it and study it, and then explain it to the group the next Sunday. We always hold each study after Sunday school each first and third Sundays, as we do not have preaching service on these Sundays.

Then after studying a few different books, not only did the young people take a great interest in the work, but also the older folks began to take a part in our study. So now in the Bible study the older folks take a part just like the young people. So by this work we are all learning more about the Bible.

CLIFFORD BARBEE, Reporter.

Union Chapel, Granville Charge.—Rev. Mr. Pegg has been filling all of his regular appointments with very interesting and helpful messages each time. Last Sunday being time for the regular Communion service, he brought a splendid sermon appropriate for that occasion.

The parsonage aid met with Mrs. Pegg last Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock with about 20 present.

The Woman's Auxiliary will meet with Mrs. J. W. Floyd on next Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. We are hoping for a good attendance.

We are sorry to report several of our faithful women on the sick list—Miss Emily Floyd, Mrs. J. F. White, and Miss R. M. Edwards. We hope for them a speedy recovery.

MRS. E. C. HUFF, Reporter.

Liberty Hill Church, Anderson Charge, Dr. T. M. Johnson, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment last Sunday morning, January 22. We were very glad to have with us at this service Dr. Sam Taylor. He brought us a very inspiring message and used as his text, "The Lord has need of him." The pastor was not with us on Sunday night, as he wished to be with Dr. Taylor at Fairview church on this same charge.

The Young People's Day program is to be used at our church this year. We are now making preparations for the program. We hope the drama will leave a lasting impression on the listeners.

The Ladies' Aid held their monthly meeting Sunday night. We think the ladies have done good to our church, and may God richly bless their work and each one that helps in the progress of God's work.

On the 19th of this month we were honored with the presence of the Church of God quartet of Granville. They rendered several messages in song. The audience was blessed spiritually by their gospel singing.

We still have a large attendance at our Sunday school. We only hope this will continue.

The regular monthly class meeting of the Willing Workers class will be held on February 9 at the home of Mrs. W. T. Jackson.

We ask each one that prays to be much in prayer for our church and our work. We will certainly pray for God to bless His work everywhere.

MRS. HORTENSE SMITH, Reporter.

Midway, Haw River Circuit, Dr. C. W. Bates, Pastor.—Our work at this place continues to move along very successfully. Our Sunday school numbered 106 yesterday, and all teachers and officers seem to be interested in their work. Dr. Bates' subject for the morning was "The Law of Liberty." This was a good sermon, and was enjoyed by all.

The second Sunday in February at 10 a.m., Dr. Bates will preach a special sermon to the young people, and the third Sunday night we will have a young people's program. We hope all our young people will feel interested in these services.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will meet February 5th just after Sunday school.

We hope that this year will be a prosperous year to every Christian in the North Carolina conference. Pray for us.

MRS. G. W. APPLE, Reporter.

Community Church, Thomasville. — Community church plans to observe Young People's Day next Sunday in every service of the day. In the evening there will be a Youth Rally at the church in the form of a fellowship lunch at 6 p.m. Every youth in the church is being sent a special invitation to be present. Then at 7:15 in the auditorium there will be a special program by the young people, to which every member of the church and Sunday school is invited. $100 has been set as the goal for our offering. This gives every member of the church a share in this day.

On Saturday morning of last week, the members of the church who knew Mrs. Elmore Potts (Miss Louise Perry) were saddened when they learned that Mr. Potts had suddenly died. Louise and the members of the family concerned have our deep sympathy.

Then again on Sunday morning we were told of the passing of Mrs. A. J. Rothrock of Winston-Salem, the only remaining sister of Mrs. C. M. Stone of our congregation. While we never knew Mrs. Rothrock, yet her faith in the closing scenes of her earthly life was an evidence of her devotion to God. Mrs. Stone and the other members of the family have the sympathy of the whole church in this hour.

The auxiliary met with the president, Mrs. J. R. Sechrest. They had a good program and much interest was shown in the plans for the raising of Community church's Appreciation Year apportionment.

J. CLYDE AUMAN.

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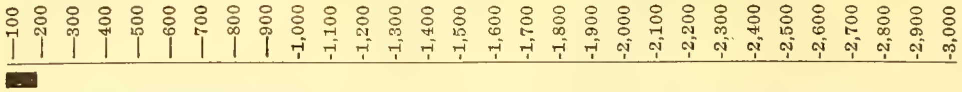

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The marriage of Miss Frances Sykes and Carr Terrell was solemnized on December 24 at 5:00 p. m. at the home of the bride in Mebane. Rev. C. P. Morris, pastor of both the bride and groom, officiated, using the ring ceremony.

Mrs. Terrell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Sykes of Mebane and is a member of Chestnut Ridge Church, Orange Charge. Mr. Terrell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Terrell of Mebane and is a member of Hebron Church, Orange Charge.

The ceremony was witnessed by Mrs. T. F. Sykes, Misses Gladys and Cornelia Sykes, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McDaniel, Miss Carmen Vaden, and Mrs. C. P. Morris. Immediately after the wedding the couple left for a honeymoon trip. Upon their return, they will be at home in Mebane.

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Christian Stewardship

Stewardship is the right attitude of a Christian towards his possessions. It has been called by some, the law of Christain living. It is the heart of Christian missions, the very soul of all altruistic enterprise. It grows out of our recognition of the Lord as the owner of all things of value, and of man as his steward to administer them for the glory of God in the upbuilding of the human race.

Every Christian will some time in his life answer the great question, "How much owest thou thy Lord?" For as a steward of his possessions and time; his privilege and opportunity, he will daily question his right to keep all he receives of the wealth of this world for his very own, and may have to decide whether since he is favored with health, friends, and opportunity for service, he can really be Christian and have no share in the extension of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The great compulsion of stewardship is love, not law, nor is it the desire to do as others do. The acts of the Christian steward are not changeful like the weather vane, he acts because he is loyal to his Lord and Master. A trustee is bound to be faithful by certain legal requirements, but the faithfulness of the Christian steward is prompted by love. Being God's representative he acts for Him as he disposes of his possessions.

To the Christian steward money can be converted into spiritual power. He knows that every dollar he holds represents that much time, skill, energy or self-sacrifice. It is to him, therefore a sacred trust, not to be dissipated. The Christian steward sees the power in money to heal the sick, to feed the hungry, to lift higher the standards of living, and even to preach the gospel to those who know it not. So the Christian steward makes money his servant, sends it out as his messenger of good cheer. It may reach many he has never known and he becomes a co-laborer with God. He may not be able to go as a missionary to a foreign country or to preach a sermon, but those he sends may carry the glad tidings to thousands because of his gifts.

Many hungry children may have bread because of him and may be clothed by his gifts whom he may never know in this life and they may rise up in heaven to thank him when he may say unto them in the language of the parable of our Lord, "When saw we thee and hungered and fed thee? or thirsty and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger and took thee in, naked and clothed thee?" Does not the present need of our Board of Missions challenge all of us? Can we better show our appreciation of our Church than by sharing with it the gifts God has given us? What we shall do for the Methodist Protestant Church must be speedily done. A few months and it will be no more. The call comes to us to show our appreciation of the services our boards of missions and education rendered by giving generously toward the liquidation of the debts incurred in keeping these phases of the work of the Church going on. Act, therefore, the part of the Christian steward, and give to World Service as you have been blessed.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The Meeting at Grace, February 20th

I am again calling attention to the Conference-wide meeting to be held at Grace church in Greensboro on Monday, February 20th, beginning at 1:30 o'clock and running through the afternoon service. Dr. J. H. Straughn, the President of the General Conference will be one of the speakers and in addition there will be several others. Next week I hope to give the names of the speakers and their subjects. This meeting is in the interest of the Appreciation Year Campaign but some of the subjects will deal with the past and the future of our Church. But right now, begin to make your plans to be at Grace that day, both ministers and laymen. The Executive Committee of the Conference Committee on Appreciation Year met at the President's parsonage today and plans were made to have both men and women on the program.

Many District Meetings

Last week when I read the HERALD I was particularly gratified to see that there were to be so many District Meetings on this past Sunday. In case any district did not have one I am urging that you do have one at an early date. When the Conference Committee met some time ago it was decided that the interest in the Appreciation Year work could best be promoted in District Meetings. Whenever these meetings are held I am sure there will be more interest. For the whole matter comes back to the problem of leadership. Where there are enthusiastic leaders there will be some willing laymen. So let the good work go on in the District meetings.

A Sunday On the Denton Charge

Last Sunday was spent on the Denton charge, Rev. G. L. Curry, pastor, the morning being given to Denton and the afternoon to Canaan. The weather Sunday morning was rather gloomy and rather threatening. This, it was thought, had some effect on the congregation. However, there was a fair sized congregation and these seemed to be interested. The Sunday school was in session when I arrived and it later reassembled enabling me to see something of the size of the school and the age of the pupils. I had visited this church at an evening service last year but had not been there for a morning service before. We have a splendid building in Denton and our church has always been one of the leading churches of the town. Recently the name Central has been given to the church, so they will have no difficulty in recognizing themselves from now on. This is Brother Curry's second year on this charge and he is very active in the work as he always is. Last Sunday being Young People's Day throughout the denomination, the printed bulletins sent out by that department were used. The offering was stressed as being a credit on the World Service Budget.

At the afternoon hour we found ourselves at Canaan Church. This church is something like five miles rather northeast of Denton and it is near the Randolph County line although the church is in Davidson County. This was my first visit to this church and for various reasons I was delighted to be there. There was a splendid congregation present with a high percentage of nice-looking young people. Since I had planned to preach to young people it pleased me much to have so many to preach to. Here also the programs sent out by the Board were used. There is always something interesting to me about going to a church for the first time. This church has the honor of being the home church of two of our most useful ministers, namely, Revs. C. E. and Atlas Ridge. For that reason I was delighted to be there. After the service Brother Curry was good enough to drive me past the homes where both of these men were brought up. I always feel like taking off my hat as I pass by the old home place where our ministers and missionaries and church workers were brought up. And I always thank God for the parents who were instrumental in directing the lives of their offspring into channels of service. I wish I could visit the old home place of all of our ministers. There is always something sacred about these old places. Well, it was good to be with Brother Curry and his good people and the day was all too short. Brother Curry is one of the hardest workers and one of the most likeable men we have.

A Memorial To Our Deceased Ministers

One thing which I meant to present to our recent conference but which I failed to do was to suggest that on Memorial Day this year a brief service to be held at the grave of all of our deceased ministers and that flowers be placed thereon. Having held a service for the past two years I know there is virtue in the idea. If the present pastor did not know the deceased and does not care to make any remarks he can get some one else to take this part. Some fine historical facts will be instilled into the younger generation by this method. And since this probably is our last year as a separate denomination it is especially appropriate that we do this as a part of our appreciation of our church and those who have made it possible. I expect to have more to say about this later and I trust that at our meeting at Grace on February 20th we may take some action that will get something started along this line. According to my way of thinking one of the signs of greatness is to see the good in others and to appreciate what others have done for us.

Raise Money for Delegate's Expenses

While we are thinking about raising World Service in full this year let us not forget to raise that fund for Delegate's Expenses to the Uniting Conference. It will be asking too much of these people to require them to pay their way to Kansas City and to bear their expenses after arriving there. If every charge will take some steps to raise this amount and send it to Treasurer Allen by April 10th it will be great.

Appointments

Sunday, February 5th, West Forsyth Charge, Stony Knoll at 9:45 a. m. and Baltimore at 11:15 a. m.

Sunday, February 12th, 11 a. m. Reidsville.

Sunday, February 19th, 2:30 p. m. Fairgrove church on the Seagrove-Love Joy charge in Appreciation Year Rally.

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A Message In Verse

"Go quickly." Not with angel host the glad commission lies;
'Tis thine the blessed news to bear.
Redeemed lips his love declare,
A joy with angels may not share,
The work is thine, Arise.
"Go quickly." Urgent is the call, it will not brook delay;
Go forth with loyal heart and brave,
Go tell them of the empty grave;
Go speed thee in the way.
Happy whoso Christ's word convey,
That He may meet them on their way.

—*Selected.*

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Punctuality is the soul of business as brevity is the soul of wit. —*O. S. Marden.*

By the street of by and by one arrives at the house of never.—*Cervantes.*

Whoever can make two ears of corn, two blades of grass to grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before, would deserve better of mankind and do more essential service to his country than the whole race of politicians put together.—*Swift.*

The secret of success in life is for a man to be ready for his opportunity when it comes.—*Disraeli.*

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We greatly appreciate the responses of pastors and Herald Agents to our SOS. Shiloh comes in with the largest contribution, twenty-five dollars this week. And Pastor Ridge sends us a very fine article on the Herald. Look at it and read it.

We hope our correspondents have been patient with us. We just received more reports, obituaries, marriage announcements and other contributions to our pages than we could handle. But we are catching up some this week and hope to publish those much delayed reports, etc. very soon.

The friends of Dr. Bethea will be glad to tune in on WWNC, Asheville, 10:45-11:00 a. m., February 6-10, Monday to Friday. He has charge of the regular morning devotions at that time for the days stated above.

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"Doing a Common Thing Uncommonly Well"

Several years ago J. D. Rockefeller, Jr. in speaking of the elements of success said, success largely consists in doing common things uncommonly well. I think you will agree that this is a splendid way to define success; or to state it differently, this is a sure way to win success. And yet for most people it is a very difficult thing to do. Common tasks do not make a very strong appeal to us. The average person wants to be challenged, to be summoned to try the impossible; to do what no one else has ever done. And this is what they call success. Naaman the leper in the days of the prophet Elisha was of that type. To dip his leprous body seven times in the river Jordan looked like a very common treatment for leprosy. He expected the prophet to come out to his chariot, to rub his hands over the sores and to speak some magic words, or to send him back to his own country there to perform a great task.

Our experience as a pastor is, that we had far too few church members who were willing to give their time and energy to the doing of some common task so completely that they did it uncommonly well. They were allured by a good set of new year resolutions, or a different program for worship or new plan for raising the church budget, but when it came to keeping the new year resolutions of church attendance, family prayers, visiting other church members, paying their assessment weekly, being present on time at the class of unruly boys fifty-two times a year; they failed to do these common things uncommonly well. They did not meet the conditions of success in the phases of church activities they had given themselves up to. We repeat, it is no easy thing to do common tasks uncommonly well, and yet the doing of them describes the difference between success and failure in the lives of many otherwise good people.

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Worship

Worship is the central act in the Christian religion. Its reach is from earth to heaven; like the ladder Jacob saw upon which angels ascending and descending brought comfort to his lonely soul. Worship holds the worshipper to God like gravity holds us to the earth. Worship renews the strength of the weary like the refreshing showers bring new life to the withering flower. Worship clarifies our understanding of truth and deepens our sense of responsibility to God and to man; it is only through the spirit of devotion that we feel most sensibly the presence of the Lord. Our souls are lifted by worship out of the miry ways of evil and we are placed upon the sure foundation of eternal life. Formal religion becomes real only through spiritual devotion. The prophet Isaiah called worship waiting upon the Lord, and declared that all such would renew their strength and mount up with wings like eagles; that they would run and not be weary and walk and not faint. Worship is to the soul what food is to the body and it is by this spiritual exercise that we grow in grace. ''Forsake not the assembling of yourselves as the manner of some is.''

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PRAYER

Create in us, O God, dreams of great things yet to be done and may neither cowardice nor timidity hold us back from the last full measure of devotion in order that our divinely inspired dreams may be realized. In the name of Christ. Amen. —*W. C. Covert.*

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To be content with little is difficult; to be content with much impossible.—*Proverbs.*

WITH THE POETS

Elizabeth Vera Idol

THE ROAD NOT TAKEN
AND
THE PASTURE

By Robert Frost

Many people today feel that the apparent formlessness and lack of conventional romanticism in most of the poetry written during the past quarter of a century take it out of the realm of truly great poetry. On the contrary, some of the poetry being written today is as great as has ever been written; but it is different. It sounds a new note; it manifests a new approach to life, but is that not to be expected? Life is not static; the old order must change and give place to the new. This is an age of realism and a new romanticism, and those poets who are writing worthwhile poetry during these days have caught and reflected these characteristics. Therefore in order to come to a real appreciation of the new poetry it is necessary for the reader to approach the poems with an understanding of this fact.

Robert Frost is one of the few American poets who stand at the top among the poets of past and present. One must understand the sturdy and rugged New England ancestry that has gone into the heritage of this man to obtain the greatest joy from what he writes. He and his poems are as much New England as the isolated farmhouses, the blueberries, the birches, or the stone walls, of which he writes, yet he is as universal in his description of these natural settings and his delineation of the characters who mave among them, as nature and humanity are universal. Louis Untermeyer says of him: ''Neighborliness is universalized and localism is a province of humanity.''

Most poets at some time and in some form, either in prose or verse, set forth their theories of what poetry means to them individually, and their aims for its meaning to their readers. In *The Road Not Taken,* used as the foreword to Mountain Interval, one of his early volumes, and in *The Pasture,* the introduction to North of Boston, published in 1914, and the volume which first acclaimed him as a really great poet, Robert Frost sets forth his aims and ideals. Mr. Frost does not ever give in so many words a moral to any of his poems, yet through all of them, even the most whimsical, there is a moral earnestness that is more impressive than a moral set off in words could possibly be; he does not at any time insist upon the acceptance by his readers of his own attitude toward any phase of life, yet his strong, sturdy, and steadfast philosophy is apparent in everything he writes. This philosophy se seems to have acquired as early in life as Robert Browning did, and to have found it not only unchanged but even intensified as the years went on. In one of his earliest poems he wrote a premonitory couplet in regard to those who would find him again later on:

''They would not find me changed from him they knew,
Only more sure of all I thought was true.''

One has said of these lines: ''No reviewer has written, no critic will write, a better summary.''

To every thoughtful and purposeful person there comes a time when he must choose one course or the other, and his whole future depends on the road he takes. Robert Frost, in *The Road Not Taken,* writes a comprehending poetic understatement of such a choice:

''Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in undergrowth;
Then took the other, as just as fair
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;''

Then this common experience:

''Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.''

To how few of us comes the assurance that the way we chose was the one that would have led to the greatest success; we constantly face the question whether or not the other road would have taken us to greater heights, just as in these lines:

''I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.''

Many of the important poets today are the writers of short poems. This is especially true of Robert Frost. He has written no long poem, yet everything he has written is complete —there is no unfinished fragment. Each is the fulfillment of an experience and the moving on to another, perhaps as homely as it is universal, but essential to life and happiness.

The Pasture, a brief lyric of only eight lines, contains an invitation into an understanding of all his poetry and all his philosophy, and into his very workshop as well. The forms he uses in his poems are as simple and straight-forward as the life he depicts: simple rimed stanzas or a free flowing blank verse far removed from the formality of the iambic pentameter of an earlier day; the philosophy he reveals is as strong and genuine as the rugged hills among which he has spent his life; there is a morality implicit without being insistent—''and watch the water clear, I may;'' and all is told with a homeliness of language and subject-matter that gives to poetry a new meaning.

Here is the poem in its entirety:

''I'm going out to clean the pasture spring;
I'll only stop to rake the leaves away
(And wait to watch the water clear, I may):
I sha'n't be gone long.—You come too.

I'm going out to fetch the little calf
That's standing by the mother. It's so young,
It totters when she licks it with her tongue.
I sha'n't be gone long.—You come too.''

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Rev. O. L. Easter

PETER PREACHES AT PENTECOST

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, February 5

Lesson Text—Acts 2:12-18, 36-41.

Golden Text—Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts. Zachariah 4:6.

After the Sermon on the Mount by Jesus Himself, this sermon by Peter on the day of Pentecost is the most famous in the annals of Christian history. It is the first presentation of the gospel in its completed form after the ascension of Jesus. We have, of course, but a condensed outline of the sermon, but enough to show us something of its scope and character. It was a sermon preached on short notice and before an excited mob, thus making it a difficult one to preach. Therefore it was not a sermon that was prepared very long beforehand though Peter did call upon his earnest and faithful study of the Old Testament Scriptures in proving to this crowd that Jesus Christ was the true Messiah. This sermon was almost purely and simply coming straight from the new Peter that had come to the front at the day of Pentecost. He had come through the careful schooling of the Master as to the true secret of his power and had learned through bitter lessons that it was "not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit" that he and the others would be able to build His church. It is the presence of this Holy Spirit in the life of Peter that makes this sermon so powerful and effective.

Let us get the dramatic picture of this lesson: A great multitude of people surround the disciples, and the crowd constantly increases as the service proceeds. There, in the midst of the throng, stands Peter, a strong, robust fisherman, with none of the graces of the schools, but aflame with earnestness and magnetic with the power of the Holy Spirit. There is no attempt at elegance of speech, but just a big, blunt, plain-spoken man, trembling with holy passion, on fire to the very tips of his fingers, speaking out of the Scriptures, and still more out of his own heart history, what he knows about the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He is absolutely fearless of everybody but God. People may not always be pleased with him, but they will always want to hear him. Had it not been for the presence of their own consciences along with that of the Holy Spirit to show them the truth of Peter's piercing words they would have perhaps put him to death. Thus we see that most of the power that is in the sermon is in Peter's own heart and life and not in the written matter that is preserved on the paper here for us.

Phillips Brooks says that the most powerful part of a sermon is the man behind it. In the *Iliad* Homer makes an ugly, ill-tempered, sharp-tongued man deliver a speech against King Agamemnon, which in ink is one of the finest things in the *Ilaid*. But it had no effect on the army, because of the character of the man that made it. "In engineering," says Dr. Gregg, "it is a rule that a cannon should be one hundred times heavier than its shot. And a man's character should be a hundred times heavier than what he says." So with Peter here, he has come from his schooling with Jesus and from his anointing by the Holy Spirit a hundred times heavier than his sermon and God marvelously used him in winning about three thousand souls for Christ by his first sermon.

"Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way."

It is interesting here to note that it was in the preaching of a sermon that Christianity found its first advance in the pagan world. Thus the pulpit has found a very prominent place in the church down through the centuries. The Methodist Church came preaching, as Peter, in the glow of Pentecost and so long as the warm heart shall prompt the preacher Methodism will continue to command hearers. It will be well for Methodism, as it approaches a greater church in numbers, to remember that "not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord" will her preaching have power to move the lost masses of earth.

"Our lives are songs; God writes the words,
And we set them to music at pleasure;
And the song grows glad or sweet or sad,
As we choose to fashion the measure.
We must write the music, whatever the song,
Whatever its rhyme or meter;
And if it is sad we can make it glad,
Or if sweet we can make it sweeter."

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PERSONAL MENTION

Ogburn Stafford, Jr., West End Church, has gone home after undergoing an appendectomy.

Mrs. Raleigh S. Stewart, West End Church, after undergoing a serious operation is at home and rapidly regaining her health.

Mr. J. Norman Wills, General Superintendent of West End Sunday school spent last week in Jackson, Miss. attending an important meeting of one of the committees on Methodist Union.

Rev. W. D. Reed is able to be up in his room after an illness of two weeks. Mrs. Reed is also recovering from the 'flu.

Rev. G. F. Milloway has not been so well, we learn, for the past week.

Mrs. J. S. Wade, St. Paul Church, is improving from a serious attack of pneumonia and complications at a local hospital.

Mr. E. W. Teague, is recovering from a serious operation at his home.

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"Your vegetables cost more than they used to."

"Yes," replied the farmer, "when a farmer is supposed to know the botanical name of what he's raisin', the zoological name of the insect that eats it, and the chemical name of what will kill it, somebody's got to pay."

SUPPORTING THE HERALD

For nearly half a century the Methodist Protestant Church in North Carolina has had its own church paper, and the only reason for keeping it in existence through the years as I see it, was to further the cause of our church and the Kingdom of God. That it has done this no one would dare to deny. This paper has made a great contribution to every church, to every organization in our church, to every institution that we have, and every Methodist Protestant home where it has made its weekly visits, and we might go a step further and say that no agency in our Conference has done as much along all lines of endeavor, and played such an important part in the development of our beloved Zion.

This paper needs no one to defend its record, or its indispensable value in service to our church. We all rise up with one accord, and say "We Must Keep the HERALD."

It may seem a bit strange that a publication of such infinite value to the very life and growth of our church has had such a struggle to exist, because of inadequate financial support. But, some of the best things that have come to the church have had to struggle for their very existence. That has been true of Christianity itself.

For a number of years we have had as our goal three thousand subscriptions from thirty thousand members of North Carolina. We are still trying to reach that goal as indicated by the chart on the back page of the HERALD. If every charge will get busy and raise its subscription quota as listed on back page, the HERALD's financial problems would be met for the year.

This is the time in the history of our church when Methodist Protestants should be reading our own church paper. We must be informed in order to know, and appreciate this great Union of Methodism. We must get much of this information from the METHODIST PROTESTANT HERALD. We can subscribe for it with the full assurance that this paper is going to live on in the future. If a merger should take place in the future it will enable us to receive a church paper of still greater size and value.

After all that we pastors have said about the HERALD, and as much as we have appreciated it, I seriously doubt if ALL of us have ever got solidly behind a campaign to raise that HERALD quota on every Charge in this Conference.

We are living in a day that success comes only to those who go after the business, and the preacher's business is no exception. I believe that if every pastor, in cooperation with his HERALD agents, will get squarely behind their subscription quota and go out and sell this paper in the confidence he has something to offer that our people need, and cannot afford to be without, that subscriptions will begin to pour in. "It Can Be done." Surely we want to do this thing because we ought to do it, for the sake of the church and the Kingdom.

C. E. RIDGE.

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All journeys must some time end; all accounts must some time be settled. The greater the speed and the more sin one accumulates to his account the harder it will be to reform and the more certain he will not be able to escape punishment.—*Annual Lesson Commentary.*

THANKFULNESS AND CONFIDENCE

By REV. W. A. LEDFORD

Some have called Paul's letter to the Philippians his love letter, while others have termed it a letter of the heart. After his gracious salutation, he pours out his great heart and soul in thanksgiving and confidence. There he saw no theological errors to correct, nor open sins to rebuke. Such lovely relations existed between him and them that he thanked God every time he thought of them. There were no nauseating memories.

The generous hospitality he experienced in the home of Lydia seems to have been an omen of all that followed. Long after other churches in that section ceased their sympathetic cooperation, the church at Philippi continued with the regularity of a budding tree, or the blooming of the monthly rose. Courageous Epaphroditus hazarded his very life ministering unto the needs of Paul. Their hospitality left as sweet a remembrance with Paul, as Mary's alabaster box of precious ointment left with Jesus Christ. Such acts make up part of that "Invisible Salary", which the late Dr. H. L. Elderdice use to speak of, with such eloquence and warmth of appreciation.

While Paul appreciated very much all the personal kindnesses shown him, he seems to have appreciated more the fine sympathetic cooperation given in the furtherance of the Gospel, which was dearer to Paul than life itself. Most pastors have found a few members, who were rather generous with the local church, and intensely loyal to the local cemetery, but were hostile to the Missionary Program of the church, and would place as many obstacles in the way of the forward movements of the Kingdom, as Diotrepes ever did. When such stumbling blocks are removed, surely the angels rejoice. Paul found no such members among the saints at Philippi.

Doubtless, the growing opposition to the growing church was apparent to all. Perhaps, there was much anxiety as to what would become of the church when Paul died. Sensing their anxiety and fear for the future, Paul wrote this message of comfort and assurance, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you . . . being confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ—the Judgment." Paul was unshaken in his faith that the work there was of God, and was confident that God being Alpha and Omega, that the work would be carried on successfully.

Years ago, as I sat at the feet of that intellectual giant and spiritual genius, Dr. Harris E. Kirk, pastor of the Franklin St. Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, Md., I realized as never before Paul's feeling of confidence. Dr. Kirk had just returned from one of his many vacations in Europe. He viewed his church then himself. He felt somewhat depressed. The church was becoming a down town church and he was growing old. He has now given more than forty years of marvelous ministry to this great church. The disturbing question that inevitably came up, was, "What will become of this church, when I am gone?" Paul's message of assurance to the church at Philippi satisfied the heart and soul of this modern preacher. Doubtless, myriads of both ministers and laymen have been comforted by this gracious assurance. One man may begin and another finish, but our God is the beginner and finisher of all that He undertakes. We are just day laborers in His vineyard.

Messages of comfort and consolation are always in order. This brief one may fall into some hands, who are nearing the retirement age and have many misgivings for the church of the future. There may be some, who are disturbed over the approaching merger of the large bodies of Methodism. Hazy in their minds as to how it is all going to work out. Paraphrasing the assuring words of Paul, I am confident that the God who began Methodism in the nursery of Susanna Wesley, enlarged it in the Holy Club of Oxford University, and gave it a Penticostal Baptism in Aldersgate, is in this merger, and will lead in the greater days and wider mission that is just ahead of us. Our past makes thrilling history, and our future is perfectly safe in the hands of God.

The church of God is one institution in this world that is here to stay. Our Lord assures us that it is built upon a rock and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Our little institutions have their day and pass away, but the church of Jesus Christ remains a thousand years the same. The motto of Methodism, "The workers are called home, but the work goes on" should be consoling to all, who are nearing the retirement age. Instead of feeling that the church cannot get along without us: let us understand that the church can get along a thousand times better without us than we can without it. It holds all the light this world has to travel to the better world by.

Allow me to close these rambling remarks on this double theme by pointing out a few of the things that brought comfort and confidence to Paul. The first is that God is able to carry on anything He begins to a successful conclusion. If a work is of God man cannot defeat it. The second thing that was helpful to Paul was that all things work together for good to them that love God. He learned this lesson after much suffering and prayer. These things taken separately, like pieces of steel that go to make up an ocean liner, would sink him, but together they were his salvation. Would build sinners up into the statue of the fulness of Christ. Finally Paul exclaimed, "I know whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." These unshaken confidences logically and inevitably broke into thanksgiving and praise.

Laytonsville, Md.

Hotel Clerk (to visitor): "May I ask what that strange thing is you're carrying under your arm?"

Visitor: "That is a new fire escape. I always carry it in case of fire so that I can let myself down from the hotel window."

Clerk: "A good idea. But, by the way, our terms for guests with fire escapes are cash in advance."

We are all of us architects, or, rather, we are laborers together with God as the great Architect. We are building up the soul into character.—*North Carolina Christian Advocate.*

It takes really a higher faith to trust God for this world than for the next.—*Garrett.*

GERMAN AUSTRIAN SCHOOLS

It is announced by the Hitler *regime* that religious and other private schools of German Austria were to be closed September 19, 1938, following which the State and National Socialist Party will assume the education of youth.

Most of the non-public schools in Austria were Church schools, conducted by the Roman Catholic Orders. There were also a few sectarian schools operated by Protestants, and a small number of secular private schools.

Previous to the announcement of the new educational plan, Hitler's Chief Deputy for German Austria, Joseph Burckel, said in a speech at Stuttgart, August 31, 1938:

We must take care of the preservation of our nation in this world. This only is possible if care is total care, therefore the school must belong to the State upon which devolves the responsibility for the future.

The State owns youth; the Church can only act in a secondary capacity in religious care.—*Supreme Council Bulle.*

ANSWERS

What is faith? Gardens say
As the pine trees are in May;
Newness lifting from the old,
Greenness starring boughs that hold
Deep within a pulsing will
Neither frost nor cold can kill.

What is courage? Gardens know;
As the iris ranks that go
Dauntless through the white high noon
To some earth-old marching tune;
Forward-facing, rainbow clad,
Gallant and forever glad.

What is love? Gardens prove
Love is life—life is love;
And wherever these are one
Beauty flowers in the sun.
Minds weave mysteries about
Things that gardens never doubt.

By Molly Anderson Haley in The Churchman, New York.

No doubt a world in which matter never got out of place and became dirt, in which iron had no flaws and wood no cracks, in which gardens had no weeds and food grew ready cooked, in which clothes never wore out and washing was as easy as advertisements describe it, in which the right word was not hard to find and rules had no exceptions, and things never went wrong, would be a much easier place to live in. But for the purpose of training and development it would be worth nothing at all. It is the resistance that puts us on our mettle; it is the conquest of the reluctant stuff that educates the worker. I wish you enough difficulties to keep you well and make you strong and skillfull.—*Henry Van Dyke.*

Nothing relieves and ventilates the mind like a resolution. —*John Burroughs.*

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

By **REV. JOSEPH COBLE**

HANDS ACROSS RACIAL BARRIERS

Topic for February 12, 1939

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, February 6—Serving foreign captors. Dan. 5:13-17.

Tuesday, February 7—Deathless love between aliens. Ruth 1:14-17.

Wednesday, February 8 — Helpfulness, a barrier-destroyer. Luke 10:30-37.

Thursday, February 9—God, no respector of races. Acts. 10:34-38.

Friday, February 10—No racial barriers in Christ. Col. 3:10, 11.

Saturday, February 11—Jesus Christ, the common Lord. Phil. 2:9-11.

The Text: John 13:55; 15:12-17; Acts 17:24-28. (Race Relations Sunday).

Perhaps there is no way in which we who are Christians are disappointing God, and acting contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ as in our attitude toward, and our relationships toward those on the other side of our racial barriers. There are a good many of us who are quite willing to support the local church, and even to go as far away from home with our Christianity as some orphanage supported by our own denomination.

Jesus had much to say about those people who were satisfied to live within their own group and let the remainder of the world suffer as circumstances made it necessary. We have pretended to be Christian, and at the same time we have so built up racial barriers that we have turned away from Christ many who looked to us as model Christians.

We look with condemnation upon the caste system of India and yet we have built up a more degrading caste system in our civilized America. In many places the Jew, the Negro, and the Oriental are just as much an untouchable as the lower caste people in the jungles of India. We who are followers of the Christ do it; contrary to His new commandment: "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another."

So few of us are able to pass the acid test of Christian Discipleship, that we sometimes wonder if there really are many followers of the Christ in the world; for how many people do you know who can pass the test: "By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another."

One of the most practical lessons that Jesus ever taught was directly upon this subject. A lawyer one day tempted Jesus by asking Him what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus answered in a few words coming immediately to the point: "Thou love the Lord thy God . . .; and thy neighbor as thyself." But the lawyer tried to justify himself as we still do today, by asking who his neighbor was. In answer Jesus told a story which we have all known from childhood but which has apparently meant little to us.

"A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee."

Jesus does not say to the lawyer, "Thou shalt not . . .;" but he tells him to step across racial barriers and give a cup of cold water in the Master's name. He is demanding that if we are followers of His we do the same today.

Dr. Clovis Chappell in one of his sermons on the Lord's Prayer says that all men are divided into two groups: Those who are against Christ—who try to tear down love and build up barriers of hate between individuals and races. Those who are for Christ are doing everything in their power to bring about the brotherhood of men. They are tearing down racial barriers and showing their brothers of other races that God is Love.

Dr. Albert Schweitzer after he had given up his friends and his professorship in the University of Strassburg and gone to Africa as a missionary wrote home somewhat after this fashion: "The operation is over, and I am sitting in the dormitory watching the patient, waiting for him to wake. By and by his eyes open, and he ejaculates, 'I have no pain, I have no pain!' Then his hand feels for mine and finds it, and he begins to ask questions. And I tell him and the others who are present that it is the Lord Jesus that told me and my wife to come out to Africa, where there is so much suffering. And as we sit there thus holding hands we know from experience the truth of what Jesus said, 'One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren.' And I wish that my generous friends at home could live through one such glorious hour."

So it is with you and me. If we give even so much as a cup of cold water in His name, we are helping to build up the brotherhood of mankind — to break down Racial Barriers.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

In reporting last week the amount from Hickory Grove S. S., Guilford, should have been $7.26 instead of $6.26 as reported. We are sorry for the error.

Fair Haven S. S., N. J.	$ 4.60
Canaan S. S., N. Davidson	3.50
Flat Rock S. S., Flat Rock	2.50
China Grove S. S.	1.88
Oak Grove S. S., Cleveland	3.43
Dulins, Mocksville	1.60
Brower's Chapel, Richland, December and January	10.00
Friendship, Fallston	4.50
Maple Springs S. S., Forsyth	5.00
Hope S. S., Siler City	1.00
Kistler's Union S. S., Cleveland	3.18
Hartford, Ala.	1.00
Union Chapel S. S., Granville	8.89
New Salem S. S., Randleman	2.25
Caroleen S. S.	3.36
Efland S. S., Orange	10.97
Mt. Pleasant S. S., N. Davidson	2.06
Bessemer City S. S.	1.00
Bess Chapel S. S.	3.50
Baraca Class, Gibsonville, clothing child	5.00
The Ladies' Aid Society, Elwood, Ind., feeding child	5.00
Bethel, Alamance	6.00

Clothing and Other Gifts

First Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., 3 boxes of white gifts packages.

Calvary, Greensboro, cakes and cookies for school lunches, and 14 cans of fruits and vegetables.

We are thankful for all these gifts of money and substance.

February will be upon us when you send this report. Offerings have dropped since Christmas. May we not start in with February to boost them back to normal again? We thank you.

A. G. DIXON, Supt.

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Two New Yorkers were visiting the Mexican village in Los Angeles. Looking around for a place to get some real Mexican food, they spotted a sign over the door: "Portos—Chili—Enchiladas."

"What is it?" asked Harry.

"Don't be a chump," replied Mack, "act wise and follow me."

In they went, and when Mack told the waitress to bring them "portos," she only gave them a blank look. Mack repeated the order.

"I am sorry," finally stammered the girl, "I cannot give you Portos."

"Why not?" asked the puzzled Mack.

"Becoz," replied the waitress, "Portos, he ezz my father."—Ex.

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The labor situation is becoming wholly impossible and very dangerous.—Gen. Hugh S. Johnson.

MISSIONARY COLUMN

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THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH IN INDIA

Possibly the greatest day in the history of the Methodist Protestant Mission in India was Sunday, December 11, 1938. The new church was dedicated. It meant a lot of work for me and the preachers but for almost a month we spent our time at the church. The preachers all worked like carpenters and sandpapered the pulpit furniture. We had the altar, pulpit, lectern, two chairs, and altar rail made by our local Hindu carpenter. It is very plain but looks well and fits exactly in the church. Well it looks like a real church. There is a platform looking like many of them at home and a kneeling pad at the altar rail. On the inside of the rail is a small shelf for the communion cups. From the rail back it looks like many churches you see at home but from there to the door it looks like the east. There is not a pew in the church. The walls are all pillars and arches. There are two rows of pillars in the church with beautiful graceful low arches just in front of these. On the outside walls are pillars like those inside but in the arches are filled with cathedral glass. I believe you will pardon me for saying that it really is beautiful in its simplicity. There is a very large window in the back of the church made up of colored glass. The Mohammedan merchant from whom we bought our provisions gave the glass to us. A small window back of the altar is also made of colored cathedral glass. We hope to have a beautiful art glass window there later. The top is corrugated iron. That will make a perfect roof as it will not leak and will last a life-time. The floors are made of stone and the walls are colored cream with the ceiling painted ivory. On one side of the pulpit is a room for the study and on the other is a room for storing the articles needed about a church. About the church lot is a strong fence about five feet high. Later on when the new line is laid we shall have water on the lot and will plant a garden and have a hedge about the grounds. We have not had the current connected up but the wiring has about all been done. Soon we hope to have someone in for a couple of days and finish the wiring. For some time we shall not need the lights as all our meetings are in the day. Doubtless you will be surprised and pleased to learn that a house for the pastor, also junior church is about completed. This house is just across a side street from the church, and is just directly in front of the front gate of the compound on which we live. We have a splendid plant now and when the house is completed there will be a good hall, 15 by 40 feet, for junior Sunday school and church also. The hall may be used for any meetings of the community, thus keeping the church for worship only.

Invitations had been issued to all the neighboring missions, the leader of the Methodist Episcopal Church and representatives of the government to attend the dedication services at 10 o'clock Sunday morning. They attended in a big way and remained for dinner with us.

The procession from the old hall in which we had worshipped for fifteen years was most impressive—all the participants wearing robes—mine being the only black one.

The sermon by a leader of the United Church of India, to which body we belong, was a most fitting one. Bishop Badley of Delhi read the dedication in English and I read it in Marathi.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon Bishop Badley delivered a message of power, and observance of the Holy Communion followed.

We now need a church bell that will sound over the whole of Dhulia. We ask that some friend in America who has such a good unused bell, will send it to us. We cannot get one here.

Thanking all who have helped in the work here in any way I am, sincerely,

J. F. MINNIS.

NOTE: This article has been condensed to fit our space, by the editor, from a letter to Dr. Haddaway which appeared in the *Recorder* of January 27.

A ROMANCE IN CHRISTIAN PUBLISHING

Sixty-three years ago a young man, animated with a passion for Christian service, had an idea. Today it is realized in the great out-reach of the David C. Cook Publishing Company.

The story of this concern reads like a romance. First, there is a slender, dark-haired youth teaching in a Chicago mission Sunday school and needing inexpensive *lesson helps.* He edits the material and strikes them off on an old hand press. They are good. Other schools want them.

Then a young man decides to give up a paying business and enter an untried field—mass production of Sunday school lesson helps and Christian story papers. Faith? Yes; faith—*and work.* The hand press gives way to one more powerful. The business prospers. It outgrows the Chicago quarters.

David C. Cook decided to move to Elgin, Ill. He sets up presses and other equipment in an old woolen mill. Ill health overtakes him, but nothing stops the work.

Like the sons of the prophets, his foremen say, "The place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us." A big building project is undertaken, and presently there is another migration—this time to new and ample quarters. Addition are made as needed.

Here, for twenty-five years, the consecrated mind of the founder originates plans for the Sunday school betterment, proves their worth in practice, and broadcasts them by means of his publications.

When, in 1927, the torch falls from his failing hand, it is caught up by his son, David C. Cook, Jr., fanned to new brilliancy and carried high for all too short a time. But the Cook line and the Cook traditions still go on. David C. Cook, III, steps forward. Youth is again at the helm. New ideas are born, new plans perfected.

The giant presses still roar, and every working day of the year tons of Sunday school literature are mailed to all quarters of the globe. A large and well supplied merchandise department furnishes addenda for all Sunday school needs, from Bibles to banquet decorations.

The David C. Cook Publishing Company serves 60,000 schools and sponsors thirty-seven different publications for all age groups, from adults to beginners. Lessons are thoroughly Biblical and Christ-centered in emphasis.

Its magazine for teachers is conceded to be the best in the field. Its story papers speak the language of youth. They meet young folks "where they live," and are a strong force for character building from childhood to maturity. Besides its thirty-seven different varieties of printed matter, the company also conducts a Personal Service Bureau which is much appreciated, judging by the widely varied demands made upon it. In short, when people want information on any Sunday school problem, they do not "Ask Foster;" they ask Cook's!

A great organization, founded in faith and nurtured by prayer and perseverance, the David C. Cook Publishing Company stands squarely today on the platform which has remained unshaken for more than half a century—"*The Best of Everything for the Sunday School.*"

"THE CODFISH LAYS A MILLION EGGS"

The codfish lays a million eggs,
  The helpful hen but one,
But the codfish doesn't cackle
  To tell you what she's done;
And so we scorn the codfish coy,
  While the helpful hen we prize,
Which indicates to thoughtful minds
  IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE.

Mother: "Johnny, on your way home from school stop at the store and get me a stick of candy and a bar of soap."

Father: "What do you want with a stick of candy?"

Mother: "That's so he'll remember the soap."—Ex.

No neutrality is of any value that we are not willing to insist upon by force of arms.—Bernard M. Baruch.

Some men over 70 are fit to serve and some men under 70 aren't fit to serve at anything.—Senator Carter Glass.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Draper, J. L. Love, Pastor.—Our church is doing fine. Our pastor brings us a soul-inspiring sermon each service. He is delivering a series of Sunday night sermons on Eternal Security, which is very much needed in this day of so much handshake religion, join the church, live as you please and go to heaven, being taught.

Our Sunday school is double what it was last year, and still growing. Mr. Ernest Chilton is our superintendent.

The young people's C. E. society is growing. More young people are taking an interest in it, of which we are glad.

We have cottage prayer meeings each Tuesday night. Have Bible study at our Wednesday night service, which is interesting and profitable to us all.

Our Ladies' Aid met with Mrs. Edna Wilson last Monday night. After the devotional new officers were elected as follows: Mrs. J. L. Love, president; Mrs. Minnie King, vice-president; Miss Katherine Ferris, secretary; Mrs. J. S. Biddle, treasurer; Mrs. Page, Miss Helen Stewart, and Miss Magdalene Chilton, sick committee; Miss Edna Wilson, program committee.

Mrs. Annie Boyles, one of our teachers, has been confined to her home for some time. We hope she will soon be able to come back and continue the good work she was doing. She is missed very much.

Pray for us that we may still grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord.

A MEMBER.

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Mt. Zion, Weaverville Charge.—Rev. W. C. Clark filled his regular Sunday morning appointment last Sunday. We are very glad to have him with us for another year. Everyone is very much impressed with the splendid sermons he brings us twice a month.

Our Sunday school attendance has been almost double since Christmas. Officers were elected last Sunday. Mr. Frank Rogers is our new superintendent and others took offices.

The Ladies' Aid society met at the home of Mrs. Russell Roberts last week. The attendance and interest are good. They are working on quilts that will be sold. Proceeds will be used for improvements on the church.

CLEO ROBERTS, Reporter.

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Bethany Church, Randolph Charge, Rev. H. L. Isley, Pastor.—Since this is the first report since conference, I wish to say that we are glad to have Mr. Isley as our pastor this year. We enjoy Mrs. Isley worshiping with us also. Our pastor brought us a very inspiring message the third Sunday in January. Our Sunday school is progressing nicely under the direction of Miss Swanna Baldwin, superintendent. We had 122 present for Sunday school the fourth Sunday. This is the largest attendance we have had in years. But due to sickness and bad weather we had only 100 present yesterday.

The Christian Endeavor society meets at the church every Sunday night. Interesting programs are given at each meeting. We now have around 50 members.

We are planning to have electric lights installed in our church in the near future.

Mrs. Etta Allred is improving from a recent illness. We hope she will soon be able to come to church again.

REPORTER.

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Haw River Church, Glen Raven Charge, Rev. Joseph Coble, Pastor.—Our church and Sunday school work is again progressing. Sunday school attendance is growing each Sunday and we have a very good church attendance.

Our new pastor, Rev. Joseph Coble, is showing much interest and we all appreciate him very much.

The Lord's Supper was observed this Lord's Day and many communed. The service was beautifully carried out by the pastor, with sermon and songs for the occasion.

The pastor, and church and Sunday school officials, will meet this Saturday night, January 28, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Williamson for an oyster supper, and to discuss and plan the work for the new year. We ask you to pray for us that we may be able to meet our obligations and that we may all be faithful in the work of the Master.

MRS. HENRY MARTIN, Reporter.

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Pinnacle M. P. Church, Rev. J. D. Morris, Pastor.—We started off our new year happy when we realized how fortunate we are to have our pastor back with us again this year. He has been very successful since he has been with us, making friends with everyone with whom he comes in contact. We are looking forward to showing him our appreciation for his good work by giving him larger attendance this year.

Every year we witness many changes in our church. This year we are giving up some of our young people from our Sunday school. Our junior class teacher, Miss Pauline Watson, was married to Mr. Tom Jones, another member of our Sunday school. They are making their home in Florida with Pauline's brother, Wesley, who was also married last year. They all attended church regularly. They leave a space in the church that is not filled and we think of them every Sunday. We know that by our loss someone else gains, and wish them much success and look forward to their return to us.

Our regular monthly preaching service was held this morning with Rev. J. D. Morris presiding.

We were very fortunate to have with us Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wright, instructors from Pinnacle high school, who led the choir program, Mr. Wright leading the singing and Mrs. Wright playing the piano.

The choir program consisted of three songs: "Sun of My Soul," "Take the Name of Jesus With You," and "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" Responsive reading: Preaching the Gospel, Matt. 28:18-20, Rom. 1:14-16, Rom. 10:12-15. A special offering was taken to pay our share of the expenses of sending delegates to the Uniting Conference to be held in Kansas City in April. Mrs. Wright rendered a beautiful piano solo entitled, "Give Me Thy Heart."

Our pastor, Rev. J. D. Morris, brought a very interesting sermon, taking his text from Timothy 2:3. He gave many illustrations and each time brought us back to his topic, "A Good Soldier of Jesus Christ." He gave us some hints on how to be a good soldier for the church. The service was closed by a song by the choir, "Sweet By and By."

VIOLETTE A. HUNT, Reporter.

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Lebanon, Spring Church Charge, J. E. Garlington, Pastor.—This is our first report since conference. Our church attendance is below average, but is improving.

Rev. J. E. Garlington, our pastor, is attending the Seminary. Because of this fact we have changed our regular church services from the first and third Sundays at 11 o'clock to the second and fourth Sundays at 2 o'clock. This change has been made so that he can come just twice a month and have a service at all the churches each time. The plan will be in effect only until Mr. Garlington gets home from school, which will be in April. We still have Sunday school services on the first and third Sundays at 10 o'clock.

We had our first afternoon service Sunday, at which time Mr. Garlington delivered a splendid sermon on "Reaping What Is Sown." The text was, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Gal 6:7. He stressed the point that although one is ignorant of what kind of seed he sows, he will still reap what is sown.

We have raised our portion of the annual conference expenses in contributions and pledges. These pledges are going to be paid before the third Sunday in February.

We are planning to have our Young People's service for Sunday, February 12, at 2 o'clock. We are expecting to have a short program by the young people and a sermon on "Youth in Gratitude," by Rev. Mr. Garlington.

DOROTHY COOKE, Reporter.

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Pleasant Grove, Rev. F. R. Love, Pastor.—We have not reported to the paper for some time, but activities have not ceased during this period. The church work is moving along nicely. We are having good attendance in all services. Some time ago we set as our goal for the Sunday school attendance 200, and we have more than reached our goal.

Our pastor brought us a very inspiring message at the 11 o'clock service. He took as his text 2 Cor. 5:17, "Therefore, if a man be in Christ he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." We always feel spiritually uplifted after hearing these God-given messages that our pastor brings to us each Sunday.

In our mid-week prayer meetings Mr. Love is bringing to us a series of programs using Bible pictures, which are very interesting to the children as well as the older people.

Our Christian Endeavor societies meet each Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock. Hazel Hedrick, the president of the senior society, has been directing the program committee, whose programs are original and spiritual. The society was very fortunate in having Major Cowan, of the Salvation Army, to speak to them one evening some time ago. His message held the interest of all present. We hope it will be convenient for him to come again. Mr. Love has charge of the program the first Sunday night of each month. These programs always prove interesting. Our doors are always open to visitors and new members.

The Junior C. E. society is under the direction of Mr. Love, assisted by YeSable Hedrick. We use object lessons and have been doing some memory work. Through this society we hope to accomplish a great work for our future church. We would like to have all the children of our community as members, also any others who might come.

The young people's choir, which was organized about a year ago by Mrs. Quentin Veach and Mr. Love, sang for the Hasty high school P. T. A. this month. This choir was greatly helped by the singing school which was held at our church last fall.

We are planning a program for Young People's Day January 29. A very effective play will be given by the young men and ladies of the church Sunday evening. The young people's choir will have charge of the music for both morning and evening services.

Mrs. Woodrw Kennedy recently joined our church. We are grateful to have her as a member, for she has already proven herself a great help in the church activities.

We are glad to know that Mrs. Walter Shuler is recovering nicely from an operation which she underwent last week. Our prayers are with her.

We request the prayers of all Herald readers that we may be able to help many souls through our church.

REPORTER.

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Orange Charge.—Since our reporters have been too busy to write, being engaged in activities ranging all the way from getting married to seeking a husband (with the exception of one who has been occupied with managing a husband) I have decided to write a line or two to the Herald. At least our local subscribers will be interested in reading a report from the charge.

At our first quarterly conference it was decided to accept the entire apportionment for World Service, in keeping with the Appreciation Year program, and an effort be made to raise it by the last of April. Since four-fifteenths of the Fellowship Crusade money sent in last year, as well as all money sent in for World Service from May to the annual conference, counts on this apportionment, we believe that the amount is not beyond our reach. Therefore, we are calling on our people to show their appreciation through the three remaining special offerings to World Service, namely, Young People's Day, February Thank-Offering, and Easter. If these offerings are substantial, the balance to be raised by the last of April should be small.

In order to stimulate our people in giving and to show them the progress we are making, I have prepared Appreciation thermometers which have been posted in all the churches. These posters, done in black and white with a red mark representing the mercury in the thermometer, contain an itemized statement of the church budget on one side of the thermometer, and the following phrases on the other: "The thermometer registers our Appreciation temperature," "Your dollars help to make the mercury go up," "Each space represents ——— dollars," and "For Christ and the Church." As yet our Appreciation registers rather low but we hope to reach the boiling point before the year is out.

Young People's Day was observed last Sunday morning at Hebron, with the scripture lesson being read by Fletcher McAdam and short talks by Miss Doris Mae Wilson, Mrs. L. A. Dixon, Grady Kinley, and P. N. Thompson, Jr. At Chestnut Ridge in the afternoon there was a Youth Communion Service. In each of these services Service Enrollment cards were distributed among the young people to be filled out and returned to the pastor. It is my aim to enroll 100 on Orange charge who will subscribe to at least some of the items suggested. Sunday night the young people of Hebron played hosts to the C. E. society of Chestnut Ridge, which rendered a fine program under the direction of Merrill Hobbs as leader and O. F. Jones as president.

Since the annual conference I have had the pleasure of marrying several couples of my younger set: Elevene Hayes to Odell Sykes, Frances Sykes to Carr Terrell, Flora Riley to Connor Smith. We have had the supreme misfortune of losing by death Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Sykes of the Chestnut Ridge community, and Mr. June Lloyd, the husband of one of our faithful members at Union Grove. They will be missed greatly.

Young People's Day will be observed at Union Grove the first Sunday morning, and at Efland the first Sunday night. The second quarterly conference will be held at Chestnut Ridge the first Sunday afternoon in March at 2:30 o'clock.

We have quite a few members sick at the time of this writing, and we are trying to visit them as often as possible. We remember them constantly in our prayers, and trust they will soon be restored to their homes and to their church.

Since my last letter to the Herald my wife and I have received many favors on the part of our members and friends. For all of these things we are profoundly grateful. May God richly bless you all, and pray for us that our hands may be strengthened for the Master's service.

C. P. MORRIS, Pastor.

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Oak Grove Church, Cleveland Charge, Rev. T. G. Madison, Pastor.—The fact that this church has not been heard from in quite a while is no reason we are not wide awake. The reporter has been away for more than two months.

Great progress is being manifested right now toward the completion of our church. Quite a few workmen are busy every day. We sincerely hope that there will still be more persons to become interested and very soon the church will be not only finished, but every debt paid. May God richly bless everyone that helps in any way.

On the fourth Sunday Young People's Day was observed. Very interesting talks were made by Miss Billie Pendleton and Miss Farrie White, on the Church and what it means to young people. The pastor delivered a very helpful message on youth, taken from Paul's writings to Timothy. This was greatly enjoyed by a large number present, and was quite appropriate at this time.

We are still progressing in our Sunday school work. We hope this will continue, and as spring is almost here, we want to see more of our older people present every Sunday.

The Woman's Auxiliary has done a lot for our church. We pray that God may wonderfully bless every member.

Our Christian Endeavor society is still an interesting part of our church work. We look forward to these meetings with happy anticipation, as there is usually an interesting program every Sunday night. We still want to get more young people interested in our society, as there are quite a few that do not attend.

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Union Chapel Church, Mocksville, N. C., Rev. K. G. Holt, Pastor.—We have been having some bad weather in our community.

Miss Ruth Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bailey, is recovering nicely from an appendicitis operation which she underwent some time ago. We hope she will soon be able to attend school again.

The small children of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hutchins are able to be out again after being confined to their homes with scarlet fever.

Our church is thinking about purchasing some shrubbery which will greatly improve the looks of the church. We know that with the help of all of our people that we can get it. We are also planning to get the electric lights as they come through the rural district.

Sunday, January 22, Rev. and Mrs. Holt and Mary Holt and Dr. Pritchard worshiped with us. President Pritchard delivered a very important and inspiring message. This is his first time to be with us since 1918. We hope he may be back with us before 20 years pass again.

RUTH BOYER, Reporter.

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First Church, Burlington, Dr. Fred W. Paschal, Pastor.—Haven't written in quite a while, but all church activities have been moving along nicely, and have had a busy month. The Woman's Auxiliary met in the hut Monday evening, January 16, for their regular monthly meeting with a good attendance. Circle No. 1 was hostess for the month.

Mrs. Blanche Kirkman reviewed our study book on India, and kept everyone spellbound. We truly felt as though we had journeyed to India.

Routine business was transacted, with very favorable reports from the various secretaries. At the close of the business session refreshments were served.

On Tuesday evening, January 17, Mr. J. G. Rogers, who is chairman of the Board of Stewards, entertained the board and assistants with a delicious dinner, there were 18 present. Mr. T. E. Stough, of Gibsonville, was guest speaker and brought us a very inspiring message on Stewardship.

Ways and means of getting our inactive members back to church was discussed, and it was decided that the stewards and assistants put on a visitation campaign. We are expecting results from them. This was a much enjoyed meeting, closing with benediction by our pastor.

Sunday, being set apart as Young People's day, was observed in our church, with a good attendance, also a good number of young people were present. The Rev. Charles Coble, of Haw River, brought us the message of the morning service. He used as his theme Follow Me, or God's Call to You. We were glad indeed to have him with us, and the message was a challenge to the youths as well as to the older ones. The junior choir very beautifully rendered the music for this service.

At the 7:30 evening service the young people of the church gave an impressive pageant, entitled "Shrines". The junior choir also furnished the music. This service was well-attended.

On Friday evening of the coming week, the young people are having a banquet in the hut, and a big crowd is desired.

We are very proud of our young people and the active part they are taking in the church's program.

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Paschal on the birth of a new daughter which was born Friday, January 27, at Alamance General hospital. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

With best wishes to everyone.

MRS. J. W. WILLIAMSON, Reporter.

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Alamance Charge.—After services held recently at Center church, I went out to get in my car and found it all "messed" up with flour, sugar, canned goods, etc. I do not know who are the guilty parties, as there were no names to be found on the articles, but the Lord knows and He will reward them for their generosity. Mrs. Brown and I are deeply grateful for this and other expressions by the members of the charge of their solicitude for our welfare. While it is impossible for us to repay these friends in kind, and I know they do not want us to do so, it shall be our earnest endeavor to pay them in service. It is not only our business to serve every member of this charge in any way possible; it is our joy to do so. We want to be happy. Happiness comes through service, therefore we serve.

We are very much pleased with the way the work is progressing, and we confidently expect this to be one of the most successful years of our ministry.

GEO. R. BROWN.

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Spring Hill, N. Davidson, O. B. Williams, Pastor, Jan. 30—It has been quite a while since we have had a report, but it is no sign of a lack of activity in our church. Attendance at the regular services has been fairly good although we hope to see better.

Last Sunday we observed Young People's day. During the Sunday school service several beautiful hymns were sung.

During the morning church service the pastor preached a very interesting sermon, "Youth in Gratitude," which the listeners enjoyed very much. Special music was furnished by the young people and a duet was sung by Catherine and Donna Swaim.

A fairly good offering was made for the World Service.

Our Ladies' Aid is doing good in our church. Most of the members attend our meetings regularly. A few months ago we put new song books in our church and our singing is a good deal better. Our last meeting was held with Mrs. Carl Swaim. Every one enjoyed the evening very much. We will hold our February meeting with Mrs. Julius Craven. We are planning on a good one.

The Christian Endeavor meets twice a month, every second and fourth Sunday nights at 6:30. It is not doing so much now. We need more attendance and are very glad to have any visitors at any time. We hope to make a better success in the new year than in the past.

DORIS HAYNES, Reporter.

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Bethel Church, Randolph Charge, H. L. Isley, Pastor. — We are observing Young People's day next Sunday, February 5, and are planning on a nice time. Several of the young people are taking part in the program.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Tom Jones and family in their recent bereavement. Mr. Jones passed away on January 11, 1939.

Although he was a member of Gray's Chapel, he lived in our community and attended our Sunday school regularly and was one of our best teachers. He is greatly missed, especially in the old people's class.

At our last preaching appointment our pastor brought us one of the most inspiring sermons I've ever heard. We are proud of our pastor and are looking forward to our next appointment.

We are glad to know that he is taking a great interest in visiting the members of the charge. MRS. PORTER ANDERSON.

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Alamance Charge.—It pays big for a pastor to be his wife's "shofer". Here it is. During Christmas week Mrs. Lon McPherson of Bethel church entertained her Sunday school class at dinner. Mrs. Brown was invited to attend. She can not drive a car, so, with an engaging smile, she told her "shofer" to get out the car and carry her to the scene of action. He did. And was he rewarded? He certainly was. He was permitted to eat all over the house including the kitchen, and when he was ready to return home, the members of the class gave him a beautiful shirt. Yes, it pays to "shofer."

For several years, I understand, Mrs. McPherson has been entertaining her Sunday School class at a dinner during Christmas week. On this occasion more than fifty women were present. The home was beautifully decorated with a Christmas tree and evergreens. Gifts were exchanged. The hostess presented each woman present with a beautiful silver thimble, which, I suppose, will be used in darning socks and in placing decorative patches on their husband's pants. So mote it be! May God bless this and all other Christian homes.

GEO. R. BROWN.

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Gibsonville, Rev. C. E. Anderson, Pastor.—We are glad to report that our work has started well for the new year. The Sunday school and church attendance is fine. Sunday a week ago our attendance at Sunday school was 200.

We are happy to welcome our new pastor and his family to this charge and we feel that under his leadership our church will make much progress.

Young People's day was observed Sunday morning. Several young people took part in the service. A girl's quartet sang "Others". The junior choir also rendered special music. An inspiring Young People's day message was delivered by the pastor.

A joint meeting of Circles No. 1 and 2 of the Woman's Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. Frank Owen, January 19. As a result of the Blue Plate campaign more than forty dollars were realized. After the business session and program a Blue Plate supper was served to about 40 members.

Those attending the quarterly meeting of the North Carolina Branch of Women's Work in Lexington were: Mrs. A. B. Owen, Mrs. W. J. Jennings, Mrs. Frank Owen and Mrs. C. E. Anderson.

Fifteen members of our Christian Endeavor atended the Greensboro Union on January 17. The Christian Endeavor society has been growing in interest and the attendance is improving. The new officers recently elected were: President, Miss Aldine Dennis; vice-president, Mrs. John Rosson; secretary, Miss Dorothy Wall; treasurer, Miss Elaine Anderson; program chairman, Wesley Randolph; adult leader, Mrs. C. E. Anderson, and assistant, Mrs. W. J. Jennings.

REPORTER.

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First Church, Lexington, Rev. L. E. Mabry, Pastor.— Our Sunday School attendance is holding up very good at this time. There was a good crowd out for the worship service last Sunday morning to hear Rev. Mabry. He preached a very interesting sermon on the subject "The Mission of the Church."

Our district Rally was held at Greer's Chapel last Sunday afternoon from 2 until 4 o'clock. A few of our folks planned to attend this meeting.

Mrs. Mary Jane Lookerbill underwent an operation at the Davidson Hospital last week. We hope her a speedy recovery so she can be back with us.

Mrs. J. D. Allen has taken over the job as church janitor which has been held by Paul Wallace.

Our pastor, Mr. Mabry, purchased a new '39 Chevrolet a few weeks ago.

REPORTER.

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Guilford Charge, Joel B. Trogdon, Pastor.

Dear Dr. Andrews:

I want you to know how much I enjoy your grand and impressive editorials in the Herald. The thing I regret is that our people do not know what they are missing by not taking the paper, but there are none so blind as those who will not see. I have not written anything since conference, and would like to say just a few things in regard to this work. I feel the work is moving along right well. It looks like the people have a mind to do things in a big way in regard to our budget.

Hickory Grove observed Young People's Day the fourth Sunday, and the offering was about $16 for World Service. Yesterday at 11 o'clock the young people were to put on their program at Fairfield, but for some cause they failed to get ready. But I took the offering anyway and we got $30 for World Service. I went over to Vickery last night and the young people put on a nice candlelight program. The fog was so bad not many people came, but we got $5 for World Service. So the committees at each church feel that we will raise our budget this year, and we do about what we believe we can.

I attended the Christmas program at Hickory Grove and the first present from the tree was a $10 bill given by them to this writer to buy my car license. I attended the Mitchell's Grove Christmas program and we received fruit and candy there. We did not get to attend Fairfield and Vickery, but we received fruit and candy from these churches.

The fourth Sunday in this month I had the pleasure of taking dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Matthews from Hickory Grove. After a good dinner, when I had to go, they gave me 24 pounds of flour and a pound of coffee. For all these deeds of kindness we are thankful, and pray God's blessings upon the people. God bless our Editor and all the readers of the Herald.

JOEL B. TROGDON, Pastor.

Fairview Church, Anderson Charge, Dr. T. M. Johnson, Pastor.—As we start the new year, we hope it will be the best year that we have ever had in the winning of lost souls and the advancement of His Kingdom here upon earth.

The Ladies' Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. J. C. Henderson, with her daughter as co-hostess. During the meeting the following were elected as officers for the new year: Mrs. E. S. Pepper, president; Mrs. Willie Kistner, first vice-president; Mrs. Jack Tripp, second vice-president; Mrs. Elizabeth Carpenter, secretary; and Mrs. T. J. Watson, treasurer.

On Sunday evening, January 8, Rev. Frances Whitmire, with a group of young people from the Fellowship Club of Greenville, came over and helped with the Young People's Christian Endeavor program. During the program Rev. Whitmire brought a very inspiring message on "Sampson's Strength."

In the Christian Endeavor work, Mr. Ervin Johnson was elected president, and Mrs. Bertha Maw as vice-president. In our Junior Endeavor work, Miss Eleanor Watson and Mrs. Lester Coker are in charge.

On Sunday evening, January 22, Dr. S. W. Taylor came to our church and brought a wonderful message on "God Hath Need of Him."

ALEEN JOHNSON, Reporter.

Hollister, Halifax Charge, W. M. Howard, Jr., Pastor.—Perhaps the readers of the Herald are wondering if we are still existing, since we have not reported in quite a while. This is due to negligence on the part of the reporter, and not for the lack of interest or the scarcity of news.

The Sunday school is doing very well for the winter months. There seems to be an increase in the interest and attendance of the Sunday school. Several new members have been added to our roll recently. The average attendance has been better this winter than it has been in several years.

Our pastor has filled all of his appointments at this church since conference, with interesting and helpful sermons. We appreciate our pastor and his untiring efforts in helping us to promote the Lord's work. We are busy now trying to get renewals and new subscriptions for the Herald. There are several homes in our church that the Herald should be a member of, and I am sure this is true of all the churches on this charge. The splendid report our pastor had in last week's issue of the Herald is worth a year's subscription, to the people of Halifax charge. Surely the Herald has a place in every Methodist Protestant home, if the people would subscribe for it. Since this is Appreciation Year and the uniting conference is soon to meet in Kansas City, I think the people should be more anxious to subscribe to the Herald than ever before. A good way for us to show our appreciation to the Herald is to send in our renewals with a lot of new subscriptions. We hope to send in several subscriptions from this church soon.

We are planing to observe Young People's Day at our next regular service. Mrs. J. J. Williams is training the young people for this service.

We are also planning to have our semi-annual thank-offering service next month. Mrs. W. E. Knight, our thank-offering secretary, is preparing the program. We have gotten three new subscriptions to the Missionary Record. We hope more of our members will subscribe to the Herald.

KATHLEEN SHEARIN, Reporter.

Chapel Hill, Davidson Charge, W. H. Neese, Pastor.—My attention has been called to a mistake I made in reporting Chapel Hill auxiliary meeting in the Herald of January 19, so I hasten to correct my mistake. I reported $7 raised by the apron plan when it should have been $11.50. I thought I had the right figures but it seems I didn't. However, I am glad we have more than I thought we had. The ladies have worked hard in raising the money to heat their church and they deserve credit for every cent of it.

We are finding plenty of work to do down here and are trying to find the sick and afflicted members and visit them in their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Fine had the misfortune to lose their home and contents by fire January 23, but friends have come to their rescue and they are again keeping house.

The following people have recently remembered us with provisions for our table: Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Walker, Mrs. Whitt Wood, Mrs. W. A. Frank, Mrs. Edd Morris, Mrs. J. C. Taylor, Miss Della Taylor, Mrs. Arch Lanier, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Fine, and Mr. Van B. Wood.

MRS. W. H. NEESE.

Weaver's Chapel, Littleton Charge, D. D. Broome, Pastor.—Although it is rather late to talk about Christmas, but this being our first report since Christmas I will say a few words. We had a Christmas tree and a short program on Monday night, December 26. All of the Sunday school was remembered with a bag of fruit, and the Sunday school gave fruit to six people in the community who were not able to attend Sunday school.

Mr. and Mrs. Broome have visited in some of the homes in the community and the people are glad for them to come again. Mr. Broome will meet his regular appointment the first Sunday afternoon with another one of his good sermons, and Communion service will be held. We hope to have a large attendance at both Sunday school and church service.

Miss Edith Moore and Mr. Van Wood, both of Roanoke Rapids, N. C., were married on December 24 at Emporia, Va. Although Van lives at Roanoke Rapids, he is one of our members and attends church here often.

The friends of Mrs. N. E. Wilson are glad to know that she has improved some in the last few weeks, and we hope and pray that she will continue to improve and soon be able to come back to church and be with us. We sure do miss her in our church and Sunday school. She has been sick ever since last summer.

We hope this will be a prosperous year for all the people that are working for the Lord. Pray for us.

ALICE MAE WHITLEY, Ass't Reporter.

Lebanon Church, O. L. Easter, Pastor.—Since conference we have been so busy trying to create effort and response which go to make up news for the HERALD that we have not taken time to write a letter since annual meeting at Greensboro, N. C. I should like to say that we do have things already worth telling about although we know that we should like to have accomplished more. The first thing that thrills me as the pastor of Lebanon is to see the enthusiastic response that is being made to our effort to raise our World Service budget in full for this our Appreciation Year. There is every evidence that we will do it and further that it will be done before April 1st. We observed Young People's Day in our church last Sunday in the Sunday school and in both the

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morning and evening services. The young people assisted in these services and a fine program was presented. At the evening service the drama worship service called "Shrines" was used for a very beautiful effect but we were rather disappointed at this service by the size of the audience made small by very bad weather.

We are happy too to say that in a few days now we are putting in our order for the New Methodist Hymnal for use in our church. The ladies of the church started the movement for this project and by presenting it to each class in the Sunday school they have very nearly gotten the desired number of books subscribed for by them. There is a fine spirit of work and cooperation in the church for this year and we are hoping and praying that this notable year in our denomination might also be one creditably spent by us in the Master's kingdom.

It is in order for me as pastor to say that I am very happy it fell my lot to be sent back to this people as their humble servant for another year. With many acts of kindness and helpfullness they have made Mrs. Easter and me feel that they have open heartedly received us for better or for worse this year. Soon after returning home from conference they showered upon us a bountiful pounding of very useful things. At Christmas time many gifts, large and small, came from many groups and individuals of this church community that spoke to us of gracious kindness. Just the other day a coal truck backed up to my coal bin in the usual way and dropped in a fine load of coal, but drove off in a most unusual way by demanding no payment. We were quick to discern the secret although we yet do not know the names of those who gave. These are some of the external expression of the broad internal impulses of goodness that are to be found in the people of Lebanon Church and we are happy to be yoked with them in the Master's field.

O. L. EASTER, Pastor.

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Caroleen, Rev. Herbert D. Garmon, Pastor.—We are happy to report that our church is progressing rapidly. Our attendance is fine with several new members each Sunday.

The mid-week prayer services are still fine and very interesting with the study of the Bible. Some of the older members who understand the Bible better than we, makes talks and explain each Scripture so every one will get a blessing out of every service.

We are very proud of our C. E's. The little ones take as much interest in their meetings as the older ones. There is always a large crowd every Sunday of old and new members. Everyone seems to enjoy the meetings and say they are very educating. We are preparing ourselves for bigger and better work which we hope to perform some day.

We are looking forward to our next preaching day. We feel sure our pastor will have fine messages for us, which we hope will help someone to find Christ.

LOIS HOLLIFIELD, Reporter.

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Mt. Carmel Church, Rev. L. E. Mabry, Pastor.—The Sunday school is doing good work and continues to grow. Each fifth Sunday assistant officers and teachers take charge of the Sunday school. This past Sunday being the fifth gave teachers a chance to be pupils once again.

The Ladie's Auxiliary keep the good work going. They are now planning to fix the pulpit by adding new chairs and building banisters around the pulpit. The Auxiliary is raising money by putting patches on an apron with donations behind each patch.

We are sorry that Mrs. Clifton Rowe and Mrs. Oscar Coppley's mother of Roanoke, Va. is dead. Mrs. Rowe and Mrs. Coppley are both members of Mt. Carmel Church.

Our community was saddened by the death of Thama Jane Morphies, 13 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Morphies. Funeral services were at Reed's Baptist Church Saturday afternoon. We will miss Thama, although she was not a member of our Sunday school she attended some.

This church was represented at the District Rally which was held at Greer's Chapel. Our pastor was one of the speakers, his subject being "Set Your House in Order."

BEAUTUS WAITMAN.

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Concord, Rev. E. O. Peeler, Pastor.—The last report from our stewards made us feel like we had a good start for the New Year and we just hope we can keep ahead all the year. Mr. Ralph Waddell is chairman of our Board of Stewards and he sure is a good one. At one of our meetings for the teachers and officers of the Sunday school he made a suggestion that we give each Sunday school class a chance to help with the Church Budget he said he thought it would help to bring the school and church more close together. We were all well pleased to see how the classes took on to it. One of the teachers started each member of her class with a dime each and they are to see how much they can make with that dime, from reports they won't have any trouble getting up their part. Each class is doing its part and we are sure we are all going to enjoy this work very much. Our Woman's Auxiliary is working very hard to finish up our work as an Honor Auxiliary. One circle will have a George Washington Birthday Party and at the next circle meeting, each one will take a orange and then pay a penny for each seed in the orange. Another circle is selling scouring pads and they are making good. And when Mrs. Peeler comes around with her traveling basket you had just as well have some money because she will sell you something.

Some of our folk went to Albemarle Sunday to attend the District Meeting.

We were so happy to see Mrs. Edna Haupt back at church Sunday. She has been in the hospital at Newton, N. C. for three weeks.

Mr. Grover Honeycutt has entered the Duke Hospital for treatment.

Mrs. William Newton has returned home from the hospital and is getting along nicely.

Miss Annie Brown is confined with the flu.

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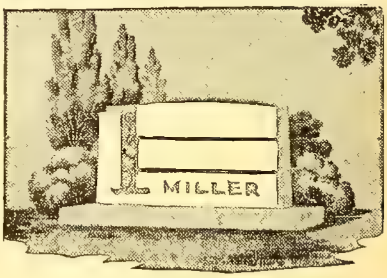

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Mr. Willie Furr had the misfortune of breaking his foot while playing football.

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Our hearts go out in sympathy to Mrs. H. J. Laughlin as death claimed her brother.

We missed Mrs. W. H. Scarbow Sunday. She had a bad cold.

Mr. P. E. Lindley, we miss your Class Room Echo very much. We could almost hear you talking when we read them.

We are sorry to hear that Miss Beulah Wyley is going back to the sanatorium. Beulah sure has been a good church worker since she came home from the sanatorium. The girls of the Business Girls Circle have gotten up her wardrobe for her. They did this to try in some way to show their love and appreciation. We hope she don't have to stay so long.

BERTHA EVERHARDT, Reporter.

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First Methodist Protestant Church, High Point.—The regular church services were conducted Sunday with Mr. Madison preaching an unusually good sermon at the 11 o'clock hour on "Time Against Eternity." Sunday night the services were conducted by the young people of the church with Howard Ling presiding. The subject, "Youth in Gratitude" by the following: Zeb Vance, Bill Wall, Vest Troxler, Annabel Thompson, and William Frazier. There was a splendid attendance. At the Junior church service Sunday morning Miss Zulah Hopkins, new executive secretary of the Y. W. C. A. spoke interestingly to the boys and girls.

A wedding of dignity and beauty was solemnized late Saturday afternoon at the church when Miss Julia Coe, the daughter of Mrs. S. S. Coe and the late Dr. Coe, and Mr. Lee Sherrill of Statesville took their marriage vows before Rev. Fred Surratt, an uncle of the bride. Both the bride and groom are graduates of High Point College. They will make their home in High Point for several months. We wish for them the happiness and success they so rightly deserve.

The Philathea class sponsored a spaghetti supper at the church last week. Approximately one hundred people were served and twenty-five dollars were cleared. Also last week, the Junior church served a banquet to the paper boys of the High Point Enterprise. The boys and girls cleared thirty-one dollars. Part of their money will go to the Building Fund and the rest will be spent for music. On Friday evening of this week the young people of the church will hold a banquet memorializing the birthday of Christian Endeavor. Much interest is being shown and a large crown is expected.

We are glad to report Mr. W. L. Edwards is improving at his home. He suffered a heart attack last week, but seems to be out of danger now.

We are happy to welcome into our church fellowship: Mr. William H. Pugh, Mrs. W. J. Snotherly, and Mrs. J. H. Hicks.

MRS. ROBERT DAVIS, Reporter.

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Mrs. Copeland is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hobbs of Chestnut Ridge community, and is a member of Chestnut Ridge Methodist Protestant Church.

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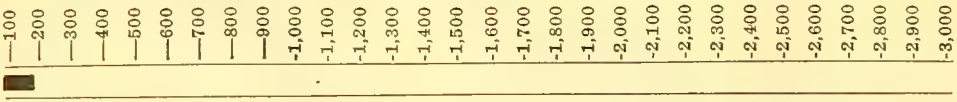

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Polite Boy: "Not my fingers! They are just five years old, and Mother's had these forks ever since she married."

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Enthusiasm vs. Indifference

A check-up on the personalities whose achievements have greatly influenced the progress of the human race would assuredly show them to be alike in one particular;—they were all enthusiastic for their cause or enterprise. Take the case of the discoverer of this country; poor Columbus, scorned by the great, mocked by the simple; poverty stricken, foot-sore, weary, seeking assistance in one country after another, only to be refused; disappointed but never despairing. Rising from one defeat after another with a burning enthusiasm to discover the shorter course or route to India.

And St. Paul was like that in his enthusiasm for the cause of Christ. He describes it this way, "Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes, save one, thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep. In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of mine own countrymen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren" etc., etc. and yet there was no experience hard enough to quench his enthusiasm for Christ; for he declares, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, and the life I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God."

While indifference never won a victory in any worthy cause, it has managed to find favor among church people. It sometimes occupies a high seat in the councils of the church and lays its heavy hand on those who should lead in the cause of righteousness. Indifference is a greater enemy to the cause of Christ today, by far, than active opposition. The lack of enthusiasm kills a good cause. Indifference to what may happen is harder to hurdle than honest opposition. The lukewarm church was among the seven churches of Asia mentioned in the Revelation. Laodicea is stigmatized; it was neither hot nor cold, and because it was lukewarm the Lord said He would spue it out of His mouth. The peril of the indifferent church, of the lukewarm church, is its fruitlessness; never accomplishes things that are really worthwhile. Spiritual inertia is as deadly a sin as lust or greed, that is, it is sure to strangle the spirit and to paralyze the hands of the Christian worker.

Was it not the enthusiasm of the early saint that sent him abroad telling of the wonderful works of God? And it is too often the indifference in the present day saint who is now scattered in every country of the world that keeps him from telling the story which won him to Christ. Jesus met it in His day as He likens that generation to children standing in the market place and crying out "we have piped unto you and ye have not danced, we have mourned unto you and ye have not lamented." Christianity is an old story with so many of us that we never enthuse in hearing it retold. The experience meeting conducted on the plan of the church fathers too often palls upon the hearers, not because it is not true but because it is not new. Like the cultured Greeks St. Paul found in Athens, eager to hear something new, these indifferent church members need a tonic to stir them in their religious activities.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

More About the Meeting on February 20th

By the omission of a little round figure usually called a naught which means nothing I was made to say in the HERALD last week that our Appreciation Year meeting to be held on the twentieth would begin at 1:30 whereas it should have said 10:30 a. m. This meeting will be held at Grace Church, Greensboro, and will be Conference wide. There will be a full program both in the morning and the afternoon. Rev. J. C. Madison, pastor of our First Church in High Point will conduct the morning devotions. Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, the pastor of Grace Church and Dr. J. H. Straughn, the President of the General Conference will speak before noon. In the afternoon Mrs. W. C. Hammer of Asheboro, a member of the General Board of Missions and former President of the North Carolina Branch and Dr. S. W. Taylor, pastor of our Central Church in Asheboro and Director of the Appreciation Year for the Southeastern Area of the General Church will speak. It is possible that Rev. F. L. Gibbs of Pittsburgh, Pa., a member of our own conference and at the head of the department of Leadership Education in the General Church will be present and will speak on the subject, "Youth and the Appreciation Year." Make your plans now, both men and women, ministers and laymen, to be present. Remember the meeting starts at 10:30 a. m.

First Quarter to End February 14th

Knowing that there is doubt about when the conference year will end I have decided to make this quarter exactly one fourth of a year from the time of the adjournment of the Annual Conference. So this quarter will end with Tuesday, February 14th. Blanks will be sent out in due time for the quarterly report.

Thanks For the Inquiries

Since my statement in the HERALD of a couple of weeks ago in regard to my going to Duke Hospital so many inquiries have come in that I take this method of informing those interested that I have been down to Duke twice but that the specialist did not think I would have to remain in the hospital but that a trip at stated times would be sufficient.

Rev. G. F. Millaway Ill

Last week I went to see Rev. G. F. Millaway, one of our honored Superannuate Ministers who has been quite ill for several weeks. To see him suffer as he does and to realize that there is nothing that human skill can do except to give him opiates is tragic indeed. While we cannot understand why such good people have to suffer so in this world we do know that our God is good and that He makes no mistakes.

A Day On the West Forsyth Charge

Last Sunday was spent with Rev. G. B. Ferree on the West Forsyth charge, the first appointment being at Stony Knoll at 9:45 a. m. and the other one at Baltimore at 11:15 a. m. My visit to Stony Knoll was my first since my student days. Both of these churches are on the west side of the Yadkin River and are in Yadkin County. The pastor lives in Forsyth County and three of his churches are in Forsyth and three in Yadkin. The auditorium at Stony Knoll has been slightly enlarged recently and several Sunday school rooms have been built. Some of these are finished and are in use while two of them are not yet ready for occupancy. Brother Ferree, being a builder himself knows how to lead the way for other men of like gifts and talents. The weather last Sunday morning was cold and frosty. This, together with a large number of cases of measles in the community cut the congregation according to those who ought to know. But those who were present seemed very appreciative and seemed to get a good deal out of the services. Within a few seconds after the close of the service the pastor asked that I preach the same sermon at the Baltimore church. After a good deal of persuasion on the part of the pastor and his wife I decided to try to meet their request. By so doing I broke a rule which I made at the beginning of my work as president, namely, never to preach the same sermon twice to the same pastor.

My visit to the Baltimore church last Sunday was my first Sunday appointment at this church. I was there for a week day appointment of some nature several years ago. But to say that I was pleased with what I saw is to put it mildly. Really it was one of the finest rural congregations which I have seen for quite awhile. And one pleasing thing about the services was that there were so many young people. Surely this church must have a great future. Here also Sunday school rooms have been built recently and are being used. This is characteristic of a great deal of our rural work. A great many of our churches were never in better condition to do real constructive work than they are now. But one fine thing about it is that in the new church these improved buildings can be put to the best possible use. Nothing or very little that we have done in the way of improvements will be made unless because of union. And while the congregation last Sunday was large there was a warmth about it that was refreshing. At both services Sunday the people seemed as appreciative as any that I have preached to since I have been in this work. Brother Ferree is a hard worker and has done fine work on this charge. When I was at Harmony Grove church last year I found that it had been rebuilt and that Sunday school rooms had been added. And now with the splendid new rooms at the two churches visited last Sunday surely his pastorate will be remembered as one of great building activity. It was a real pleasure to be with him and his family and his church people for the day.

Appointments

Friday, February 10th, 7:30 p. m. Quarterly Conference First Church, Lexington.

Sunday, February 12th, 11:00 a. m. Reidsville; 7:30 p. m. St. Paul.

Sunday, February 19th, 2:30 p. m. Fairgrove on Seagrove-Love Joy charge in Appreciation Year Rally. Other appointments for the day being arranged.

Sunday, February 26th, Kernersville charge, Sandy Ridge at 11:00 a. m. and Ai at 2:30 p. m.

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Some Sentence Sermons

Nothing is too great for anyone to do if it is conducted in partnership with the Eternal.—*Lyman Abbot.*

The sins that ye do by two and two, ye shall pay for one by one. —*Kipling.*

When God prepares a hammer, it will not be made of silk.—*Horace Bushnell.*

The whisky business is like throwing sand in the bearings of a steam engine.—*Thomas Edison.*

The Christian life is friendship—with God, with man.—*Henry Churchill King.*

It is never,too soon to get ready to do a great task.—*John R. Mott.*

We should all choose that brave career in which we can do most for mankind.—*Robert Louis Stevenson.*

Wealth is a trust, not to be used for one's personal pleasure alone, but for the welfare of others.—*Helen Gould*

It is possible to have a lovely home even in an unlovely House. —*Selected.*

In taking revenge, a man is but even with his enemy; but in passing it by, he is superior; for it is a prince's part to pardon.—*Bacon.*

It is encumbent upon every person to contribute to his country's welfare.—*George Washington.*

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The Psalm of the Tither

By Bernice A. Ford

The tithe is my greatest joy; I shall never relinquish it. It maketh me to lie down in peace on the money question; it leadeth me into the sensible path of keeping books; it rejoiceth the church treasurer.

It leadeth me in paths of greater spiritual life for the Cause's sake. Yea, though I become stricken with extreme poverty, or rise to the unexpected joy of a big bank account, I will never let go the tithe, for it is a safe guide for rich and poor alike.

The sight of greenbacks in my tithe box comforteth me.

The tithe prepareth me to answer all calls for money without scratching my head; it anointeth me with a joyful generosity; mine opponents on the tithe question gape, opened-mouthed. Surely the realities of Christian joys grow greater every day because of it, and life can never grow stale to a tither.

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Mr. E. D. Milloway is now the manager of Mann's Cut Rate Drug Store in Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. George Halton have moved from Denton to Star, N. C.

Dr. G. I. Humphries, president of High Point College, spoke to the Ministerial Association of Greensboro last Monday. The meeting was held in Grace Church and was a luncheon meeting. The address was well received.

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Soul Thirst

"As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God" express the soul thirst of man after God as the Psalmist expressed it. While all of us know something of this quest for God which no other knowledge or experience can satisfy, not all of us have felt it so sensibly as did the writer of that sentence. But it is our noblest aspiration. We know no quest which moves us more deeply. And we know no substitute for that communion which is the ultimate result of that quest.

People have tried many of them. Our Lord tells about a man who had set his heart upon material values, who said to his soul, "Soul take thine ease, thou hast much goods laid up for thee," but he was called a fool. Neither can honor among men, nor power over men be a satifying substitute for the soul quest after God. And yet it is so easy for even good people to overlook this fact and to give themselves so completely to the accumulation of wealth and honors and power that they forget the cry of their soul for the living God. It is the curse of riches, the blight of pleasures, the obsession of worldly knowledge that they starve the soul by denying it a chance to commune with its Maker and Redeemer.

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The Withered Hand

St. Luke tells how one day Jesus found a man in the synagogue with his right hand withered, and healed him. Of course such an affliction had been a tremendous handicap to the poor fellow. Were he an artisan, it doubtless meant he could not support himself, so his appreciation must have been boundless.

We have seen church organizations with withered hands, that is they were greatly hindered by their lack of leadership, or by their lack of cooperation between their boards and societies. If the financial program was emphasized, some other phase of the work was neglected—just could not function as a normal church. It might be there was good equipment for a large and efficient Sunday school, but the lack of competent teachers made the school a poor type of school. It is pathetic to see a Church school handicapped by the unwillingness of its own leaders to respond to the opportunity before the school. Or to see a Church fail to arise to its opportunity because its boards and societies were not coordinated into one properly functioning organization. But such is the case in many communities. We know of but few churches in the North Carolina Conference that are not hindered in the rang and quality of their work by the "withered hand."

Some reasons for such a conditions could easily be removed were the church willing to work together. But when those who plan the work of the church leave out of consideration the work of the Sunday school or vice versa; when those who make up and raise the budget of the church forget the spiritual interests of the people and vice versa; you will see a church trying to function with a withered hand. To emphasize this point, let me be plain; if the pastor of the church fails to take interest in the workings of the Sunday school, and then if his Sunday school teachers and officials fail to take interest in the program of the church you have an obvious demonstration of what we mean. The normal church must have all its parts working together in the projects it undertakes; anything less than this spells failure.

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JOURNALS AND JOURNAL MONEY

I'd like to have a lot of the latter and some more of the former. Several of the brethren who didn't order enough, or for some other reason didn't get enough, have written me for copies. I do not have any. If any who read this have any left over, please write me and let me know how many you have.

And now concerning the latter. Brother Reiner, who has always been very patient with us in the matter of the Journal bill, and who still has it—patience I mean—would like to make the best possible showing in his accounts when the audit of his books is made. The fiscal year closes with the last day of this month. Can I somehow prevail on the brethren to send in their Journal money in time for me to get it to Brother Reiner before the books close? Please do that, and help me to help him.

C. W. Bates, *Secretary*,
Brown Summit, N. C.

(The address ought not to be necessary; but one of the brethren mailed some Journals to me addressed to Haw River. It cost me ten cents to have them forwarded.)

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GLEANINGS FROM YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY
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Spring Church Charge—"Shrines" presented at Pleasant Hill Church. All three churches of this charge observed the day. Offering $6.35.

F. L. Gibbs.

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LIKE LIGHTHOUSES

Some churches are like lighthouses built of stone, so strong that the thunder of the sea cannot move them—with no light at the top. That which is the light of the world in the church is not its largeness, not its services celebrated with pomp and beauty, not its music, not the influences in it that touch the taste or instruct the understanding: it is the Christlikeness of its individual members.—*Henry Ward Beecher*.

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If temptation might be turned about, and shown on both sides, the kingdom of darkness would not be so populous.—*Bishop Hall*.

WITH THE POETS
Elizabeth Vera Idol

MEMORABILIA

By Robert Browning

This simple little poem of four stanzas gives evidence of Robert Browning's artistry as a poet in a form which he frequently uses, a parallelism of structure, setting forth in the first half of the poem a literal explanation of an experience, and in the other two stanzas giving a figurative expression of the meaning that the incident had for him.

Browning as a writer was not always so careful of the forms of his poetry; as a matter of fact, he frequently allowed himself to be so carried on by the thought underlying his subject that he built too carelessly. In some instances his poems suffer so greatly from a diffuseness and inartistic difficulty that the reader is unnecessarily perplexed and perhaps even hindered from further reading and enjoyment of his poetry. That Browning himself was aware of his occasional lack of careful writing is attested to by statements which he himself admitted, but even in some of these apparently most difficult poems he rewards the attention of those readers who are willing to spend sufficient time to learn his meaning. Browning's own wide knowledge in all lines, especially in history, music, painting, and sculpture, was reflected in his writings, and he paid his readers the compliment of expecting them to know as much as he did. Not many of us can match him in knowledge, and that fact frequently accounts for our failure to comprehend him. In the mean, however, his poems which are simplest and least difficult to understand are most artistic and most worthwhile.

As was true of many of his poems, this one had its origin in an actual experience. Early in his life Browning fell under the spell of Shelley's poetry. It is said that once as he was passing a bookstall he saw in a box of second-hand volumes a little book advertised as "Mr. Shelley's Atheistical Poem—very scarce." Notwithstanding the fact that *The Daemon of the World* and some of the other poems included in the book constituted a literary piracy, he became interested in Shelley's poetry and read everything he could find that Shelley had written. Later in a London book-store he is said to have overheard a stranger remark that he had once seen and spoken to Shelley. Afterward Browning wrote, "I have not forgotten how strangely the sight of one who had spoken with Shelley affected me."

If *Memorabilia* had merely related this incident, interesting as it is, it would have little claim to immortality. Its main value lies in its imaginative suggestion of two attitudes common to most human beings. All of us, by nature, more or less hero-worshipers, and we long for the glory and inspiration that can be attained by friendly meetings or at least by acquaintanceship with that individual who has so inspired us. When someone else has had that privilege and merely tells us about it we look upon him with something closely akin to envy. This is true even though that one whose experience we so covet can not share our enthusiasm, and our eagerness and exultation only move his laughter.

Can we not then catch the spirit of zeal and enthusiasm of the youthful Browning for one who has achieved that success which he himself has dreamed of, and feel the same breathless exaltation that he felt when he stood in the presence of one who had actually known and spoken to the man he so honored?

"Ah, did you once see Shelley plain,
And did he stop and speak to you,
And did you speak to him again?
How strange it seems and new!

But you were living before that,
And also you are living after;
And the memory I started at—
My starting moves your laughter!

In the third and fourth stanzas Browning in a figurative language pictured a second experience common to life. To everyone the greater part of life is, of necessity, a "moor," "blank miles," but in most lives there occasionally shines in the midst of it "a hand's-breadth" of great inspirational and transfiguring power. To everyone who would develop to the utmost his abilities there must come such a mountain-top experience, but after that high moment the paths of achievement must lead through the valleys of work and endeavor to reach the goal, the reward of it all. In the case of Browning he brought from this experience and hid inside his breast the "eagle-feather," the feather of the mightiest of birds, even though it proved to be a "moulted feather," (symbolic of the discarded poem of Shelley), and so carried in his heart and mind the gleam, the ideal, which could lead him on to the fulfillment of all his dreams:

"I crossed a moor, with a name of its own
And a certain use in the world, no doubt,
Yet a hand's-breadth of it shines alone
'Mid the blank miles around about:

For there I picked up on the heather
And there I put inside my breast
A moulted feather, an eagle-feather!
Well, I forget the rest.

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"The Knight of the Burning Heart" is the title of an English life of Wesley for the use of young people. Along with this title should be kept in mind the familiar declarations of John Wesley. "I felt by heart strangely warmed." "I parted company with leisure." All these went into the making of that wonderful life.—*North Carolina Christian Advocate.*

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Only as we know what it is to cherish love when sore at some unkindness, to overmaster ourselves when under provocation, to preserve gentleness during trial and unmerited wrong, —only then can we know in any degree the "manner of spirit" that was in Christ.—*T. T. Carter.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Rev. O. L. Easter

PETER HEALS A LAME MAN

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, February 12, 1939

Lesson Text—Acts 3:1-10; 4:8-12.

Golden Text—But Peter said, silver and gold have I none; but what I have, that I give thee. Acts 3:6.

In this little episode on the porch of Solomon's temple and also by the Beautiful Gate we find some very interesting side glances of the lives of the apostles after Pentecost. We, of course, are interested to know just how they are going to behave after this marvelous anointing by the Holy Spirit. We would like to know what change, if any, it will make in their attitude to the temple or forms of worship, what difference it will make in their attitude towards the needs and condition of mankind. Will it put them above the need for worship in the usual forms, of formal worship, prayer meeting and the like? Will it so transform them that it will not lift them out of the realm of the sinful, unregenerated men and women around them? In this graphic little picture of Peter and John we get a vivid answer to these questions.

The ecstatic hours of the Pentecost were still warm in their heart's memory, and to some it would seem that such an experience would have made them contemptuous of the ordinary routine of temple worship and prayer. Peter and John might have said, "We are no longer mechanical worshippers; we have received the Holy Spirit into our hearts, and for us all Sabbath days, and sacrificial hours and sacred places of man-built structures are abolished—we live the higher life." They, however, made no such speech. They forever said for the church that we do have our Pentecostal moments which lift us up to the very courts of heaven but that we are moved by that higher spirit to keep our feet upon solid earth of human agencies. It will not allow us to give up to saying:

"My willing soul would stay
In such a frame as this,
And sit and sing herself away
To everlasting bliss."

What about that beautiful gate? Should the Christian apostle who had sat at the feet of Jesus with all of His divine nature that knew no bounds resort to the mere man-made structures and symbols of Solomon's temple? When Christ answered the woman by the well in Samaria and told her that God was a spirit and must be worshipped in spirit and in truth—things which transcend the mere temple in Jerusalem —did He not lift worship above the means of mere gates and stones? Well, the answer is with these spirit-filled apostles, Peter and John, that they are on their way to the temple at the hour of the ordinary prayer-meeting. Christ did say that His spiritual Father could not and should not be shut up within the temple in Jerusalem but that the doors long shut by selfish Judaism would be thrown open by His coming and that the light of God's spirit would flow forth from its portals to all life, even Samaria. Now light can be shut in a building so as to leave the yards dark without but in opening windows and doors and letting the inner light shine forth into the yards it does not rob the inside rooms of their light. So Christ affected temple worship in His coming. In one respect then He changed the nature of the Jewish temple. In the place of the Greek words engraved on pillars of this beautiful gate which read, "Let no stranger pass beyond this on pain of death," Christ has gone through and substituted these comforting words which read, "Come unto Me all ye who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Thus we believe that Christ sanctions the use of the beautiful gate in worshiping His Father in the beauty of holiness.

Then what about that ugly, wretched bit of humanity that got itself mixed up in the beauty of the temple? Should he have been permitted to use this beautiful and consecrated place as a place to ask his alms? To all who would debate this question both pro and con here is the answer of Peter and John. They behold the beauty of God's nature as symbolized in the temple; in like manner they were led to see the contrasting urgliness of sin-ridden humanity as symbolized by this lame man at the temple gate; and in response to that contrast they reached out human hands supported by divine love and lifted this poor lame brother of theirs to be able to walk again. Now get the completed picture—

"And leaping up, he stood, and began to walk; and he entered *with them, into the temple,* walking, and leaping, and praising God."

Thus in conclusion we would say that we should build and enter our temples of beauty to worship our heavenly Father, but as we see in contrast to this beauty the wistful expectancy of humanity made ugly by the ravages of sin we must forever respond by saying to this needy humanity which still lies at the gate of every church and temple today, "In the name of Jesus of Nazarus, rise up and walk."

MESSENGERS WITHOUT MESSAGES

By Rev. W. A. Ledford

Many take pride in their own individualities, and peculiarities. This is well and good, but after all, we all belong to certain classes of society. It was that way also in Bible times. Esau belonged to the profane class, who like Demas, loved the things of this world more than the things of the next world. Such delight more in the things of the flesh than of the things of the spirit. Abraham is known as the father of the faithful. That rather obscure messenger, associated with the armies of King David, Ahimaaz, represents the class of messengers without messages.

Ahimaaz was in a veritable maelstrom of events. The very air must have been tense with news. Such an opportune time for a front page story. The wise counsellor Ahithophel, like Judas Iscariot, had committed suicide. Absalom was in revolt against his father, David, and had driven him out of Jerusalem. The armies of David and Absalom were in battle in the forests of Ephraim. The fair, winsome, politically minded Absalom had been brutally slain and buried like a dog. Doubtless, the air was full of rumors. Tidings had been dispatched of the outcome to King David. Ahimaaz outran the Cushite, whom Joab had sent with the tragic news. As he came into the presence of David, he was asked, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" Ahimaaz reported that when he left Joab there was a great tumult, but he didn't know what it was. David told him to stand aside.

This much might be said in behalf of this messenger without a message. He was a good man, son of the priest, Zadok, and was one of the most trusted messengers. It was partially through his messages that David was able to escape out of Jerusalem. Some have thought that Joab thought too much of him, to send him on the hazardous mission, of imparting the sad news to David of his son's tragic death. Instead a foreign slave, a Cushite was selected to bear the tidings to King David. David actually did take Joab out of the army for his part in Absalom's death. Doubtless, no such an alibi could be made for many of God's messengers without messages.

After all the good things that might be said of Ahimaaz's fittness, trustworthiness to be a messenger, he seems to have been dominated by the spirit of rivalry and vainglory. When he was denied the privilege of bearing this message to King David, he obtained permission to run along also. The motive seems to have been, to show the Cushite that he could outrun him. Perhaps, De Quincey would class among, "Murder As a Fine Art," some modern people striving to equal, or surpass "The Jones and the Browns." Such seem never to learn that pride, jealousy, vainglory, the spirit of selfish rivalry are not among the fruits of the blessed Holy Spirit. This spirit leads to the "padding" of church registers, and making false reports, that some former, or neighboring pastor may be surpassed.

Ahimaaz learned that King David wanted to hear something more than about excitement, tumults, and emotional spasms, when the destiny of nations were in the balance, and thousands of lives being hurled into eternity. It was a great day for Elijah, when he learned that God was in the still small voice, rather than in the wind, earthquake, or the fire. The messengers of God must hear more than trumpets, see more than tumults, and feel more than excitement, if they are to bring comfort, and consolation to poor souls, sitting in darkness and the shadow of death, and guide their feet in the ways of peace. The Son of God prefaced His great mission, by announcing that "the Spirit of God was upon him." Some of us ministers are slow to learn that noise is not emphasis, nor hot air preaching.

The tragedy of Ahimaaz, was that he was ignorant of the king's son. The great heart of David was naturally interested in the welfare of the kingdom, and the news in general, but at this time, the absorbing topic with him was his son. When the armies went to battle, David requested that the young man, even Absalom be dealt with gently. His first question of the messengers was, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" David was wrapped up in his own son. The whole scene is real to us parents. The story is told of a certain Vice President in Washington, spending the night by the side of his little adopted son's crib, while the President and his cabinet wrestled with world problems. The world honors that Vice President for doing that very thing.

If Scripture has no message for us today, we are not interested in it. We make well beaten paths to certain portions of Scripture because we find comfort and assurance there. Other sections of our Bibles remain perfectly clean. What lesson has this messenger without a message in the long ago, have for us today? Gleaning from modern books, magazines, and religious literature in general; there appears to be many occupying chairs of religious education, and Christian pulpits, who are ignorant of God's Son. Jesus Christ was in the midst of the people, in the time of John the Baptist, and they didn't know it. Philip was with Jesus a long time without knowing Him. Jesus Christ and Him crucified, might be foolishness to some, and to others a stumbling block, but the Great Apostle to the Gentiles determined to know nothing else.

It is possible for the teacher, or preacher to delve into the depths of literature, science, politics, philosophy and entertain an audience. These are His according to Paul. Such preaching never hits pet sins. But in our more sober moments, we delve into the deep things of God, and answer with Peter, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we have believed, and know that Thou art the Holy One of God."—Jn. 6:68, 69. Without such knowledge no one should occupy a chair of Christian education, nor accupy a Christian pulpit. Such would be messengers without messages.

Laytonsville, Md.

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A TRIP THROUGH THE KITCHEN

Do you ever think of your familiar kitchen as offering you a trip to foreign countries? Take a look around and see what a wonderful voyage you can have right at home?

First, notice the coffee can. There we make the first stop—Santos, in Brazil. Our coffee comes from there principally—six million bags yearly, each bag weighing one hundred thirty-seven pounds. Some comes from Colombia, Venezuela, parts of Central America, and the Netherland Indies.

Your tea most likely grew in Japan, China, India, or the East Indies—quite a trip for one item, particularly as the United States is not considered one of the "tea-drinking" nations.

The cacao bean, from which your cocoa and chocolate are made probably originated either in British West Africa, Brazil, Ecuador, or Trinidad. And did you know that we use about one hundred thousands tons of these items a year? When you consider that a teaspoon of ground cocoa makes a cup, how many cups do you suppose we consume?

The sugar tin catches your eye, and you think, "At least that's American!" It may be, yet statistics show that about half our supply is imported, mostly from Cuba and Java. Porto Rico, Hawaii, and the Philippines account for one-quarter of the balance, while only one-quarter of our needs is actually produced here.

Among the articles referred to under the general head of "breadstuffs," we find that much of our rice comes from Hong Kong, and at least a portion of our wheat from Canada and Australia. Sago and tapioca are entirely foreign, coming from the East Indies.

In spite of home production, beans and lentils are imported from Japan in large quantities. Garlic comes from Italy, Spain, or China, and we import large supplies of onions from Spain. Dried peas come to us from Mexico and Japan.

Nuts are one of the most traveled of our kitchen friends. Almonds originate in Spain, Italy, or France, and our coconuts come from the Philippines, Trinidad, and Central America. Coconut meat is imported principally from Oceania, and the shredded kind from the British East Indies. Brazil-nuts give themselves away by their name, while filberts come from Italy and Spain. A great many of the peanuts we use grow in Japan and China, and we import large quantities of walnuts from Italy, France, and China.

Most spices have an interesting foreign background—countries you'll enjoy visiting. Red pepper shouts, "Japan, Spain, and Africa," and again we go to Hong Kong for cassia. The familiar clove comes mostly from East Africa and Zanzibar, and the ginger root from West Africa and Jamaica. We depend on England for most of our mustard, but black pepper sneezes, "Netherland Indies or Straits Settlements is home."

Even the pots and pans play a part in your trip, being made from tin imported from the Malay Peninsula or China. The linoleum represents Spain and Portugal in the cork used, Argentine or Britain in the linseed oil, and New Zealand and the East Indies for the kauri, or copal gum. Indian jute also has an important place in the maufacture of this floor covering.

So most of this civilized world is represented in this all-too-familiar kitchen of yours when you look around. Perhaps getting dinner tonight will be less of a task and more of an adventure if you take "A Trip Trough the Kitchen" while you work.—Katherine Houison, in *The Ambassador*.

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YOUR YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY OFFERING

The large number of orders and reports being received indicate that Young People's Day was widely observed throughout the Methodist Protestant Church. The offering taken on Young People's Day should be sent to the Treasurer of your Annual Conference and marked "Young People's Day Offering." This offering is a credit on World Service and of course counts on your "Appreciation Year" goal. Please send all such offerings to the Treasurer at your earliest convenience.

F. L. GIBBS.

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At each moment of a man's life he is either a king or a slave. As he surrenders to a wrong appetite, to any human weakness, to any failure, he is a slave. As he day by day crushes out human weakness . . . recreates a new self from the sin and folly of the past, then he is a king. He is a king ruling with wisdom over himself.—*William G. Jordan.*

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The Church is not a gallery for the exhibition of eminent Christians, but a school for the education of the imperfect ones.—*H. W. Beecher.*

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

By REV. JOSEPH COBLE

LOOKING AT POLITICS THROUGH CHRISTIAN EYES

Topic for February 19, 1939

Daily Bible Readings:

Monday, February 13—Jew and Gentile, one in Christ. Eph. 2:14-18.

Tuesday, February 14—Tribute to whom due. Matt. 22:15-21.

Wednesday, February 15—Jesus, a victim of intrigue. Luke 22:1-6.

Thursday, February 16—Unworthy citizens. Luke 11:39-44.

Friday, February 17—An unfailing rule. Matt. 7:12.

Saturday, February 18—Christian conduct, the criterion. I Pet. 2:9-20.

The Text: Matt. 5:13-20.

While this is being typed a report is coming in over the radio telling of further developments in the uncovering of some of the political corruption that has been practiced in New York. No doubt the condition is just as rotten in your community and in mine as it is in the places in our country where some of the scandal has been uncovered.

As Christians, we have known for a long time that things were not as they should be, but for some reason which cannot be explained to our satisfaction, the word politics has been tabooed in our churches. We have been afraid that politics would get into the churches, and we have been afraid that the church would get into politics. We do not advocate that this should be done, but it is time we pause to consider just why we have the corruption that we do have in our civil government.

Murry Benson, a lawyer and a prominent layman in our Maryland Conference, says: "The church people complain because certain laws are passed and because certain conditions exist in Baltimore; which they, the church people, are responsible for. These conditions which are contrary to the principles of Christ exist because a voting majority of the people want them. The Christians must not complain, but must do something by exercising the right to vote and by changing the hearts of others who do vote." Too long the church people have sat idly by while men who would have been good leaders, fall before the temptations offered them by the forces of evil.

The few times that church people have become stirred to the point of taking a definite stand; they have done, in many cases, more harm than they have good; by their lack of common sense. They have become so stirred up that they have demanded certain things of their law makers without considering the fact that they in turn would have to compromise with unscruplous politicians to get what was demanded.

Recently in one of our counties a group of ministers went to the law enforcement agents and complimented them on a certain piece of work that had been done and encouraged them that more of the same thing be done in the future. One of the officers said to this group just about what Murry Benson said. "What was done has been done because the church people were stirred up, but most of the places we closed will be open again in ninety days, because right or wrong, we do what a majority of the people in the county want—that is the way we keep our jobs."

A movement was started in this same county several months ago for law observance and law enforcement, and it was defeated because there could not be found in that county a Christian layman who had nerve enough or Christianity enough to lead such a movement.

It will be only when we have enough of the courage, desire for right, and spirit of cooperation of Jesus Christ; that we are ever going to be able to change our corrupt politics. No evil can be changed by hiding our eyes and refusing to look at the sore. Too long the church has refused to notice prevailing conditions and has turned her face and practiced a hands off policy.

It is going to take the cooperation of Christian people working for the right regardless of cost, such as has been done in Mecklenburg County and is now being done in Alamance County, before our politics can be carried on in a Christ-like manner.

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FROM BROTHER LEWALLEN

Editor, The HERALD:

The pastor has just delivered a discourse on "Sandy Foundations," using as his text the narative of the man who built his house on the sand, as recorded in the seventh chapter of St. Matthew.

I don't know just why this pastor ever thought about preaching from this subject for he evidently was not interested in the kind of foundations his members were building on. For after his discourse a young lady who had been promoted to church membership in a Sunday school decision day servive and had taken the vows of the church, no one ever having explained to her about the spiritual birth or regeneration.

This young lady came to her pastor and said, "Pastor, I am afraid I am building on a sandy foundation.

"I don't know whether I have ever been converted or not, and I am troubled about my soul. When I joined the church I tried to be honest in answering the questions you ask me. When you asked me if I believed in the Lord Jesus Christ I thought it would be very wicked not to believe in Him so I said that I believed in Him, and you told me that that was all there was to it.

"Now I want you to tell me what to do. I want to find peace to my soul."

This pastor, if he should be called a pastor, said to this young lady, "If that's all you have to worry about just go on and forget about it, for we all have our doubts and difficulties. Just go on believing and you will be all right."

If this preacher had really been regenerated and filled with the Holy Spirit and called to preach with the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon him, he could have pointed this truobled soul to the Lamb of God and helped her to find peace. But this preacher could not help her so she went away with a troubled heart, but not for long for she soon found a friend that really knew God and knew how to deal with a soul that is hungering and thirsting after righteousness. So she found peace to her soul and went on her way rejoicing.

"Dear pastor, did you ever have one of your members come to you and say, 'Pastor, I don't know whether I am measuring up to the New Testament standard for a Christian or not. When I read the Bible or hear the word preached it fills me with doubts about my condition, and my heart is troubled. I want you to tell me what to do. I want you to explain the spiritual birth to me so I can understand it.' "

If so did you tell them they were all right and to go on and forget about it. Or did you take them by the hand and point them to Jesus, and help them to find peace to their souls. I believe the minister who is being led by the Spirit of God, can by talking a few minutes with an honest person who is willing to unbosom their heart to him, assertion whether or not they have been born of the Spirit or regenerated, and if they have not, he can lead them into the light so that they can see where they stand and can help them to find the Saviour.

The preacher who can not do these things, should go back to the prow the shop or the mill, for if the blind lead the blind all will fall in the ditch.

Many will come up to the great judgment at the last day to find that their names are not recorded in the Lamb Book of Life and will turn away and point an accusing finger at some preacher and say he said I was all right.

C. A. LEWALLEN.

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School over, Albert reached home, bearing evident signs of having been fighting.

"Come here, Albert," said his mother sternly. "Now tell me, how did you get that black eye?"

"I was protecting a little boy," said Albert, and all the wrath left his mother, who patted him on the back, saying, "That's a good boy; so noble of you. Who was the little boy?"

"Me," said Albert.—Stray Stories.

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Visitor: 'These biscuits are lovely, Mrs. Smith. I don't know how many I've had."

Little Tommy: "You've had seven!"—Ex.

MISSIONARY COLUMN

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PAGEANT ARRIVES

A telephone message from Mrs. Hammer states that she has received the pageant on India, and inasmuch as she has sent substitute material she will wait to hear from you before sending this pageant and worship service. So, if you wish a copy of the new one-act religious drama on India, "A Parable of the Kingdom," write Mrs. Wm. C. Hammer, Asheboro, N. C.

We trust that many organizations will order the pageant and that thank-offerings will be generous.

A THANK-OFFERING SUGGESTION

It is February again and throughout the M. P. church we are thinking in terms of Thank-Offering and Appreciation Year with our World Service budget raised in full. For several years we at Lebanon church, High Point, have used the candle lighting service very successfuly in taking our offering. It is interesting to see how people like to light or have lighted for them, a candle representing some amount of money given in helping to carry on our missionary work. This year we plan to have a birthday cake with 60 candles on it, and I hope to see each one lighted. We are indebted to Mrs. Geo. R. Brown for the much-sought information as to the age of our W. F. M. S., also our foreign work in North Carolina, which is 40 years old some time this year. Lebanon is one among eight churches to be the first in North Carolina to have a W. F. M. S. We were planning our birthday cake as a surprise, but since it has been suggested, we pass the idea on through the Herald. We decided to do it in the hope that someone will be benefitted thereby, and thus help in raising our World Service budget. We have given a thank-offering box to each Sunday school class and plan to light a candle for each dollar or fraction thereof. Also, throughout the congregation any one who wishes may light a candle for some designated amount. Some no doubt will want to light five or more, each representing a dollar. We will have a devotional service and a play. It is always our chief objective for the spiritual side of our program to be of a very impressive and uplifting nature.

LOULA THACKER.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

In a search through several Missionary Records I find that the N. C. Branch of Women's Work has 132 life members—that is, paid life members.

An amazing thing about this list is that very few on the list are truly LIFE MEMBERS, since they were made so after they became adults. Another strange thing is that one may become a LIFE MEMBER any time up to 16 years by the payment of $5.00 to the treasurer, Mrs. Coy L. Kearns, Denton, N. C., but after one passes the 16th year it is necessary to pay $10.00 to become a LIFE MEMBER.

Now, in the remainder of this year let us see if we can't have some real life members. I have noticed with interest the births recorded in the Herald. If parents will enter their infants on our Life Membership list, they will truly become LIFE MEMBERS.

Several years ago I met a very charming woman who, when she found that Henderson was my home town, recalled that when she was a very small child she was visiting her grandparents when the M. P. conference met and the delegate to that conference from Henderson was entertained by her grandparents. She supposed that it was a mark of courtesy to her grandparents that this gentleman who was their guest paid $5 to make her, the grandchild, a Life Member of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. P. Church. The parents of the little girl never lived where there was a Methodist Protestant church, but when the little girl grew up and married, she and her husband lived in a town where they could and did join the M. P. church. The woman, as well as her husband, was a most effective church worker. She became president of the Woman's Auxiliary of her church.

Who would say that $5 for that Life Membership was not well invested?

It seems to the Editor of this column that this example might well be followed by parents or grandparents or relatives or friends in making the babies real Life Members of the N. C. Branch of Women's Work. We'd like to report all new Life Members between now and March 31 in this column. Remember the $5 is a credit on the World Service and Appreciation Year and Woman's Auxiliary budget. Send the money and the name to Mrs. Coy L. Kearns, Denton, N. C., and also send names to Mrs. R. A. Hunter, R. F. D., Winston-Salem, N. C. Mrs. Kearns will send list to Herald for publication.

Thank you—who'll be first? Or will they be twins?

TRIBUTE TO MISSIONARIES

By MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK

At a missionary meeting held in Hankow, China, as a farewell to China's greatly beloved Bishop Logan H. Roots, Madame Chiang Kai-Shek was present and spoke to the company. We are glad to give space to excerpts from that memorable speech:

"Some years ago it was the fashion to decry missionary efforts as being a failure, and I even remember that a commission was sent out from America to gauge the results of missionary work because there was then a widespread feeling that missions had failed in their object. At that time many wondered where were the successors of the Livingstons, the Morrisons, and the Young J. Allens. I think if one were to view impartially the work done by the missionaries, especially during these last nine months, one need no longer doubt whether the same stalwart, courageous, intense passion to help humanity is today present, as it was in the days of pioneering missionaries. I would say from my personal experience, that almost without a single exception all missionaries who are now in the China field have shown themselves to be possessed of those qualities which we so admired in those missionaries of other days, whose names have become famous.

"Many people today are thrilled when they read how Morrison, with a Chinese teacher, worked on his sampan translating the Bible into colloquial, while edicts from the Empress Dowager were sending guards to arrest him. We see something heroic in the way he labored under the uncertain glimmer of an oil lamp, risking his life as his sampan traversed tortuous canals, so that masses may have the benefit of the Bible in terms understandable to them.

"Today, however, missionaries are working under even greater handicaps of death and woe than those which harassed Morrison. All of you know too well what has recently happened in Nanking, Hangshow, Wuhu, and throughout that densely populated region marked by those cities; you know how the missionaries have stood their ground and saved hundreds of thousands of our refugees in the face of bayonets, artillery, bombs and unbridled lust.

"I need not stress what missionaries of the past have done in educational, medical, industrial and agricultural lines to help the people all over the country. One of the cabinet ministers who is a non-Christian remarked one day that he was studying the Bible. When asked if he were a Christian he replied: 'No, but I notice that the Christians throughout the country show a great self-sacrificing spirit and therefore I feel that there must be something to Christianity.' By your work and spirit that underlies it you have made manifest the meaning of true Christianity. The results of your efforts are so appreciated that the Generalissimo has now found it possible to have that law forbidding religion to be taught in Christian schools amended, so that religious subjects may henceforth be taught in registered mission schools. This decision is the greatest testimony in the history of China of our appreciation of the vital, real contribution that Christianity has made to the spiritual well being and livelihood of our people."—*N. C. Christian Advocate.*

MARRIED

Jones-Anthony

On Saturday, December 24, at 2:30 Mr. Joseph Astor Anthony and Miss Margaret Jones were united in marriage at the home of T. G. Madison, who heard the vows. Only a select group of friends were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony are residents of Lawndale and will continue to make their home there. Mr. Anthony has a position with the Cleveland Mill and Power Company. We wish for them a long and happy life.

T. G. MADISON

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Liberty M. P. Church, Rev. Aubert Smith, Pastor.—We were pleased to have with us the second Sunday in January Dr. Jesse E. Pritchard, president of the North Carolina Conference. Dr. Pritchard preached an excellent sermon at the 11 o'clock service to a large congregation. He will be pleasantly remembered as one of our "Liberty Normal College" students.

Mrs. James Cheek, one of our members who has been very ill in the hospital in Siler City is much improved.

Mrs. Kelley Overman, who has been critically ill for the past two weeks was carried to Siler City hospital Friday.

The town of Liberty celebrated its golden jubilee anniversary January 30th with many interesting facts of the five churches of Liberty being published in the Liberty News, the city's weekly news paper.

The Ladie's Auxiliary met in the church Tuesday evening.

Mrs. B. J. Gregson, president, had charge of the meeting and conducted the devotional.

Mrs. George R. Brown was guest speaker for the evening.

Mrs. Mamie Smith and Mrs. Clarence Highfill took parts on the program.

Circle No. 2 met with Mrs. W. M. Hanner Thursday afternoon at her home.

Mrs. Colon Brady, circle leader, presided at the meeting.

Mrs. B. J. Gregson had charge of the program. The subject for study was "Christian Unity in China."

Mrs. Herbert Smith, guest from the Methodist Episcopal Church, led the devotional.

Mrs. Wade Hardin read "Meditation."

Mrs. J. E. Cox read "Inter Denominational Relationship." Mrs. W. M. Hanner read a poem, "Youth."

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

Circle No. 1 of the Methodist Protestant church met Thursday afternoon in the church parlor. Mrs. J. A. Lyles, circle leader, presided at the meeting. After the business meeting the circle went to Mrs. W. M. Hanner's for refreshments and Mrs. Hanner was assisted in serving by Mrs. Colon Brady and Mrs. Wade Hardin.

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Love's Grove, Friendship - Love's Grove Charge, Rev. Earl Cook, Pastor.—Our first fifteenth District Rally was held at First M. P. Church, Albemarle, January 29. Rev. Mr. C. G. Isley had charge of the afternoon session. Max Gantt, a very promising young man of Albemarle had charge of the devotionals. The world and more especially our churches, need more young men and women of this type, men and women who are proud of their Saviour and who are not afraid to take a firm stand for Him. Max, we bid you God speed. Rev. Mr. Bell from Roberta gave an interesting talk on, "What My Local Church Has Meant to Me and the North Carolina Conference," being followed by a talk on,. "Larger Fellowship in the New Church," by Rev. Mr. Huss from Kannapolis.

Dinner was served in the dining room of the church at 5:30 o'clock with the ladies from Albemarle church serving hot coffee.

The evening service was given over to the ladies work with Mrs. W. L. Little presiding. The main feature of the evening was a religious drama—"Shrines," presented by the Concord church. This was very impressively rendered and with much reverence and grace. Many thanks to those who took part and especially to Rev. and Mrs. Peeler who put forth special effort to make the drama a success.

Each Sunday our Sunday school shows progress over last year in every respect, but still we have a large number of people who need to be enrolled in our school, or in some Sunday school. Our superintendent, Mr. J. S. Polk, never tires or tries to shirk his obligation toward the church. May we never fail him in trying to make our Sunday school what God would have it.

We are forwarding plans to remodel our church and perhaps install a heating system. Perhaps this might be the means of bringing some of our members home. We hope very much that those who have gone away, but who still hold their membership at Love's Grove, will see the need to come back home. We need you, but God needs you much more in the work of His kingdom. Our pastor, Mr. Cook is a grand preacher and a most enthusiastic worker, and if you have never heard him or had the privilege to work with him, we want you to come and do so. There is no greater pleasure or comfort to man than to be a worker in God's kingdom. We have preaching service each second and fourth Sunday at 11 o'clock.

MRS. W. L. LITTLE, Ass't. Reporter.
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Sapling Ridge Church, Alamance Charge, Rev. George R. Brown, Pastor.—We were very happy to have Dr. George R. Brown preach to us at 11 o'clock. He read from the 12th chapter of Acts. His text was the 5th verse: "Peter therefore was kept in prison, but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him." We had a very good crowd out today. Hope they will continue coming. Our Sunday school is getting along very nicely, although we do not have a very large attendance. We sincerely hope we can get interested enough in God's work to come out to Sunday school.

The Woman's Auxiliary met last months with Mrs. Ruben Stone. Nine members were present. We will meet next month with Mrs. Roy Self. We are planning to observe the world day of prayer at this next meeting.

We were very glad indeed to have with us at church again today Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Pugh who have been kept at home for a long time on account of sickness.

Mr. A. G. Campbell is still unable to attend church. Does'nt seem to get much better, but we hope he will soon be lots better.

Rev. and Mrs. George R. Brown were dinner guests at the home of Mr. Rufus Johnson Sunday.

We still ask an interest in the prayers of the Christians, for us in the work of our Christ.

MRS. FRANK WEBSTER, Reporter.

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Thomasville, First Church, Rev. James T. Bowman, Pastor.—As I haven't noticed any report from our charge in a few weeks I shall take the liberty of writing a short sketch of the activities of our work.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowman have taken hold of the work again this year, and everything is going splendidly under their leadership.

We held our quarterly officers and teachers meeting on Monday night, January 9th. Quite a number of changes in the teachers was recommended in order that others may be getting the practice that it takes to fit them for future work in that particular line—for we realize that a teacher is not made only through and by persistent efforts from time to time. These recommendations were carried out, and they were elected the following Sunday by a vote of the entire school.

We held our promotional service on the fifth Sunday and somewhere around fifty were sent up into the higher brackets, making room for those who are constantly coming in from time to time. Our school numbers around three hundred with an average of around two hundred each Sunday, which does not measure a sufficiency in accordance with our enrollment. I have always contended that where twenty per cent or over are not accounted for that something is wrong somewhere and a check-up should be made.

Our pastor, Mr. Bowman, has been confined to his room with the grippe and was not with us last Sunday (January 29th).

We always miss the pastor's leadership in his absence more than anyone else.

Mr. Bowman is a little better situated than most pastors, in his absence his good wife can take over the services almost if not as conveniently as does the pastor, so we are fortunate in having this combination as our leaders.

Last Sunday being Young People's Day, the printed bulletins sent out by that department were used. Mrs. Bowman made the talk at the morning service, also Brother Walter Loftin, chairman of the board of stewards, made an appeal as to the financial responsibility of our charge—this being the last year before the merger, he stressed the fact of making this a cleanup year as to finances so that we can go to our annual conference with all claims paid.

Our C. E. society elected new officers for the following year. Finch Jackson was elected president replacing Miss Nell Jarret who has been president for the past two years. Nell has made a good leader and the work has gone along fine under her leadership. Finch is a fine boy and I am sure that the society will go forward under his management.

Mr. Alfred Hedrick (of our young folk) and Miss Arlene Walton of Trinity, N. C.

were married at the parsonage on Saturday night, January 21st. Rev. Mr. Bowman officiating. Alfred is a member of our church and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hedrick of Thomasville. We wish them a long and happy life.

And now I must say a word in behalf of our HERALD. Is is the only periodical that comes into our home that I read in its entirety.

I am sure that if we read the HERALD (beginning with the Editorials, The President's Message, The Sunday School Lesson, by Mr. Easter). And I came very near saying Dr. Lindley's contribution, which he has just recently laid aside (to our regret). And I might say Dr. we miss them. It will give us information that will make us better workers in our own local churches.

Again I might say to you HERALD Committee of the different charges of our denomination. See if you can get the HERALD in the homes of those who have never taken it, so that they too, may share the good messages that will be in store for them, and if they read it and get the proper information of the doings and activities of our denomination in general, and don't make better servants in their own local church—then I shall be very much disappointed.

Brother Andrews you are giving us a good paper.

D. R. CONNELL.

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Asheville.—There has been no report from our church for some time but that has been due to the illness of the reporter rather than to inactivity in the church. We really are encouraged in many ways by the interest shown and the progress we have made. Church attendance is increasing and Dr. Bethea's splendid sermons are helpful and inspiring. At our Young People's Day services both attendance and offering were most gratifying. The offering was three times as large as our offering last year. This broadened interest in missionary or world service activities is an encouraging sign, for the most successful church is always one which thinks in broader terms than local church needs. Rev. W. C. Clark gave a splendid address at the evening service on "Appreciation Year." Mrs. A. G. Wilcox, of Enfield, Miss Irene Holcombe, of the Weaverville church, and our own Mr. James Bailey and young people's choir with their capable director, Miss Nancy Clouse added greatly to the services by their beautiful music.

The Auxiliary continues to carry on a successful year's work and althought small in numbers they lack nothing in cooperation and helpful spirit. Circle One met last Thursday with Mrs. R. B. Wilson and Circle Two met with Miss Frances Cunningham. Both circles are enjoying and profiting by their interesting Bible study at each meeting.

Sunday school work is progressing nicely although attendance is not as large as we would like to have. There seems to be a splendid class spirit in all the classes. Regular business and social meetings are held and all classes are cooperating whenever possible in the activities of the church. The Baraca-Philathea class is sponsoring a series of benefit parties, proceeds of which will be applied on the church budget. The first was held on January 27th at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Wilson and the second is scheduled for February 17th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Heller.

The Fawcett Bible Class will hold its meeting on Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Junius Hornaday.

We are sorry to report that many of our people are ill and hope they may soon be able to return to their places in our church. Among the sick members are Mrs. H. L. Hanner, Miss Eula Taylor, Richard Charnock and Miss Edna Moore and little Miss Mary Margaret Wilson who have recovered sufficiently to be out again. Miss Minnie Boyd is improving after several weeks at the Mission Hospital.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hanner and the birth of a son, Thomas Isaac, at the Mission Hospital on January 29th.

FRANCES CUNNINGHAM, Reporter.

Since the above report was written we have received the sad news of the passing away of Mr. E. C. Fawcett, of Cheyney, Pa., for many years superintendent of our Sunday school and teacher of the Fawcett Bible class. Our entire church is saddened at this news and we all join in expressing our sympathy to his bereaved family. Mr. Fawcett was one of the most wonderful Christian characters I have ever known. It was a privilege to have known him and although he has been removed from our midst he will continue to live in the hearts of all who knew him—a loyal citizen, sympathetic and understanding friend, and a true Christian.

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Mt. Hermon Charge.—Our reporter at the Belmont church ask me to drop in a few lines for the church paper in her place this week. But I want to say first that I am not as familiar with just what has been going on in any of the church as I would like to be, due to several week's illness. On the day following the adjournment of the annual conference I was stricken down with a very serious illness which kept me confined to my bed and room for around six weeks, and while I am much improved, I still have to rest a while each morning and afternoon. This of course keeps me from visiting very much on my work. But thanks to Brothers Wayne Curtis and Lee Moser all of my appointments have been filled but one. Brother Curtis offered to fill that one for me, but I thought I was stronger than I really was. I found at the last minute that I was not able to go.

But I am now in my place each Sunday, and find the churches and Sunday schools moving along nicely. Our Sunday school at Belmont under the efficient, faithful leadership of our superintendent, Brother Royzelle Coble, is doing fine work.

Our heating system that we put in the Belmont church last fall in time for the first cold weather, is a joy to us all. And due to the comfortable building or some other cause we are having a very marked increase in our Sunday night attendance despite the fact that we have had and still have quite a lot of sickness in our community.

Mrs. Jackson Sharpe has been very sick with pneumonia, (Uncle) Joel Sharpe also has pneumonia, Mrs. Mary Shoffner is desperately sick at this time. She has been confined to her bed for several months. There seems to be only one hope for her recovery, Divine intervention. Mrs. Sharpe is reported better, they have dismissed the trained nurse, and think her out of danger. But a message has just come to me while writing this letter that Mrs. Shoffner has passed away. She was one of our most-spiritual leaders in the Belmont church. The church will miss her, the community will miss her very much.

I knew I lived in a fine community, had the best of neighbors, and served a fine people, I did not have to get sick to find that out. But while sick I found more evidence of it. The neighbors came in and hauled up several loads of wood for me. One good friend giving the wood, then they sawed it up and put it in the wood house. Many of my neighbors brought fresh meats, some came to see me and left a bill in my hands when they said good-bye. At Christmas time the churches and the Sunday schools sent in baskets of groceries and fruits. Mt. Hermon church sent us two nice wool blankets and several pieces of bed linen, and then a number of personal gifts came along with it. The Belmont church gave us a nice wool blanket, and a beautiful table lamp, and bags of fruit. The Friendship church, Business Girls' circle, sent us a large box of groceries and other personal gifts. The Philathea class also sent a large basket of groceries and personal gifts. The Cedar Cliff church sent a quantity of fresh meats. The treasurers of the churches knowing that sickness meant medicine and doctor bills, came in with checks that covered all of my expenses while sick. Words cannot express my gratitude for the kindness of these good people.

May the rich blessings of our Heavenly Father be upon them everyone, Jesus said, "Peter, if you love me feed my sheep." If you love me prove it by what service you render. May the Lord help me to prove my gratitude by the service I render, and make me a better preacher and a better pastor.

J. R. ANDERSON.

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Kernersvile Church, February 6.—The January meeting of Circle No. 1 of the Ladie's Aid Society was held at the home of Mrs. J. S. Linville. The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. C. B. Way and consisted of a song, scripture reading by Miss Rose Linville and prayer by Rev. C. B. Way. A duet by miss Louise Way and C. B. Way, Jr. Due to the absence of the president, Mrs. J. W. Corum, Miss Mamie Bull had charge of the business program. Reports were made by the secretary, Mrs. C. B. Way and the treasurer, Mrs. A. N. Linville. Plans were discussed for the purchase of new chairs for the church choir. During the social hour the hostess assisted by her daughter, Miss Rose Linville, served refreshments to a good attendance of members and four visitors. The February meeting will be held with Mrs. Jack Watkins.

Circle No. 2 of the Ladie's Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. G. L. Wall Saturday evening January 21st. The meeting opened with a song "More Love to Thee." Miss Louise Way read the 26th Psalm. Prayer by Mrs. C. B. Way followed. Mrs. Clay Parrish, secretary, read the minutes and in the absence of the treasurer, Mrs. Odell Corum, Mrs. Parrish collected dues and gave the treasurer's report. The lesson study was taken from the book of Leviticus.

The personal service report showed 20 visits to the sick made, 3 trays and 3 baskets of fruit sent. Three new members, Mrs. C. B. Way, Miss Louise Way and Miss Meta Ragland were welcomed into the circle. The hostess assisted by Mrs. Clay Parrish served refreshments. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Willis Taylor.

The work at our church is progressing nicely. Since conference our church has had the woodwork on the exterior painted and some remodeling with a complete redecoration of the interior. A lovely new carpet has been put down and we are hoping for more improvements in the near future. We have about the same attendance for both Sunday school and church services. We had a very impressive service the 3rd Sunday a. m. in January. Prof. Easley, blind musician was present. He played for the service. He also sang two lovely solos. Two new members were received at this service, Mrs. Gladys Wilson and Miss Mamie Bull. Our pastor in his usual interesting manner preached an excellent sermon. Last Sunday evening our pastor's subject "Open hensive manner to an attentive audience.
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We were sorry to learn of the passing of our beloved pastor's brother which occurred at Burlington, January 28th. We again extend to the entire family our sympathy. In addition to the pastor and his family those attending the funeral services from here were Mrs. Add N. Linville, Mrs. Clay Parrish, Mrs. John Linville and C. J. Ragland.

We were very glad to have Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Williams present for one of our evening services recently. Rev. Mr. Williams is a former pastor of this charge, having served us for four years.

Mr. and Mrs. George Higgins are making their home at present with the bride's mother. Mrs. Higgins was formerly Miss Hazel Hendrix and is one of our most loyal and best loved workers. We wish for this young couple much happiness and success.

Young People's Day will be observed at our church next Sunday evening with an outside supper and special music.

MRS. PAUL BUTNER, Reporter.

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Shiloh, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor.—"Substitutes For God" was the subject of the sermon brought by our pastor this Lord's Day. Text was the 13th verse of 2nd chapter of Jeremiah. In the 2nd chapter of Jeremiah we find God's prophet crying to the children of Israel, to turn again unto God who had made them great. But they as, America is becoming today, felt themselves sufficient to carry on without God. But God permitted them to be destroyed because of their evils. And our country will suffer the same consequences if we fail to worship the true and living God.

I have not thus far this year mentioned our mid-week prayer meetings. There are from 18 to 25 members who attend regularly and our attendance is gradually increasing. If more of our people would come out for just one service we believe they would receive a blessing that would make them want to come again.

We are planning to observe Young People's Day the 3rd Sunday at the eleven o'clock service. The intermediates, single young people and the primary department will have charge of the music.

We were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Ira Ridge and Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Young with us in our preaching service today. We are always glad to have any who will to come and share with us the splendid sermons which our pastor brings each first and third Sundays in each month at eleven o'clock.

MRS. KYLE SINK, Reporter.

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Ringwood, Halifax Charge, W. M. Howard, Jr., Pastor.—Perhaps the reader of the HERALD do not know we are on the charge as we have never made a report in the church HERALD. We do not have a Sunday school in our church as the membership is very small, and Sunday school at the Episcopal Church every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, which is a very few steps from our church.

We have service once a month, every second Sunday afternoon with a very small congregation. Guess it is disheartening for the pastor to preach to such a small crowd, but we who go enjoy hearing him as he would preach to a church full.

Mr. Howard brings us an interesting and helpful message each time he meets with us. He has met with us twice since conference. We are looking forward for his wonderful message Sunday.

We want to say we are very glad to have Mr. Howard with us another year.

We hope we can have some news for the HERALD this year. I enjoy reading the HERALD. I look forward to its coming on Saturdays.

MRS. E. V. NEVILLE.

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Haw River Circuit.—This is to inform the Rev. Geo. R. Brown, D.D., pastor of Alamance Charge, and any others who may be interested, that he isn't the only preacher who gets his car messed up. When I came out of Mizpah Church yesterday to get in my car I found a real pounding on the front seat. (I haven't figured out why they put it on the front seat unless they thought the sugar, which was a good part of the contents, would remind me of my wife, who didn't happen to be with me.) Well, a pounding never came at a time when it was more acceptable. Our hearty thanks to all who had part in it.

We put on the pageant "Shrines" at Fair Grove last night, and at Friendship a week ago. The attendance was good last night: not so good at Friendship. The offering at both places was not quite as good as last year, I am sorry to say, although some who were not present may contribute to it yet and bring up the total. Next Sunday night we will put on the pageant at Mizpah, and on the third Sunday night at Midway. I am trying to bring a message at the morning services in line with our young people's work.

The Friendship Christian Endeavor Society had an anniversary supper at the Monticello High School last Saturday night. The young people from Mizpah and Fair Grove were invited. A number came from Mizpah. A good time was had by all. I am impressed, as I see a group of young folks together in such an affair as this, that it isn't necessary for young people to do as a lot of them do in order to have a good time. Our young people thoroughly enjoyed themselves—and didn't have any regrets afterward.

The women's work, in circles and an as auxiliary, is making good progress. We were glad to have Rev. and Mrs. Ballard at the December meeting of the auxiliary, and as guests for dinner.

C. W. BATES, Pastor.

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Friendship Church, Mt. Hermon Charge, Rev. J. R. Anderson, Pastor.—Although we haven't taken time to write, it does not mean that Friendship Church has been idle. Regular services were held at our church Sunday morning. Sunday school at 10 o'clock with 106 present. Mr. Anderson brought us another one of his inspiring sermons at the 11 o'clock service. His text was taken from Luke, 23rd chapter and the 22nd verse. His subject: "The Robber's Prayer." (which was uttered at the crucifiction). He pointed out very clearly that this should be our prayer.

In recent months we have replaced new seats in two of the Sunday school rooms and also the auditorium.

We are sorry to note that some of our church members and of the community are ill at this writing. Namely, Mr. W. A. Patterson, J. J. Sharpe and J. S. Euliss, and we wish for them a speedy recovery.

Glad to have Mrs. J. S. Graves back to worship with us today, for she has been confined to her home for quite a while.

We welcome all visitors to attend our services. Glad to have Mrs. Frank Roberson from Richmond, Va., and Mrs. Paul Kinney from Kannapolis, N. C. who are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Patterson.

We hope this year will be a prosperous year to all churches and people.

REPORTER.

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Davidson Charge.—We have done right much visiting since coming to this charge, but we have not been in every home. This is a large field and much time will be needed to cover the ground. Our week day visiting is, in the main, with those who are sick and unable to attend church. The sick, the disabled, the sorrowing have a major claim upon a pastor; a claim that no other person or interest has.

We recently disposed of 20 copies of The Upper Room. Twice the number might have been as easily sold. The Upper Room is par-excellent and marvelously cheap as to price.

We are anticipating a good year.

WM. H. NEESE.

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Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant Charge, Rev. J. W. Braxton, Pastor.—Rev. Mr. Braxton's message on the first Sunday was "Christian Stewardship." He stressed the fact that being a Christian meant to give ourselves and also the tenth of our money to the Lord's work. The scripture reading was Malachi 3:7-12.

The Philathea class gave a Sunshine Shower to Miss Johnsie Smith who has been a patient in Piedmont Memorial hospital for several months.

The Mission Band held the January meeting in the social rooms of the church. Ella Mae Linens reviewed a chapter in the study book. Scripture reading by Virginia Barber and prayer was led by the teacher, Mrs. Ned Suits. New officers for the year are as follows: President, Mary Ruth Sharpe: vice-president, Ella Mae Lineus; secretary, Leona Rose Curtis; assistant secretary, Helen Sheppard; treasurer, Thelma Clapp; assistant treasurer, Howard Clapp; program committee, Dorothy Lineberry and Virginia and Marie Barber.

Mr. Braxton is giving a series of illustrated lectures on Sunday nights at the church. Last Sunday night the lecture was based on the book of "Ben Hur."

Mr. and Mrs. Judge Euliss are making their home now with their son Cal. Mr. Euliss has not been so well for several days.

Mrs. Tom Garrett and Mr. Tilden Shoffner, both patients at Piedmont Memorial hospital, are improved at this writing.

The Junior Baraca class and Philathea class have exchanged Sunday school rooms, the boys now being in the social rooms and the Philathea class back in the room which they had for so many years.

We enjoyed having Mrs. W. I. Braxton and sons, Winfred, Ira and Calvin, worship with us the past Sunday.

MRS. CARL CURTIS, Reporter.

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Kannapolis, D. T. Huss, Pastor.—We still feel that our church is making good progress. The regular stewards' meeting was held at the church Saturday evening. After the meeting an oyster supper was served in the Sunday school building. Then our first quarterly conference was held. Good reports were heard from most officers, and everyone is expecting further progress. Regular committees for the year were elected.

Every officer present agreed to work toward clearing the church of debt within the next three months. At the Sunday service most of the money was pledged to pay the debt. A committee was elected to take charge of this matter. We are also expecting a gift of seats for the Sunday school building.

It was also decided that this church would accept the invitation given us by the M. E. church to cooperate with them in their spring revival. That meeting is to be in charge of Rev. John R. Church. At the Sunday school opening exercises last Sunday the Ladies' Auxiliary presented Mrs. N. F. Harris with a fine silver-plated toaster in honor of her 62nd birthday, and also to acknowledge her fine work in visiting the sick and doing all in her power to help the church and ladies' work along. The presentation was made by our pastor, Rev. D. T. Huss.

EDWARD SIDES, Reporter.

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Union Grove Church, Rev. E. A. Bingham, Pastor.—One week ago last Sunday the young people observed Young People's Day at this church. We had morning and evening service. Misses Mozelle Templeton and Alene Starnes had charge of the program. The whole program was very effective.

Improvements are being made on our parsonage. They have built a new barn and are going to dig a basement for the parsonage.

The Christian Endeavor society is very active for our cold winter months. The attendance is good. We feel that the young people of this community are getting a very good training through our C. E. society.

We surely are glad to say one of our church members, Mr. O. G. Templeton, is home from the hospital, getting along fine.

The Woman's Auxiliary is unusually active. All through these winter months our attendance hasn't dropped below 15 to 20 active members.

Lord, I have heard Thy message spoken,
The call to justice, mercy, and good will;
Words of rebuke for sin, words of persuasion,
Thou speakest through the mouths of prophets still.

Though even a poor instrument Thou usest,
Whose voice gives broken and uncertain sound,
Yet, through its tones, if carefully I listen,
Some note of truth and wisdom may resound.

What then is my part? It is quick to answer
With ready lips, and heart resolved and true,
"Speak, Master, for Thy servant heareth:
What Thou dost bid me, Lord, that will I do."

FLORA MAE WOOTEN, Reporter.

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Mitchell's Grove, J. B. Trogdon, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his appointment here last Sunday afternoon with a fairly good attendance. He brought to us a most inspiring and helpful message. This is his second year with us and we hope he will be with us many more.

Our church has grown both spiritually and in number. 38 members have been added to the church recently. Improvements have been made inside and out, a front entrance built, new pews added, and painted inside and out.

We have an organization which we call "The Prayer Band." We hold prayer services in different homes at least once a week. In this prayer band last year we had around 40 conversions. Help us with your prayers.

Our Sunday school attendance has dropped down for the past two Sundays. Some of this is due to sickness. We have 174 on roll. Our highest last year was 205. We are hoping to reach 250 this year.

Each Sunday night we have our Christian Endeavor. Mrs. Guy Hill is our president. We have about 50 members on roll. This has been a great help to the young people as well as the old.

At this writing Mrs. Annie Billings is very sick. She has been sick for the past few weeks, but the last few days has grown much worse.

CALLIE BILLINGS, Reporter.

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Mt. Carmel Church, Rev. L. E. Mabry, Pastor.—Attendance today in Sunday school shows a gain of eleven over a year ago today. The superintendent, Mr. H. V. Swicegood usually has charge of the songs, and he is very anxious that all seats in the choir be occupied.

Rev. L. E. Mabry preached a good sermon to a large congregation. His appointments for this church are the first and third Sunday mornings of each month.

Rev. Mr. Mabry went to Roanoke, Va. Monday to help in the funeral services of Mrs. Rowe, Mrs. Oscar Coppley's mother.

A committee of three were appointed to work with the pastor and others in interest of Appreciation Year. Rev. Mr. Mabry plans to attend the Pastor's Western Federation which meets Tuesday. He hopes that some of the committee will be present too.

We were very glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Marlowe Teague of Plymouth, N. C. in our services Sunday. Mrs. Teague was once a member of Mt. Carmel Church, having moved her membership when she moved from the community.

Quarterly conference will be held Friday night of this week at First Church, Lexington. President J. E. Pritchard will be present. If you had forgotten about this meeting let this be a new reminder and go.

BEAUTUS WAITMAN.

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Mt. Hermon Church, Mt. Hermon Charge.—We are glad to report that our Sunday school and church work is moving along nicely. Although some of our members have been sick, attendance has been very good.

Last Sunday Young People's Day was observed. The devotional service, "Youth in Gratitude," was led by Miss Lola Thompson. Special music and a pageant, "Shrines," was under direction of the program committee and Miss Truth Isley. The offering was $8.80. We feel that everyone enjoyed the program.

Our pastor has been able to fill all appointments this new year. At last third Sunday's service Communion service was held. A large number were present and took part in this service. We think one is strengthened and helped by having a part in such a service.

Since our last report we have lost some of our oldest members. We wish to express our sympathy to family and friends in this time of sorrow.

Our prayers and best wishes go out to those who are sick and have been sick for some time. May they soon recover and be able to meet with us again.

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First M. P. Church, Charlotte, Rev. T. E. Strickland, Pastor.—The Annual Conference budget for our church has been pledged and will be paid by the 15th of April. We are now working on our World Service budget, which we hope to raise just as successfully as we did our Annual Conference budget.

Young People's Day was observed by our church Sunday, January 29. "Opening the Door," a Christian educational play, was given by the Young People's C. E. society. This play was indeed a success. The Tabernacle just behind the church was renovated and the platform rebuilt to make a suitable place to present it. This play was such a success that we are planning to present others in the Tabernacle.

The young married ladies' class held their monthly class meeting with Mrs. A. H. Alexander. After the business meeting the group enjoyed a social hour of Chinese checkers.

The monthly business meeting of the C. E. society will be held Thursday evening at which time plans will be completed for the Valentine party. This affair has been an annual event with this group and is one of the most outstanding social events of the year.

The young girls' class will hold their monthly class meeting at the home of their teacher, Mrs. J. H. McCall, Friday night. After the business meeting the young men have been invited to go on a skating party.

At the evening service Sunday, February 5, the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade gave a motion picture of the work done by their missionaries in Africa and India. This was a very interesting program, and I am sure everyone who attended went away feeling the great need of missionaries in the foreign field.

Next Sunday evening our pastor, Rev. Mr. Strickland, will resume his sermons on the ten rules for living. His subject for Sunday evening service is "The Day That We Forget."

HELEN McCALL, Reporter.

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Friendship, Rev. Earl A. Cook, Pastor.—A large congregation was present last Sunday when Rev. Mr. Cook delivered one of the best sermons we have had the pleasure of hearing in quite a while. Our pastor always does a perfectly good job, but he went just a bit out of the ordinary at the 11 o'clock service. His text was found in Hebrews 2:3, "How shall we escape?" At the evening service his theme was "The Misery of a Sinful Man," the text, "The way of the transgressor is hard." A goodly number of visitors enjoyed these fine messages with us.

The ladies are doing a fine work in the auxiliaries, both circles are planning to install a hot water system in the parsonage. Both circles will meet on Friday night, February 10. Circle No. 1 will meet with Mrs. Luke Hatley, and Circle No. 2 with Mrs. Ernest Lee Hall.

Mr. Cook has been so gracious as to print for each home a church directory, giving the names and addresses of all members of the church, also the names and dates of death of all the members that have died. This will be a great help, especially to the stewards.

There has been installed in the parsonage a much-needed telephone. Anyone desiring to contact our pastor may do so by calling Albemarle 27-R. We are quite sure this is greatly appreciated by Pastor Cook, since his other church is some distance from the parsonage.

Dr. and Mrs. John S. Nesbet, missionaries for 32 years, will address the Christian Endeavor here Sunday evening, February 12, at 6 o'clock. Everyone is invited.

We desire the prayers of all Christians that our church and people may grow stronger in God's grace.

MRS. GLADYS HARKEY, Reporter.

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IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Sarah Jane Kernodle

Sarah Jane, daughter of Alfred Moore and Sarah Brown Whitsett, was born in Rockingham County, North Carolina, December 11, 1849. After attending the community school, she went to Jamestown College, and, after it was destroyed by fire, she went to Salem Academy, Salem, now Winston-Salem, N. C.

Early in life she was converted and united with the Methodist Protestant Church, possibly at Fair Grove, Haw River circuit. Later she became identified with the Midway church on the same charge, and to this historic church she gave many years of her eventful life. She was a teacher in the Sunday school for a long period of time, and there are those still living who testify to her efficiency as a Bible teacher.

On September 10, 1866, she was happily united in marriage with Rev. George Sampson Kernodle, a lay-preacher in the Methodist Protestant Church. To this union a daughter was born; but death claimed it in infancy, and its body rests in the cemetery at the Fair Grove Church.

In the fall of 1912, they moved to Reidsville where they had already acquired considerable property, and they immediately became interested in the establishment of a Methodist Protestant church. While the building was under construction her devoted husband was stricken and died. Mrs. Kernodle did not want the building enterprise to fail, so, with the consent of all the parties concerned, the building was completed, and, with the exception of a few hundred dollars, it was paid for out of the Kernodle estate.

On March 30, 1917, she was stricken with paralysis and remained an invalid for the remainder of her life. In spite of this physical handicap she never lost interest in religious and civic affairs. She was keenly alert mentally and spiritually, and devoted herself to the promotion of righteousness among her neighbors and friends. With great difficulty she attended all of her church services, taught a Sunday school class, and looked after her many business interests until a few years ago.

She was the most liberal church member the writer has ever known. She made large contributions to High Point College, to the Children's Home, to the missionary work of the denomination and to her local church. Her contributions to her local church amounted to hundreds of dollars each year as long as she lived, and through her generosity the Reidsville church owns one of the best and most convenient parsonages in the conference. She was one of the best friends any pastor ever had. Her loyalty to her pastor as well as to her church was never questioned. She cooperated with him 100 per cent in all of his endeavors.

In the early morning of November 22, 1938, she fell asleep. The funeral services were held in the church she loved so dearly on the following day, conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. E. Lester Ballard, newly appointed pastor, and by Rev. J. D. Williams, a former pastor. Her body was laid to rest by the side of her husband in the Reidsville cemetery. So another veteran of the Cross has won her eternal reward. She will be missed by her relatives and friends, but she will be most missed by her church. It is our hope that the mantle of her love, liberality, loyalty and devotion may fall upon the shoulders of the members of her church.

GEO. R. BROWN.

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Lassiter E. Hatley

Lassiter E. Hatley, 42, veteran of the World War, and well-known citizen of Albemarle died at Yadkin Hospital Friday afternoon, November 4th, at 3:30 o'clock. He had been in ill health for a number of years.

For a number of years, Mr. Hatley was connected with local plumbing concerns. He was a man of engaging personality and had a large number of friends. He was a loyal member of the Methodist Protestant Church of Albemarle in which he had held a number of official positions, which he had filled capably. He will be missed in the church as well as in his home.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Rebecca Lowder, and three children, Mrs. James Morton of Burlington, Misses Frances and Ruby Mae Hatley of Albemarle. The following brothers and sisters also survive: C. W. and D. L. Hatley, Mrs. Attie Gaddy and Mrs. Ira Smart, Albemarle; Mrs. D. T. Curlee of Memphis, Tennessee.

Funeral service was held at the Methodist Protestant church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with the writer in charge. Burial was in Fairfield Cemetery with military honors. Pallbearers were R. Lipe, J. U. Whitlock, Frank Rose, L. D. Brooks, Frank Patterson, and W. N. Pence. A crowd that overflowed the church spoke of the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved family, and we pray God's comforting grace may be present in this hour of their sorrow.

C. G. ISLEY.

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Eliza Jane Stapleton

Mrs. Eliza Jane Stapleton, one of Grace Church's oldest members, passed away Saturday morning, January 7, at the home of her only living child, Mrs. A. S. Pettit. Funeral services were conducted from the home on the following afternoon by Rev. J. El-

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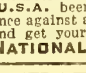

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wood Carroll and Dr. S. K. Spahr, pastor and pastor emeritus, respectively, of Grace Church.

"Miss Jennie," as she was affectionately called, was born in Patrick county, Virginia, March 19, 1849, daughter of Joseph and Mary Ann Dalton DeBoe. She would have been ninety years old her next birthday. In early childhood she moved to Summerfield where as a young woman she married William Shepherd Stapleton who passed away in 1899. Mrs. Stapleton has made her home in Greensboro with Mrs. Pettit since 1905.

The beautiful floral designs and many friends present for the funeral service on Sunday afternoon are evidences of the high esteem in which she was held. Pastor Carroll spoke of her charming personal life and her devotion to her Christ and the church. Dr. Spahr led the prayer. Mrs. Clarence Clapp, Miss Mary Clapp, Clarence Clapp, and Bynum R. Clapp, accompanied by Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll, sang three of Mrs. Stapleton's hymns. While the following members of Grace Church acted as pallbearers: W. S. Jones, T. D. Sharpe, Dr. A. H. Johnson, E. S. Wills, Willis Booth, Roy C. Millikan, N. W. Kirkman, and A. W. Staley. Members of the Sutton Philathea Class had charge of the flowers. Interment was in Green Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Stapleton was an excellent Christian and loyal Methodist Protestant being a member of Flat Rock and Grace Churches all her life. She read freely, enjoyed her friends, and was constantly interested in all phases of her church. Surely a good sister in Israel has fallen asleep. (J. E. C.)

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Bobby Dace Thompson

Bobby Dace, son of John Dace and Nellie Fuquay Thompson, was born December 5, 1938, and died December 21, 1938. Surviving are his parents and one little brother, Billy. He came into our home to brighten our lives for a while. Oh, such a short while, but long enough to endear himself to us. His heart strings interlaced our own. He was very sweet. 'Tis so hard to give him up, but he fulfilled his mission here. He is leading us nearer to God. We tried to live right before, but now, we just must live very near to God and some day meet our darling in Heaven. We can not understand why his life on earth was so short, but we know that God knows best, and we believe that He had some place in the Homeland for our dear one to fill, for which we could not train him here, so he has gone home to be under the tutelage of God and the angels. So pure and sweet and good. Not one sin against him. Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. L. Isley December 22, 1938, and he was laid to rest in Center Cemetery. Beautiful flowers covered the little mound beneath which lay the sweetest flower of all, but the soul of our dear boy has been transplanted to the beautiful garden of God. Dear Bobby, some sweet day, when God wills, we will meet you there. We know you are happy there, free from all the sorrows and troubles of earth. Growing up in Heaven. Safe in the arms of Jesus. We give you up to Him We know 'tis best. Goodby till we meet again.

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In that world of wonder,
There to be forever
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This report is following a fifth Sunday when not many of our people take an offering for the Children's Home. But a few of the first Sunday offerings came in time for this report.

We are hoping for good reports for the month of February. We thank you, and may God bless His workers everywhere.

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George Madison Jones

George Madison Jones was born October 2, 1850 and departed this life December 25, 1938, age 88 years, 2 months, and 23 days.

Surviving are four brothers living, Frank Jones of Franklinville, Route 1, Harris Jones of Climax, N. C., Quint Jones of Pleasant Garden, and Tom Jones of Climax. Also two dead brothers, Jim and Wesley Jones. Three children, Maggie York of the home, Wesley Jones of Dunn, and one dead, Martha Curtis. He has three grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

He was the son of John and Martha Jones.

Mr. Jones had been a member of Gray's Chapel M. P. Church for around 50 years. He attended church regularly as long as his health permitted.

The funeral and burial were conducted at Gray's Chapel on December 26, 1938, by Rev. A. O. Lindley and the pastor.

H. L. ISLEY.

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Lucille Wright

Just nine years ago tonight
Oh how sad the day
Oh how sad and lonely
Since my little girl went away.

She has gone from us to heaven
A home of heavenly rest
I am longing to go to her
And fold her to my breast.

Oh won't that be a happy meeting
When God calls me to His throne
Some day He will call me
When He wants me for His own.

Some day in the bright near future
When the stars are shining bright
God will say you can come home
You may bid your friends goodnight.

Then I'll see my little darling
In that land beyond the sky.
Oh won't that be a happy meeting
In the sweet by and by.

MOTHER.

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Janie Proctor Logan

Janie Proctor Logan was born June 12, 1855, departed this life January 3, 1939, age 83 years, 6 months, and 21 days.

She was united in marriage with Andrew Logan. To this union were born six children: David, Joseph, Mrs. Mary Waters, Mrs. Cara Lindsay, Mrs. Ada Price, and Hannah Logan. She is also survived by 27 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Logan professed faith in Christ in early life and united with Mount Moriah Methodist Protestant Church where she continued until death.

The funeral was conducted from Zion Grove Baptist church by Rev. Ottis Cook and T. G. Madison. Interment was in the local cemetery. T. G. MADISON.

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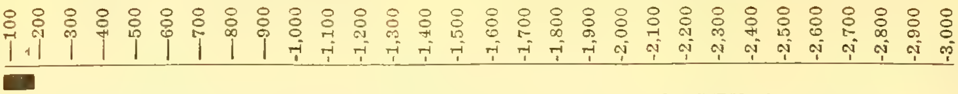

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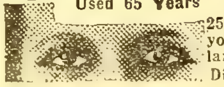

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Evangelism

In this message is good news for a lost world. It brings us a new life, a new language, a new vision, a new relationship, a new joy, a new Master to serve, and a revitalized power to serve Him. The word comes to us from the Greek, eu, good; angelos, messenger—the good messenger. The implication is, that a good message will come from a good messenger or that a good messenger will carry only a good message. In evangelism is the declaration of the faith of the evangelist of the full assurance of his own salvation. And it is as the voice of one crying in the wilderness saying, ''Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.'' It is the message of the lonely father yearning for his son in the far country and bidding him come home. God is saying through the evangelist, ''Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.'' ''Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people . . . speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem.'' ''The Lord of host is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge.'' The daily presence of the all powerful Christ is promised all who accept Him. The impartial love of God to all peoples is declared. Peter restored and standing courageously before rulers and multitudes; Zaccheus giving back to those he had defrauded fourfold; polluted Mary going out from the presence of Jesus to win disciples to Him; all these testify to the fulfillment of the words of Jesus, ''I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly.''

The success of evangelism is not so much a matter of technique as of spirit. No number of personal workers without the spirit of the Lord can bring a revival to a church. No amount of preaching; nor the narration of incidents and the denunciation of sin can win men to Christ where the Spirit of Christ is absent from the evangelist. Good news of redemption told by the unredeemed must fall on heavy ears and dull hearts. As the early disciples could speak only of those things they had seen and heard and known, so the modern witness for Christ, his testimony is limited to his experience of salvation. Anyone who knows the joys, the pardon, and peace of redemption should be able to tell it to his neighbor.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Final Word About Meeting February 20th

This will be my final opportunity to boost attendance at our meeting at Grace Church next Monday, February 20th, in the interest of the Appreciation Year Campaign. Please remember that there will be a morning and an afternoon program. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a. m. and will close in time for those attending to drive home by night. Monday morning Rev. J. C. Madison, pastor of our First church, High Point, will conduct the devotions. Following this, Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, pastor of Grace church and Conference Historian, will speak on the subject, "Our Church, Its Past." After this, Rev. J. H. Straughn, D.D., president of the General Conference, will speak. This will take us up to the noon hour when the women of Grace church will serve lunch for the sum of 40 cents per plate. The uncertainty of the number to be served makes it necessary to charge a little more than if they knew just how many are coming.

The afternoon program will begin at about 1:30, and the first speaker will be Mrs. W. C. Hammer, of Asheboro, who will speak on the subject, "The Work of the Women in the Appreciation Year Campaign." After this Rev. F. L. Gibbs, director of Leadership Education of the General church, will speak on "Young People and the Appreciation Year Campaign." The chairman will then conduct a round table discussion on best methods for raising World Service. The last address of the afternoon will be by Dr. S. W. Taylor, of Asheboro, on the subject, "Our Church—Its Future." Please make your plans to be present without fail.

A Committee Appointed

Notice is hereby given of the appointment of a committee consisting of Dr. Geo. R. Brown, Dr. S. W. Taylor, and Mr. M. A. Coble to boost the campaign to raise the Expense Account of Delegates to the Uniting Conference.

Quarterly Reports Called For

Before this is read the quarterly report blanks will be in the hands of the pastors. Please return these blanks as early as is convenient.

Last Call for Annual Conference Expenses

The period in which we were to raise Annual Conference Expenses is now rapidly drawing to a close, as January and February were the months designated. Please do your best with this and let us get it out of the way of something else.

A Sunday Morning at Reidsville

Last Sunday morning was spent with our Reidsville church, Rev. E. L. Ballard, pastor. This was my first visit to this church for the past several years, and I was delighted with what I saw. The membership of this church is not large, compared with some of our churches, but the attendance was very good indeed. 104 were in Sunday school, and there was an audience at the church service that several of our larger churches would like to have. One of the most recent developments is the procuring of vestments for the Young People's Choir.

This is Brother Ballard's first year as pastor, and he is perfectly aware of the fact that congregations are usually better at the beginning of a pastorate; however, the people speak highly of him, and especially of his ability as a worker with the young people. But while the people are generous in their praise of the present pastor and his wife, they do not forget to say a good word for the former pastor and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. George R. Brown, who served this church for twelve years. In fact, the present pastor says that his work up to the present has largely been to build upon the fine foundation laid by Dr. and Mrs. Brown. It is always a happy experience to find a people who are fond of both the former and present pastor. I am afraid that in many cases much effort is lost because of the complete change in program and method when we change pastors. Well, it was a pleasure to be at Reidsville last Sunday, and I trust this church may have a good year.

A Sunday Morning at St. Paul

Last Sunday evening was spent with the congregation of St. Paul's church in Greensboro, Rev. A. D. Shelton, pastor. Here I found a splendid congregation for a Sunday evening service. Someone sometime remarked that this church is the most wide-awake spiritually in these parts. When one is in one of the services it is not difficult to realize the truthfulness of that statement. This is Brother Shelton's fifth year on this charge, and the people seem very fond of him and speak highly of his preaching. He is a strong gospel preacher and the people hear him gladly. I was told that the fact that the mills in Greensboro have been on short time for so long makes finances rather hard. But I hope this church may find a solution for all of its problems and be able to rejoice in the victory.

Western Pastors' Federation

The Western Pastors' Federation meeting was held at Roberta church on Tuesday of last week in a most helpful meeting. The program opened at 10:30 and ran until about 3:30. Rev. C. E. Ridge is the president of this federation, and Rev. T. G. Madison is the secretary. This federation has set a high standard for the other two in the conference. They hold three meetings each year and they are usually well attended. The remarkable thing about it is that the men drive such considerable distances to be present and seem to enjoy it. At the noon hour the women served a splendid meal in the school house nearby. It was indeed a good day.

Appointments

Sunday, February 19th, 11 a. m. Seagrove. 2:30 p. m. Fairgrove church in an Appreciation Year Rally.

Sunday, February 26th, 11 a. m. Sandy Ridge on the Kernersville charge. 2:30 p. m. Fountain Place, Burlington in District Rally.

Sunday, March 5th, 11 a. m. Maple Springs on Forsyth charge; 7:30 p. m. Mt. Carmel.

Sunday, March 12th, 11 a. m. Albemarle; 2:30 p. m. Pine Bluff.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

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A Message In Verse

"They say life is a highway,
And the milestones are the years –
With now and then a toll gate
Where you pay your way with tears.

It's a hard road and a rough road,
And it reaches wide and far,
But it leads at last to a golden town
Where golden houses are."

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The thief cometh not but for to steal, and to kill and to destroy; I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly.—*Jesus Christ.*

Senator Umstead from Orange County is verifying the saying of old, "Give the camel the privilege of warming his nose under your tent and soon his body, hump and all, will be there." A bill is being introduced in the legislature to legalize the shipment of intoxicating liquors into dry counties. "This is a control bill, and I mean that," said the senator. Yes, senator, we understand you. And we are hoping that the voters of Orange County also understand this proposed act of their senator.

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Learning To Forget

St. Paul prefaced the statement of the major purpose of his life with, ''Forgetting those things which are behind.'' One does not have to live long to accumulate much rubbish in the attic of the mind called memory. The recollection of words which stick and sting the very soul, the memory of deeds and attitudes which left more unpleasant impressions, can destroy the peace of mind and make one, like Haman, thoroughly unhappy, because Mordecai failed to bow before his lordship as they passed on the streets that day. Now and then you find some poor souls bowed down beneath the burden of such trash so constantly that they are unable to do anything else but review those things.

And there are others whose memories work best when recalling the mistakes, foibles and failures of others. They delight in taking these skeletons out of the closet of memory and exhibiting them for the delectation of those of like mind. It is a feast of frustrations and failures they have on such occasions. Not many great and mighty are spared when they go muckraking. They would profit by storing in this same memory of some one,

''If you know anything that will darken the joy
Of a man or woman, or a girl or a boy,
That will wipe out a smile or the least way annoy
A fellow, or cause any gladness to cloy,
It's a pretty good plan to forget it.''

And here is another group, they are hindered by what they have done and said. Their successes keep them from doing greater things. Their ancestry, their scholarship, their money, their good reputation, etc., etc., all these stand in their way when they would rise up and work. Oh, how all such need to learn to forget. They talk of the good-old-days, of the glories of the former temple, of the power of the former preacher, of the splendid music of the former choir, of the ease with which the church budget ''used to be paid,'' etc., etc. Could all such only forget those things, count them but dross even thy might do something worthwhile now.

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World Peace

In a sense world peace is a luxury the isolationist hopes to enjoy by keeping away from the warring clans of other regions, and the pacifist by refusing to fight for his rights and privileges. But modern inventions of many sorts make it impossible to keep out of the range of the bellicose dictators, and the sacredness of treaties are to them nothing more than scraps of paper. The strife between the strong and the weak goes on, and the balance of power fluctuates daily. The greed for power is as hard to satisfy as the greed for gold. No country is safe from invasion and no one has an abiding guarantee that his rights will be respected as he goes his way on tomorrow. Communism reducing the rights of earning, possessing, and development of the personality to the dead level of mediocrity, and fascism exalting the authority and honors of the dictator to the place of Jehovah threaten all God-fearing, law-abiding citizens of the world today. Neither the isolationist nor the pacifist has a chance to win with such insanely ambitious rulers as Hitler and Mussolini. The country that is prepared to meet them with their own methods is the only country that they will respect. We know that only the Spirit of Jesus Christ can end world strife but so long as there is an aggressor nation like Japan there can be no world peace. If the war party in that country were Christians as are thousands of their people, there would be no Japanese invasion of China now. We believe greater effort should be made by our boards of missions to carry the gospel to Japan and other heathen countries and we believe as sincerely that our country should be prepared to say to Hitler, Mussolini and the warlords of Japan, ''thus far shalt thou come and no farther.''

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LIBERTY FIRST

Through the faithful efforts of Brother W. M. Hanner and Pastor Aubert Smith, Liberty Church has raised its apportionment of World Service in full. Brother Hanner is sending in today $282, the amount apportioned. Who will be next?

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There is nothing so small but that we may honor God by asking His guidance of it, or insult Him by taking it into our own hands.—*John Ruskin.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Rev. O. L. Easter

BEVERAGE ALCOHOL AND ITS SOCIAL PERILS

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, February 19

Lesson Text—Amos 6:1-6; I Peter 2:11, 12; 4:1-5.

Golden Text—It is good not to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor to o anything whereby thy brother stumbleth.—Romans 14:21.

It is rather striking to the reader of history how modern and yet how antiquated are the problems of sinful human nature. By changing a few names in this sermon by Amos in the text of our lesson it would be stream-lined with enough modern application that it could be preached from any pulpit in ultra modern America and be a timely message courageously given. ''Woe unto them that are at ease in Zion, . . . that drink wine in bowls, . . . but they are not grieved for the afflictions of Joseph.'' Is not this a true challenge to any distressing problem of intoxication among our youth today? There is a woeful amount of ease apparent in our dealing with this age-old problem that brings so much affliction to the sons and daughters of our modern day. Even a child can readily see the danger that lurks in a drunken man and will readily flee from him, but the officials of our great nation either have not the wisdom even of a child or are so much at ease in Zion that they care not to take the trouble to run. Yet the evil of intoxication is a lurking enemy to the strength and integrity of our fair country—more subtle and devastating than many of the ''isms'' that are being boldly assailed by press and committee on every hand. We seem to have denied by our attitude to the sale and advertisement of liquor that alcohol is a destroyer of human liberty and social welfare. All experience with alcohol as a beverage shows it to be a habit-forming drug that binds its victims to a horrible slavery—slavery of lost will, lost character, lost decency. Thus any element that has power to destroy elements like these in our citizens is a definite threat to the welfare of our nation. Yet there is a by-word abroad among governmental officials, voters, homes, merchants—yea and even among many in the organized church which says ''It is nothing to me.''

> '' 'It's nothing to me,' the merchant said,
> As over the ledger he bent his head;
> 'I'm busy today with tare and tret;
> I have no time to fume and fret.'
> It was something to him when over the wire
> A message came from a funeral pyre—
> A drunken conductor had wrecked the train—
> His wife and child were among the slain.''

Our leaders today argue their case of social drinking, advertising, loose legislation on basis of moderation in the modern drinker. They say that the way to control this evil is not to totally wean them but to give them enough to keep them contented—thus relieving the pressure that prohibition stimulated which led to outlawry and revolt. In the first place let us say frankly that there is no such thing as a moderate drinker for long. Like one who takes hold of an electrifying-machine and cannot let it go when he is writhing with the pain of the current, so is the drinker of alcohol. In the second place we would say to those who would further insist upon the possibility of moderate drinking that even in that early stage of intemperance there lurks great danger to our social welfare. It is moderate drinking that is responsible for the horrible number of fatal accidents upon our highways. A really drunken driver is usually not as dangerous as a more moderate one because he is more easily detected and is usually incapacitated. The really dangerous driver is the man who has had one or two drinks only who still thinks he is in possession of his faculties, but whose driving judgment has been impaired. Then if our trouble admittedly lies here we must stand for total abstinence. If, as one has said, we could have ''sober first'' as a slogan instead of ''safety first'' most of this great problem would cease. It was Edison who said to this business and mechanical age that ''there is as much a place in business for alcohol as for sand in an engine.''

Is it not a strang paradox that is found in American emotions which allows us to grow so indignant over the persecutions of human life as allowed by other governments against their own peoples but fails to arouse our emotion of indignation against the destruction and persecution as allowed by our government in licensing and sponsoring the liquor business? Is it not strange that we grow so indignant at the loss of life incurred in the war in Spain and in China and yet have none left for the appalling slaughter that whiskey is inflicting upon us here in America? That Christian sympathy is to be cherished in our people but we must let our charity start at home. Let us pray for the Lord of our life to send to His people again another Amos who will warn us of our dangerous contentment in face of this world menace to social happiness, and pray too for Christian leaders as Peter and Paul who will show us the higher social law of Christ which says to us that our liberty for the good of all must not cause our brother to stumble.

FOURTH DISTRICT RALLY

The Fourth District Rally will be held on Sunday, February 26th, 2:30 p. m. in the Fountain Place M. P. Church, Burlington. The program will consist of a pageant presented by the First Church, Burlington, and an address, by Dr. J. E. Pritchard, president of the N. C. Annual Conference.

Pastors and people of the district please urge attendance at this important meeting. The following charges are included in the Fourth District: Burlington, First; Burlington, Fountain Place; Gibsonville, Glen Raven and Graham.

Thank You. See you there.

H. FREO SURRATT, *Chairman.*

Genius is the infinite art of taking pains.—*Thomas Carlyle.*

There are some people who visit the Christ. There are others who abide in Him.—*J. H. Jowett.*

WITH THE POETS

Elizabeth Vera Idol

WHEN LILACS LAST IN THE DOOR-YARD BLOOMED

By Walt Whitman

"When lilacs last in the door-yard bloomed,
And the great star early droop'd in the western sky in the night,
I mourn'd—and yet shall mourn with ever-returning spring.

O ever-returning spring! trinity sure to me you bring;
Lilac blooming perennial, and drooping star in the west,
And thought of him I love."

The thoughts of the nation have turned in the past few days to Abraham Lincoln, the man who, as few others have done, so incorporated in his whole life all that America has stood for in the democracy of its idealism and achievements. The romance and tragedy of his life have captivated the pens of biographers and poets ever since his untimely and tragic death on that April night, 1865. It is not strange that Walt Whitman, endowed as few men have been by circumstances of birth and life, and by democratic interpretation and understanding not only of America, but also of the lives of all men, was able to express in unsurpassed poetry the soul of Lincoln and the sorrow of the nation at his passing.

This poem, along with his well-known *O Captain, My Captain* and the other briefer and less well-known *Hush'd Be the Camps Today* come near to occupying the highest place in elegaic verse in English poetry. As is to be expected, Whitman did not conform to many of the conventional requirements for an elegy, but when was he ever a conformist? In his own cadenced free verse, composed with no regular rhythm or rhyme, but with the power and strength that caught the rhythmical irregularity of nature itself, Whitman has caught the perfume of the lilacs in an April breeze, the rise and fall of the bird's song, and the lone grandeur of the western star in its onward sweep through the firmament. The public has been slow to accept this form as poetry since it was so far removed from any of the well-known poetic forms, but no orderly meter fixed by time-honored metric rules could have caught and transmuted those natural elements into such perfect poetic imagery; and could have pictured with such prophetic delineation a man whose very characteristics each image depicts with realistic truth.

It is a three-fold characterization of magnificient connotation. Sixty years after Whitman wrote this poem Amy Lowell said of the lilacs:

> " . . . you are a very decent flower,
> A reticent flower,
> A curiously clear-cut, candid flower,
> Standing beside clean doorways,
> Friendly to a housecat and a pair of spectacles."

Was not Whitman's symbolism a prophetic inclusion of that homeliness of nature that was throughout his life one of Lincoln's dominant characteristics? And as Whitman in imagination followed the funeral cortege across the continent, day and night, over the breast of spring, on past farmhouses, amid cities, through old woods where violets were peeping through the ground, he pictured in his own imitable way the woe of the people, their grief-shadowed faces, and the mournful sound of dirges and shuddering organs that filled the air. In true lyric fashion he identified himself with all the sorrow of the nation in a simple line:

"I give you my sprig of lilac."

The second symbol of Lincoln was of such grandeur that it speaks for itself:

" . . . the great star early droop'd in the western sky in the night,"
"O powerful, western, fallen star!"

and the third, the song of the lonely hermit thrush, perhaps the most affecting in the poignancy of its association with the heart-breaking loneliness that followed Lincoln throughout his entire life. Whitman's choice of the hermit thrush to portray this characteristic is one of the finest lyric identifications in literature.

"In the swamp, in secluded recesses,
A shy and hidden bird is warbling a song.
Solitary, and thrush,
The hermit, withdrawn to himself, avoiding the settlements,
Sings by himself a song."

and again:

"Loud human song, with voice of uttermost woe."

Such brief concerpts and the omission of so much of the poem, including the *Death Carol*, which is Whitman's interpretation of the song of the bird, cannot hope to present an adequate appreciation of the piece. It must be read in its entirety. But a high watermark of elegaic verse is reached as Whitman answered the conventional question of all elegies, "If a man die, shall he live again?" and combined with rare artistry and true climatic fervor the three natural objects which were to him the soul of Lincoln:

"Yet each I keep, and all, retrievements out of the night;
The song, the wondrous chant of the gray-brown bird,
And the tallying chant, the echo arous'd in my soul,
With the lustrous and drooping star, with the countenance full of woe,
With the lilac tall, and its blossoms of mastering odor;
With the holders holding my hand, nearing the call of the bird,
Comrades mine, and I in the midst, and their memory ever I keep—for the dead I loved so well;
For the sweetest, wisest soul of all my days and lands . . . and this for his dear sake;
Lilac and star and bird, twined with the chant of my soul,
There in the fragrant pines, and the cedars dusk and dim."

LINCOLN'S PHILOSOPHY

Abraham Lincoln's code of ethics reached an exceptionally high moral plane. The following statements have been gleaned from his writings by *Lincoln Lore*:

The possibility that we may fail in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause which we believe to be just.

In times like the present men should utter nothing for which they would not willingly be responsible through time and eternity.

Truth is your truest friend.

If a man is honest in his mind you are pretty safe in trusting him.

So long as I have been here I have not willingly planted a thorn in any man's bosom.

I am slow to listen to criminations among friends and never expose their quarrels on either side.

May the Almighty grant that the cause of truth, justice, and humanity shall in no wise suffer at my hands.

It is a cheering thought throughout life that something can be done to ameliorate the conditions of those who have been subject to the hard usages of the world.

What I did, I did after a very full deliberation and under a very happy and solemn sense of responsibility.

Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it.

I shall do nothing through malice; what I deal with is too vast for malicious dealing.

I am very little inclined on many occasions to say anything unless I hope to produce some good by it.

I have been unwilling to go beyond the pressure of necessity in the unusual exercise of power.

Engaged as I am in a great war, I fear it will be difficult for the world to understand how fully I appreciate the principles of peace.

I have no other (ambition) so great as that of being truly esteemed by my fellow men by rendering myself worthy of their esteem.

I shall always bear with me the consciousness of having endeavored to do my duty in the trying times through which we are passing.

I have considered this, and will not shrink the responsibility.

I have cultivated patience and made no attempt at a retort.

If I know my heart, my gratitude is free from any taint of personal triumph.

It will be just all we can do to keep out of a quarrel—and I am resolved to do my part to keep peace.

I believe you can be my personal witness that no man is less to be dreaded for undue severity in any case.

I am not wanting in purpose, though I may fail in the strength to maintain my freedom from bad influences.

As I am trying to preserve my own temper by avoiding irritants so far as practivable, I decline to read the cross letter.

I wish you to do nothing merely for revenge, but that what you may do shall be solely done with reference to the security of the future.

General Schurz thinks I was a little cross in my late note to you. If I was, I ask your pardon. If I do get up a little temper, I have not sufficient time to keep it up.

It is better only sometimes to be right than at all times to be wrong.

Stand with anybody that stands right; stand with him while he is right and part with him when he goes wrong.

Let us be sure that in giving praise to certain individuals we do no injustice to others.—*Young People's Leader.*

WANTED $553.00.

Nine hundred forty-seven dollars of the Minnis Salary is in hand and $553.00 yet to be raised, in order that the N. C. Branch of Women's Work may pay the full salary of fifteen hundred dollars it assumed because of its faith in the Methodist Protestants of North Carolina.

Wanted: Fifty Sunday School Classes or C. E. Societies, or Ladies' Aid Societies or individuals to give ten dollars each, and fifty-three individuals to give one dollar each!

Come on folks, let's get this out of the way. Mr. Minnis is tired of reading the appeals to you, and if you'll send in the money we'll say *thank you* and stop.

We *must* have the $1,500 by March 31, 1939 in order to meet our obligation.

Remember, the Minnis salary is a credit on World Service, so be sure to give the name of your church when you send your money to Mrs. Coy L. Kearns, Denton, N. C.

If you want to rejoice the heart of Mrs. H. C. Nicholson, director of the campaign for raising Minnis salary, send her a card and tell her you're going to raise $10.

Yours for Appreciation Year, and World Service and branch budgets in full.

Mrs. R. M. Andrews,
President, N. C. Branch
of Women's Work.

REWARDS

"Every man shall receive his own reward."—1 Corinthians 3:8.

Two young men were fast friends in college. One of them studied for the ministry. The other was preparing to become a lawyer. Both were good students, active in athletics, and leaders in college activities. They finished college with honors. Each went his way.

Twenty-five years afterward the minister became pastor of the church of which the lawyer was a member. They had a visit and talked over old times. The lawyer confided that he had progressed and prospered in his profession. His income now averaged $23,000 annually. The minister's salary was $3,000. He was paying $20,000 a year for the privilege of preaching. It was worth it.—*Church Chimes.*

The only conclusive evidence of a man's sincerity is that he gives himself for a principle. Words, money, all things else are comparatively easy to give away; but when a man makes a gift of his daily life and practice, it is plain that the truth, whatever it may be, has taken possession of him.—*J. R. Lowell.*

SAINT VALENTINE

Many, many years ago the people of the village of a country far from here were given many gifts. They would find these gifts lying on their doorsteps when they arose in the morning. They did not know who left these gifts on their steps. Poor people received coal, wood, meat, and groceries. Poor children would have shoes, coats, clothes, and mittens given to them. No matter how closely they watched, they could not see the good giver of these gifts.

After a few years the people of the village began to notice that on the morning of February 14, each year, every needy man and woman, boy and girl, found a gift on his doorstep. People, not needy, found some little token of love awaiting them.

Then the people of the village discovered that there was an old man by the name of Valentine living there. They watched. Sure enough, they found him leaving gifts on the steps of those he was remembering.

"Why do you do this?" they asked the man.

"I am an old man," he said. "I have not many years to live. I enjoy making others happy. I would rather give gifts on my birthday than have people give gifts to me."

Before many years, Valentine died. The poor people missed him very much. The children missed his cheery smile.

When his birthday came again all the people of the village were very sad. No gifts were on their steps.

"What can we do that would please Valentine?" they asked one another.

One person whom Valentine had helped very much said: "I know what we can do. On his birthday, February 14, every year, let us give little gifts to one another. Let us remember especially the boys and girls that he loved so much."

So from that time, on Valentine's birthday, the people of his village would remember each other with a simple gift. Perhaps it would be a card, a ribbon, candy, or flowers, but they did it because they knew it would make Valentine happy if he knew of it.

They tried very hard to let no one see them leave their Valentine greetings. What fun it was for the children to try to catch the giver!

Valentine had been such a good old man that the people of his village thought of him as a saint. Before long they began speaking of him as "Saint Valentine."

We call him that today. Each year on his birthday, February 14, we do as he did when alive. We send cards, called Valentines, to those we love. We especially remember the children.

We use hearts for Valentines because hearts stand for love, and St. Valentine's heart was filled with love for the children and any one in need.—*Alice Sumner Varney, in Christian Observer.*

Then said I, Ah, Lord Jehovah, behold, I know not how to speak; for I am a child. But Jehovah said unto me, Say not, I am a child; for to whomsoever I shall send thee thou shalt go, and whatsoever I shall command thee thou shalt speak.—The Prophet, *Jeremiah.*

SCIENTIFIC CONCLUSIONS IN REGARD TO ALCOHOL

In the social and political world alcohol is a perennial subject of debate but men who have authority in the world of science seem to be agreed upon the following facts:

1. Alcohol is a narcotic. It depresses the higher centers of the brain, removing inhibitions and this is responsible for the mistaken belief that it is a stimulant.

2. The injurious effect of alcohol upon body functioning is principally due to its affinity for water and its affinity for fats. It interferes particularly with the functioning of the digestive tract and the nervous system.

3. It has calorie value, which is responsible for the erroneous belief of many not scientifically instructed that it is a food. Alcohol is oxidized in the body but this is true also of citric or acetic acid (lemon juice and vinegar) which, like alcohol, cannot be used in sufficient quantities to make a material contribution to the fuel required by the body.

4. The effect of the use of alcohol upon heridity is a moot question. Nature has gone to extreme length in protecting the heritage of the human race and it is possible that the principal damage of alcohol to the oncoming generation is its effect upon environment.

5. The value of alcohol for internal use as a medicine is exceedingly limited. It is a most valuable rubifacient.

6. The use of alcohol as a beverage greatly handicaps the defense mechanism of the body against infections.

7. Its popularity as a social agent is based upon its inhibiting effects, which make for garrulity, a loss of the sense of responsibility and a false sense of adequacy.

8. Alcohol distinctly impairs judgment, the power of reasoning, control of conduct, physical accuracy and endurance.

9. Its habitual use even in "moderate" quantities tends to decrease longevity.

10. The motive for its use is primarily psychological.

THE SOURCE

The Bible is one of the solid facts of Christianity. What it is is not affected by what men think of it. Changing opinions about the Bible do not change the Bible. Whatever the Bible was the Bible is. And what it is it has always been. It is not men's thoughts about the Bible that judge it. It is the Bible which judges men and their thoughts. It has nothing to fear but ignorance and neglect. And the church need have no other fear on its account. The Bible will take care of itself if the church will distribute it and get it read.

There should not be a home without the Bible. In one sense there cannot be, for it is the Bible from which the ideal of the home is derived and from which the forces for its realization flow.

And what the Bible is for the home it is for men and women one by one—namely, the source of true ideals of character and the fountain of those energies in Christ by which character is won.—*Robert E. Speer.*

Hurrah for Brother Crawford. He heads the list of contributions this week.

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LINDY AND THE LOLLIPOPS

A Story for Temperance Sunday

By JANE B. SLOAN

Lindy sat on the back steps thinking hard.

Yesterday had been Sunday and of course she had gone to Sunday school. Mother and Daddy always went, and Lindy loved to wear her prettiest dress and slippers and a big bow on her curly hair.

It was fun to sing with the other boys and girls, and Miss Drake always told the most interesting stories. When they prayed, Lindy always closed her eyes tight so she couldn't see even Miss Drake. Praying was talking to God, and it would be very impolite to look around at other people when one was talking to Him.

But yesterday had been different. A strange man had been there and had talked about alcohol. Lindy knew about alcohol. There was alcohol in beer and wine and whisky, and even in cider. Hadn't she promised never to drink any of those things, and then written her name on a card that Miss Drake had fastened on the wall with those of the other children in her department? The cards were there so that when visitors came into the room they would know that the Junior boys and girls had promised not to drink anything that contained alcohol.

The man who talked to them had asked everybody in Sunday school to learn a verse from the Bible, and Lindy had learned it with the others. It was a long one for a little girl, but she had said it over and over until she was sure she knew the words, but the trouble was that she didn't quite understand it all.

She said it over again to herself, "It is not good to eat meat, nor to drink wine, nor to do anything whereby thy brother stumbleth."

Of course, Lindy knew it was not good to drink wine. And the man had told them that when the verse was written, some of the people believed it was wrong to eat some kinds of meat. The great preacher, Paul, had said that if that was the case, he would not eat any of the meat that seemed wrong to his friends. Lindy wondered about the last part of the verse, "It is not good to do anything whereby thy brother stumbleth." She wanted to be very careful so that she would not make any one stumble. No nice girl would want to do that.

Lindy had two pennies in her pocket and Mother had told her she might spend them for candy. Her cousin Patsy was coming to spend the afternoon and Lindy had saved her pennies so that she might buy two lollipops, one for herself and one for Patsy. They sold such nice big ones at the corner store.

Lindy bought the lollipops and put them carefully away until Patsy should arrive. Patsy had been ill and Lindy wanted to be especially kind to her. As soon as Patsy came, Lindy told her she had a surprise for her, and ran to bring the lollipops. She came back saying, "I kept them until you came so you could have one."

Patsy looked at the big lollipops, and then shaking her head said, "Thank you, Lindy, but the doctor said I must not eat candy for a while. They do look ever so good, but I don't want to eat anything that isn't good for me. You can have mine."

Lindy looked at the big lollipops and was about to take the paper from one, when suddenly she thought of her verse. Now she knew what it meant! It Patsy ate candy, she might be ill again; if she didn't eat it, she would feel hungry and unhappy if she saw Lindy eating it. Either way, Patsy would "stumble."

Lindy would not make Patsy "stumble;" so, putting the lollipops away, she said, "All right,—come on, let's play with the dolls."

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ALCOHOL, ITS USE AND ABUSE

Prize-Winning Essay by a Greensboro School Boy

To Be Used on Temperance Sunday, February 19

Alcohol is a substance that can be very useful to man or it can be a curse to him.

Alcohol has been known since the earliest civilization. Even then, it was a curse to man. It is recorded in the Old Testament about Noah's getting beastly drunk and losing the respect of his sons.

Alcohol is made of fruits, grains and such, fermented and then distilled. It is very useful in hospitals as a disinfectant. It is used to make ether, soap, ink, varnish, glue, drugs and other useful articles. Used as such it is very useful to man, but man is not satisfied with this. He wants to drink it and thus make a curse of it. When a man drinks alcohol he harms himself physically, mentally and morally. Other persons are affected by his drinking as I shall tell later.

First, I shall tell how alcohol harms man physically. Every part of the body is affected more or less by the drinking of alcohol. When alcohol is taken into the stomach, it injures the delicate lining of the stomach and intestines, making it tough and leathery. This hinders the digestion of food which will cause the person to lose his appetite and perhaps get sick. It injures the delicate tissues of the cells of which the body is made up. Such organs as the liver, kidneys, stomach, heart, brain and all other organs cease to do their best work, after the drinking of alcohol.

The heart and the arteries are weakened by alcohol. After continued use it injures them. It makes the muscles of the heart, weak, fat and flabby. Then it cannot do its work like it ought to. The arteries are elastic and as the heart beats it swells the arteries with blood. After continued use of alcohol the arteries become stretched and shapeless. The heart cannot supply them with enough blood to fill them. Then the blood pressure becomes low.

Drinking alcohol affects the body temperature. When the alcohol is taken into the body it causes the blood to rush to the skin, and the drinker appears to be hot when he is cold. If the blood had been circulating as it should be he would not have been cold. People have been found frozen to death in cold weather, because they had been drinking alcohol. If they had not taken the alcohol, they would not have frozen.

One of the most important parts of the body to be affected by alcohol is the brain. The brain, as you know, is the master control of the body. It is the first part of the body to be affected by alcohol. The alcohol numbs the cells of the brain. The cell, or center that controls thinking, is the first part to be affected by alcohol. A person drinks alcohol because it depresses the higher brain centers which control worry and pain. He feels good and does not think about his troubles.

Drinking alcohol affects the muscles by affecting the brain. One who drinks alcohol cannot think to move his muscles as quickly as one who does not drink. If a person is driving a car he cannot think to put on his brakes quickly. In such games as baseball, the players are forbidden the use of alcohol because it slows them up.

Last of all, alcohol weakens the body so that it cannot resist diseases. Such diseases as pneumonia are more often fatal to those who drink. It shortens life in many ways. Insurance companies prove that the life of a drunkard is much shorter than that of an abstainer.

These are only a few of the ways that alcohol affects people physically and mentally.

The effect of alcohol is not on one person alone. It affects many people besides the one who drinks it. A drunkard's children are oftentimes weak in body and mind. They inherit the traits of their parents. It fills our insane asylums, our prisons, our houses of correction, our hospitals and our cemeteries. Its cost runs up into millions of dollars.

There is no one that can tell of the miseries and terrible suffering from the drinking of alcohol as a drunkard's family can. I have had such an experience for about eight of my twelve years of life. I have seen my mother abused, my sister and brother separated and making their own living. I know the want of proper food, clothing, and other necessities because the money was spent for drink. I have suffered all the humiliation that the son of a drunkard can suffer. I have lost the love and respect for a parent

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

By REV. JOSEPH COBLE

WHAT ARE OUR MODERN FRONTIERS?

Topic for February 26, 1939

The Text—Numbers 13:17-21, 25, 30-35.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

Monday, February 20—Possessing the land. Josh. 1:10-18.

Tuesday, February 21—Restoring Jehovah worship. II Kings 23:21-25.

Wednesday, February 22—Purifying God's house. Matt. 21:12-17.

Thursday, February 23—The Twelve commissioned. Matt. 10:1-11.

Friday, February 24—The obligation of the rich. I Tim. 6:17-19.

Saturday, February 25 — Impartiality enjoined. Jas. 2:1-9.

Most young people of all ages bemoan the fact that they are born too late. They drink in the stories of adventure of their parent's generation and then resign themselves to the thought that there is no new frontier for them to give themselves to. True, the coming generation cannot very well "Go West," but there are bigger and greater fields on our modern frontier that need to be explored and developed . . . We can go *upward.*

All around us are new frontiers that have to a great extent been neglected by our adventure seeking parents. These new frontiers are not geographical but rather are moral and spiritual. They do not have the lure of distance but rather are close at hand. As Christian pioneers, we must push above our present moral and spiritual standards.

We have been quite unjust in our attitude and our relationships toward peoples of other races. This is a frontier that we are going to have to explore and develop if we are to be true Christians. There was no uncertainty in the teaching of Jesus concerning our attitude toward all mankind. "By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, if you have love one for another."

Another modern frontier that looms so large that it is going to take the united effort of Christian young people, is in the field of crime prevention, law enforcement, and clean politics. Our topic last week was closely related to this, but we in our C. E. meetings could not in one week exhaust, or fully explore such a frontier.

We mentioned last week the movement that has been started in Alamance County for law observance and law enforcement. All ministers of the county were asked to present to their people on last Sunday morning, something of what is trying to be done, and to give the Christian people an opportunity of signing the following Covenant Card:

Covenant Card

For Membership in Alamance County Association for Law Observance

Desiring to have a county that is known for its respect for and observance of our laws, and one which is wholesome in its every influence, I willingly enter into a covenant with the citizens of our County that:

1. I will remember to be careful in the observance of our laws.

2. I will heartily co-operate with our appointed and elected officers in the enforcement of our laws.

Signed ----- -------------- -- ----------

On Sunday afternoon a mass meeting was held with over a thousand in attendance, at which time officers were elected, and an organization instituted to carry on this movement. Three thousand of the covenant cards were reported signed, with the total by now running over five thousand. A proposed amendment, to give to Alamance County the right to control some of the places of corruption within the county was passed upon by the group and handed to the representative from this county who was present at the meeting. What this county is doing, our young people could lead other counties into doing.

A further frontier we have neglected is the churching of newly built-up residential sections; and the revitalizing of old churches. Because our organized churches have failed in this field any number of local and unaffiliated churches have sprung up. Many are rendering a great service, but most are doing more harm than good.

The frontier that has been almost completely neglected has to do with wholesome amusements. We have complained about the existing types but we have done nothing to improve conditions. Until we do something constructive in this field, a great number of our youth will never be led in the right path. We have some of the greatest frontiers to develop that the world or mankind has ever known. Only by following the teaching and example of Jesus can we ever hope to explore and develop them aright.

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"One ship sails east, and another west,
By the self-same winds that blow;
'Tis the set of the sail and not the gale
That determines the way it shall go.

"Like the winds of the sea are the storms of fate
As we journey along through life;
'Tis the set of the soul that determines the goal,
And not the calm or the strife."

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Visitor: "This isn't a dwarf; he's over five feet in height."

Showman: "That's the wonderful thing about him. He's the tallest dwarf in the world."

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Grace church S. S., Greensboro	$14.00
Kannapolis S. S.	8.30
State Street S. S., Lexington	3.48
Elbaville S. S., Mocksville	3.00
Mt. Pleasant S. S., Mt. Pleasant	8.00
First Church S. S., Winston-Salem	7.00
Concord S. S., Saxapahaw	4.50
Sapling Ridge S. S., Alamance	3.70
Pinnacle S. S., Pinnacle and Mt. Zion	1.85
Lebanon S. S., Spring Church	2.00
Mill Grove S. S.	2.80
Mt. Hermon S. S., Mt. Hermon	4.06
Pleasant Hill S. S., Spring Church	2.80
Fairfield S. S., Guilford	3.00
Mr. H. L. Horton, Robertsdale, Pa.	2.00
Mt. Lebanon S. S., Randleman	6.10
Denton S. S.	6.60
Worthvile S. S., Randleman	14.04
St. Paul S. S., Greensboro	18.00
Siler City S. S.	5.00
Glen Raven S. S.	6.25
Macedonia S. S., Seagrove-Love Joy	1.00
Concord S. S.	20.00
Mrs. Robert P. Petree	1.00
West End S. S., Greensboro	10.00
Level Cross S. S., Randleman	1.34
Whitakers S. S.	5.00
First Church S. S., Burlington	35.00
Tabernacle S. S., Tabernacle	8.77
Harmony Grove S. S., W. Forsyth	2.83
First Church S. S., Charlotte	5.91
Tabernacle S. S., W. Forsyth	2.40
Reidsville, Thank-Offering	22.06
Bethel S. S., Flat Rock	2.08
Pleasant Grove	17.00
Midway S. S., Haw River	3.06
Gibsonville S. S.	15.00
Community Church S. S.	14.04
Community church Baraca class	5.00
Herbert Garmon	1.00
Graham S. S.	6.10
N. C. Branch, Woman' Auxiliary	163.20
Love's Grove S. S., Friendship L. G.	8.70

I am sick in bed again with deep cold, so Mrs. Dixon has made out this report for me. If anything is omitted will report it next week. Thank you and God bless all of you.

Yours in His service,
A. G. DIXON, Supt.

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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that I would otherwise have loved and honored.

If there is anything that I can do or say to keep some other boy from having my experience, I want to do or say it. That is why I am writing this composition, and I want everyone to know that *I am an enemy of alcohol and always will be.*

Editor's Note: If someone in your Sunday school has written a better essay than the one above, use it by all means.

The boy who wrote the above essay had just completed the study in the 6th grade of the free text book "Alcohol and the Habit-Forming Drugs" by Grant L. Donnelly.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Pleasant Hill, Spring Church Charge, J. E. Garlington, Pastor.—Rev. Mr. Garlington filled his regular appointment on the second Sunday night, using as his subject, "God in the Hands of Man." He spent Friday and Saturday nights of last week in the home of M. L. Crewe.

On the fifth Sunday night in January the pageant, "Shrines," was very successfully presented in connection with our Young People's service. Owing to unfavorable weather conditions this service was not very well attended. Offering amounted to $6.35.

We have raised our part of our parsonage insurance, paid the annual conference expense in full, and are still going forward on the World Service apportionment.

The members of the Auxiliary will present their thank-offering program on Sunday night, February 19, using "Tithing" as their theme.

Our C. E. society seems recently to have suffered a slump. We hope, as the weather improves, that the attendance will increase.

We are sorry to note that Mrs. Virginia Magee, who has been sick for several weeks, is but very little improved.

REPORTER.

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Lawndale, Cleveland Charge, Rev. T. G. Madison, Pastor.—On January 12 the Woman's Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Eva Mauney. Mrs. T. G. Madison, president, presided. Mrs. Eskridge, devotional leader, made a beautiful talk and had each member present tell just what the Auxiliary had meant to them in the past year. This was sprung as a surprise, and of course each member gave the meaning as she felt it,—no time to cut and dry a big speech. After the program was rendered the secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and called the roll, each member answering with a verse of scripture. During the business session it was decided for each member to pay a thank-offering instead of sponsoring a program. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. P. P. Richards, with Mrs. Mamie Neal joint hostess. At the close of the meeting Mrs. Mauney, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Dewey Canipe, served dainty refreshments.

On the fifth Sunday we held the 14th district rally at Moriah church. The weather was unfavorable, but we had a good crowd and a much enjoyed program. Mr. Gorman spoke at the morning session. Dinner was served at the noon hour in the Sunday school rooms. The afternoon session began at 1 o'clock. Miss Avis Hull, of Bess Chapel, brought a good message on "What the M. P. Church Means to Me." Rev. Mr. Hethcox brought a good message also. Rev. Mr. Madison made some good remarks on the topics that had been discussed. The entire program was based on Appreciation Year. Mrs. Price Withers, music teacher at Pokeville, with three of her pupils, rendered some good numbers in song. Some of the ladies of Bess Chapel sang in the afternoon.

On the fifth Sunday night, at Lawndale, Rev. T. G. Madison and Rev. R. C. Goforth held a union service and observed the Lord's Supper. This service was very impressive. On last Sunday night, February 5, Rev. Mr. Madison observed Young People's Day. This program was enjoyed very much, and we had some good talks by Miss Bettie Joe Eaker, Alvin Blanton, and Earl Wease. Palm Tree young people were present and brought some good messages in song.

The three denominations will begin a two-weeks revival on Sunday, March 5, and continue two weeks. Rev. J. W. Grose from High Point will do the preaching. We are looking forward to and praying for this meeting.

REPORTER.

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Mocksville Charge, Rev. K. G. Holt, Pastor.—The work in these parts is about as usual. Dr. Pritchard was with us at two of the churches on January 22. I suppose the reporters will have more to say about that.

The people of Bethel church gave this preacher a big surprise on the night of January 1 by bringing to church a lot of good things for the table and pantry. We will not attempt to enumerate the articles or the names of the givers. We do wish to express our appreciation for every gift that was received.

The first quarterly conference has been held. The World Service and annual conference budgets were accepted in full. We are planning to observe all the special days and to raise the budgets in full.

The attendance at Sunday schools seems to be some better this year than it was last year at the same time. There seems to be some hope of getting power lines in reach of the three churches that do not have electric lights at present.

K. G. HOLT, Pastor.

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Liberty Hill, Anderson Charge, Rev. T. M. Johnson, Pastor.—Our hearts are saddened today to report of our good pastor being ill at this writing with a cold. We certainly did miss the messages that he would have brought us. May God send His healing hand and restore him back, if it is the Lord's will, to be with us the fourth Sunday.

The Willing Workers class is still doing fine with the contest they started in January. The Ford V-8 side is still in the lead. The class is trying to increase the attendance and hoping and praying that we may get some in our community that aren't coming to come and help build up our class more.

Mr. and Mrs. Rome Harrison and family visited relatives in Greenville, S. C., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marchant Davis of this community are the proud parents of a little daughter, born January 31.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McClimon attended a singing in North Carolina Sunday with the Church of God quartet from Greenville.

Our Sunday school is still holding up fine this winter. We do appreciate our good superintendent who is working and striving so hard to build up the school. We had 114 present Sunday, and we pray that each one will help and cooperate with Mr. Waddell, our superintendent.

The Willing Workers class held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. W. T. Jackson. She had a splendid program. Discussion and plans were made for our class and a grand supper was served by Mrs. Jackson. Miss Elaine Harrison will take charge of the next meeting.

Plans are being made for a Bible school to be held at our church soon, directed by our pastor, Rev. T. M. Johnson. We have had one since he was pastor here on the New Testament. My understanding is that it will be on the Old Testament this year.

Several of this community have been confined to their beds since the last report. We pray for them a speedy recovery and their return back to church.

May I add just a few lines in hope it will help someone:

"So long as faith with freedom reigns
And loyal hope survives,
And gracious charity remains
To leaven lowly lives;
While there is one untrodden tract
For intellect or will,
And men are free to think and act,
Life is worth living still."

MRS. JOHN D. McCLIMON, Reporter.

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Love Joy, Seagrove-Love Joy Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor.—We have had two splendid sermons delivered by our pastor since our last report. Sunday at 11 a.m. he preached about the awfulness of sin. The main point that was brought out was that the innocent must suffer because of the sins of the guilty. He brought out a clear picture of how Achan's family were stoned to death because of the sin of Achan. What a picture of sin in comparison with life today! At the conclusion of the sermon Communion service was observed. This brought to our minds once more the suffering and death of Jesus which was caused by sin.

Our Sunday school attendance has held up fine during the winter. As spring is just around the corner we are hoping our attendance will pick up. We appreciate the cooperative work that is moving along so nicely, both in Sunday school and church work.

Plans are under way for our Easter program and we hope to have much interest manifested among our young people.

We ask an interest in the prayers of the Herald family that our church may grow spiritually and continue to be a great shining light to the community. Our prayer is: If we can place only one little brick in the pavement of the Lord's pathway, let us place it there that coming generations may walk thereon to the heavenly City.

MRS. L. L. RUSSELL, Reporter.

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South China Grove, Rev. Atlas Ridge, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his last appointment here the first Sunday and gave us two inspiring messages. This is his second year with us. He has filled every appointment this new year. Last first Sunday Communion service was held. Our church has grown, both spiritually and in number.

The church people gave an oyster supper for the adults and senior classes and all officers and teachers.

Our Ladies' Aid has been progressing very rapidly. We had a few new members to join us Saturday night.

Our first quarterly conference was held. Good reports were heard from most officers and everyone is expecting further progress.

We still have our prayer meetings and are winning souls for God's kingdom. We were glad to have Sister Bertha Moore and also Grandmother Moore back with us last Sunday; they had been absent for quite a while sick.

We are planning to have service every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock which will be given by our superintendent, Brother Titus Wright.

We ask the prayers of all Christian workers that our church may win many more souls for God's Kingdom.

MRS. TITUS WRIGHT, Ass't Reporter.

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Cedar Cliff Church, Rev. J. R. Anderson, Pastor.—Our pastor brought us a very interesting and inspiring sermon last Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour, using for his text the third Psalm and the 13th verse of the 103rd Psalm. This sermon he preached in cooperation with the Ministerial Association. He also brought our attention to the covenant card. We are expecting 100% cooperation in this move to make Alamance county a better place for our young people.

Our Sunday school is moving along nicely now in spite of our bad weather. We have had an increasing interest in our Sunday school since the first of the year. We sincerely hope we can get more of our young people in our church during this conference year. We feel like this would be one of the best moves to make in helping clean up our county.

We have had quite a bit of sickness in our community. But we are very happy to report the condition of both Mrs. J. D. Payne and Mrs. Tom Bailey as somewhat improved.

REPORTER.

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Mill Grove Church, Midland, Rev. Earl A. Cook, Pastor.—Sunday, the 12th, was a good day. Brother Cook gave us a good service. It was very inspiring and helpful to all.

We have some new Sunday school members of whom we are proud. The Sunday school is going very well now.

Brethren, let us pray for each other, that we may get close to the Christ who died for our sins and for the world.

CHAS. W. MISENHEIMER, Reporter.

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Friendship Shiloh Charge, Rev. C. E. Ridge, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment with a heplful sermon on Faith, reading the 11th chapter of Hebrews from 1 to 19, and quoting many passages from Matthew and John.

Sunday morning at 6 o'clock our community was shocked by the tolling of the church bell, and was greatly saddened by the passing of our beloved friend, Mrs. Henry Shoaf. Friday she had an operation, and we thought she was doing so well. She will be missed, but we feel that our loss is her eternal gain. She cannot come back to us, but we can go to her. Let us be patient and finish our work till we are called home.

Miss Virginia Perrell has appendicitis, but is better. Also little Miss Yates, who was operated on, is very much improved.

The wedding bells will ring this week for one of our most popular girls. Misses Catherine Koonts and Adele and Juanita Phillips are giving a miscellaneous shower Thursday evening for Miss Beatrice Shoaf, bride-to-be. We wish her much happiness, and will miss her from our Sunday school class.

Our Sunday school attendance is good and we are making much progress on our budgets.

Pray for us and for those who are so saddened by the passing of a saintly mother.

IDA B. HOLT.

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Mt. Pleasant Church, North Davidson Charge, Rev. O. B. Williams, Pastor.—There has not been a report from our church this year, and so I take the liberty to make one.

We hated very much to give up Rev. and Mrs. Neese, and we know the people they are now serving have a fine pastor and wife. Rev. and Mrs. Williams have entered the work with zeal, and everything seems to be moving along nicely.

Our Sunday school seems to be increasing, as we had an attendance of 105 yesterday, February 12. We observed Young People's Day. The young people had charge of the Sunday school hour. The choir was made up of young people and teachers were selected from the younger people: Class No. 1, Mr. Thomas Hilton; No. 2, Mrs. Ruth Payne; No. 3, Mrs. Joseph Payne; No. 4, Miss Dorothy Hilton; No. 5, Miss Iris Leigh Murphy; No. 6, Miss Treva Reid. Mrs. Paul Green acted as superintendent, and Bernie Hilton as secretary. For the church service, Mr. Williams brought us a fine sermon on "Youth in Gratitude."

We are sorry to say we have had some sickness in our church family this year. One of our older members, Mr. J. R. Stone, has been very ill, but is improving now.

Pray for us that we may continue to grow in the knowledge and love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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Mt. Lebanon M. P. Church, Rev. C. L. Spencer, Pastor.—Appreciation Sunday or district rally was observed by our church Sunday night, February 5. Dr. S. W. Taylor acted as chairman for the day's program, which was opened by the congregation singing "Faith of Our Fathers." Dr. Taylor then delivered a short talk on the meaning of these appreciation rallies.

The quartet of the church sang "Walking by Faith." Dr. Humphries, president of High Point College, introduced Dr. Frank W. Stephenson, who spoke on "Appreciation of Our Church," after which Mrs. W. C. Hammer, of Asheboro, made a talk on "Women and Appreciation." Dr. J. Clyde Auman, of Thomasville, spoke on "The Why and How of Appreciation."

The quintet of Level Cross M. P. church rendered a selection which concluded the program.

A thank-offering service was held at Mt. Lebanon church Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, the object of which is to raise in full the World Service budget of the church. The speaker for the service Sunday was Mrs. J. E. Pritchard, of High Point. Her subject was "Greater Appreciation." The young men's quartet furnished the music. The Little Sunbeams also sang two selections. The collection was $18. We hope to have Mrs. Pritchard with us again soon.

The Willing Workers class was entertained Monday night at the home of Miss Myrtle Causey. A very interesting program was rendered, after which a social hour was enjoyed, during which the hostess served delicious refreshments.

Our pastor is bringing us some of the best sermons, and our church people enjoy them very much.

We are so glad to have Brother John Daniels back with us after his recent illness.

The Christian Endeavor society held its regular meeting Sunday night, with Miss Rozelle Smith as leader. The Endeavorers enjoyed having the Level Cross society visit with them at this meeting. Brother Scarlette made a very interesting talk, which was enjoyed very much. The Level Cross quartet sang a special selection.

MISS ROZELLE SMITH, Reporter.

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Zoar, Mecklenburg Charge, Rev. Robert Short, Pastor.—As I have been re-elected reported for the coming year I will try and fill my place.

I want to say that our church work has been going on very well. The condition of the church spiritually and financially is much better at this writing than it was at this time last year.

We have a very good Sunday School when Spring opens, hope more will attend. Also our preaching services are better attended.

Rev. Short has been very faithful to us and has delivered some real good sermons.

The ladies have organized an auxiliary which we hope will mean much to our church.

Pray for us that we may go forward.

LILLIE ADKINS

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Harmony Church, Yarborough Charge, Rev. J. F. Farr, Pastor.—We are glad to report that our Sunday school and church work is progressing very nicely, although attendance is not as large as we would like to have.

The District Sunday School Convention was held February 3 at the Buncombe Street M. E. church in Greenville. The speakers, Dr. A. R. Gunter, Rev. C. B. Dawsey, Rev. J F. Lupo, Dr. O. W. Moerner, Dr. W. L. Mullikin, and Bishop Clare Purcell, made splendid talks on Christian Education and Evangelism. The entire day was enjoyed by all.

Rev. Mr. Farr filled his regular appointment last Sunday morning. He brought us a most inspiring and helpful message.

Both the Senior and Junior Christian Endeavor societies have been holding their meetings regularly. We feel that the young people of this community are being greatly helped by these societies.

ELEANOR KNIGHT, Reporter.

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Hawkins Chapel Church, Littleton Charge, D. D. Broome, Pastor.—We are glad to learn through the HERALD, that Dr. Pritchard did not have to stay at Duke Hospital. Hope for him a speedy recovery.

Fifth Sunday Brother Broome, and family were with us at Sunday School, also were glad to have Rev. and Mrs. Leo Pittard to worship with us.

Second Sunday morning Brother Broome used for his text, Proverbs 4:23, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." At this service the Communion service was observed.

We have organized a Ladies Aid. Mrs. Broome, president; Mrs. Claude Hawkins, vice-president; Miss Grace Pittard, Secretary; Mrs Hayward Glasgow, treasurer. The society meet with Mrs. Glasgow Monday. Our first meeting will be Thursday, February 16, at 7:30, with Misses Grace and Margaret Pittard.

Our Sunday School rooms are now being built, we are proud to say.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnett Morgan are proud of a little boy, and also Mr. and Mrs. Abbie Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Broome and family were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pittard the fifth Sunday. Second Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Broome, and little girl, and Mrs. M. J. Morris were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hawkins.

Well, two of our members got married since the holidays: Mr. Clifton Hawkins to Miss Mamie Shaw, and Miss Fannie Mae Hale to Mr. Eugene Powell.

Glad to note little Inez Greene has recovered from scarlet fever, for we have missed her, and mother, Mrs. Edward Greene, and sister, Frances, very much in Sunday School.

MRS. CLAUDE HAWKINS, Reporter.

Caroleen, Rev. Herbert D. Garmon, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointments here last Sunday, and delivered two interesting messages. He is also doing fine work here and we hope he may continue with success.

Our Sunday school is doing nicely and the attendance is very good, with new members and several visitors each Sunday. We have fine singing and very often have specials by some of our singers.

We are still interested in our Christian Endeavor, and are very proud of it. Some of the members who haven't been doing their best are now taking part and enjoy doing what they can. I know we will accomplish more by working together. We hope to work together in everything to help our church and pastor.

We ask the prayers of everyone as we work for our Lord.

LOIS HOLLIFIELD, Reporter.

Enfield Church, Rev. D. R. Williams Pastor.—Our pastor filled all his appointments in January and gave us some of the best sermons we believe we have ever heard. But all of February he has been sick with flu and not able to be out. For several days he was very sick—but we are happy that he is improving now, and we hope as soon as the weather clears up he will be able to sit up, and then be out real soon. Mrs. Wilians has also been sick, but she is better, too. She wasn't confined to her bed. Their son, Mr. Ralph Williams, from New York, spent this week-end with them, and we feel his coming meant so much to them.

The Junior Woman's Auxiliary held their February meeting with Miss Lillian Bellamy. They are a fine group of girls and doing splendid work.

The Woman's Auxiliary met with Mrs. Mary Barnhill for their January meeting. Mrs. Egbert Barnhill and Miss Delia Sykes were assisting hostesses. There was a large number of members and one visitor present. Mrs. Cecil Matthews had charge of the devotionals, and Mrs. D. R. Williams had charge of the question box, which was very interesting and helpful. The Auxiliary decided to patch an apron during February for the money making project. Mrs. J. P. Neville is starting the apron; the members will pass it from one to another, and each will ask their friends to patch it before passing it on. It is to be brought in at February meeting.

A committee was appointed to plan a program for World Day of Prayer which we expect to observe.

The February Thank-offering service will be a public service and will be under the capable direction of Mrs. P. S. Bellamy, Thank-offering Secretary.

We are glad, to report Mr. D. A. Hunt is able to be out after being confined to his home for some-time. Also we are glad his wife is able to be out after being confined with an infected foot.

We are also happy to report Mrs. Jimmie Rives did not have to have the serious operation, as the doctors thought when she was rushed to the hospital. She is home now and improving, and we pray she may continue to improve.

Mrs. Addie Beavens, mother of Mrs. Stanley Whitaker, is still confined to her room but is improving.

Mr. Chester Bellamy is at home after undergoing an operation for appendicitis in a Rocky Mount hospital. We wish for these and the many other sick in our community a speedy recovery.

REPORTER.

Asheboro Church, Dr. S. W. Taylor, Pastor.—"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord".

From early childhood attending church services has given me joy. Recently I was denied that pleasure for several weeks, while recuperating from an illness. Now it is a pleasure to be back in the services again and to find all departments of the church work functioning so well. The attendance at Sunday school and preaching services is good.

Dr. Paul Kennett is always a welcome visitor in our midst, and we were pleased to have him preach for us Sunday, January 29, at the eleven o'clock hour. The evening service was a well planned and well rendered Young Peoples Day program.

We were pleased to welcome Dr. S. W. Taylor back the first Sunday in February. He had been away two weeks attending meetings of the Uniting Conference Committee.

February 12th was observed as Bible Sunday. This has come to be an annual event with us and one that a large number of people express interest in. A number of people were present who have read the Bible through one or more times. Dr. Taylor read from a very old Bible which was brought from England by the ancestors of Mr. John M. Presnell. A Bible-reading club has recently been organized in our congregation and the enrollment is increasing each week. The Boy Scout troop attended this service in a group and were recognized by the congregation. Dr. P. E. Lindley brought the message of the hour, using as his subject, "The Book Above All." This was an interesting and instructive message.

One of the best things that has come our way recently was a sacred concert Sunday evening by an Italian singer, Giovanni Sperandeo, who was assisted by Mrs. Sperandeo, pianist and accompanist. In addition to his singing he told briefly his life story and how his faith in God has helped him overcome physical handicaps. To see him and hear him is an inspiration.

Our newest organization is a Junior Christian Endeavor society with more than twenty members. Mrs. S. W. Taylor is in charge of this work and is a most capable leader.

The Woman's Auxiliary has been quite active and we feel that they are bringing to a close a good year. At the February meeting Miss Lollie Jones was elected president, with Mrs. N. M. Harrison, treasurer; Mrs. L. F. Ross, recording secretary, and Mrs. S. W. Taylor, corresponding secretary.

ESTER ROSS.

West End, Greensboro, R. M. Andrews, Pastor.—Attendance at all services in our church is holding up well, averaging about 120 for the 11 o'clock hour; 215 were present at Sunday school last Sunday. A church loyalty campaign will soon be started, which we hope will increase interest and activite in all departments of the church.

On Friday evening, February 10, the young women's circle of Women's Auxiliary met with Miss Marjorie Stockard, 107 Granite St., with an attendance of 8 members, 2 visitors, and Mrs. R. M. Andrews. This group has just recently been organized, having Mrs. Eugene Lamb as a special guest and speaker at that time. An interesting meeting was held and papers were read on India, and other fields of mission work.

Dr. Andrews took his text for the Sunday morning hour, February 12, Luke 19:9, "And Jesus said unto him, 'This day is salvation come to this house, for as much as he also is a son of Abraham'." This had reference to the conversion of Zaccheus, which was so sincere there was no question about it. Being a tax collector, he was despised by his fellows, making it hard for him to become Christian.

The Women's Auxiliary met Monday evening with Mrs. R. M. Andrews, at the parsonage, Mrs. M. H. Waynick and Mrs. Sherman Stapleton being joint hostesses with her to 25 or more members. Mrs. T. W. Fain had charge of the devotional, and Mrs. Charles Routh spoke on different phases of Home Mission work. Following routine business, election of officers for the new year took place. Both women's circles are at present selling peanuts as one way of increasing funds. Refreshments in Valentine motif were served during the social hour.

We hope for a speedy recovery those of our number who are sick at this time and unable to be out.

Several new members have joined our congregation recently and we welcome them sincerely.

MILDRED STAPLETON, Reporter.

There was a frantic call for a doctor. "Hurry over to our cottage, doctor, everybody here has something the matter with his eyes."

"It must be serious if you wake me up at this time of the night. What's the trouble? Do they see elephants and snakes and things?"

"No, sir, that's why I called. The room is full of them and I am the only one who can see them."

"Anything the matter with the car?"

"Well, there's only one part of it that doesn't make a noise and that's the horn."

MARRIED

Bumgardner-Peacock, Williams-Myers

A wedding that was of much interest to the people of Thomasville was the marriage in a double wedding of Thomas Peacock and Waverly Bumgardner, Chester Van Myers and Doris Hall Williams in the Main Street Methodist Church on Christmas Sunday afternoon at 1:30 with the writer and the pastor, Rev. C. M. Pickens of the Main Street church officiating.

The marriage of Chester Van Myers and Doris Hall Williams will be of particular interest to some of the readers of the HERALD. Miss Williams is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams of Thomasville. Mr. Myers is the son of Mr. and Mrs W. S. Myers of Thomasville. Mrs. Myers attended Lenoir-Ryne College and Mr. Myers is a graduate of the Thomasville High School. Both are connected with the Thomasville Chair Co. They are among our finest young people in Thomasville. Mr. Myers is secretary of the Sunday school of the Community Church. We anticipate for both Mr. and Mrs. Myers and Mr. and Mrs. Peacock a long and happy life together. At least this is our great good wish for each of them.

J. CLYDE AUMAN.

James-Ward

Miss Nettie McNair James and Mr. Jesse Ward were united in marriage at the Mebane Methodist Protestant parsonage on Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock, December 23, 1938. Mrs. Ward is a member of Hebron Church, Orange Charge. Mr. Ward holds a position with the Riggs Lumber Company of Mebane. Mr. and Mrs. Ward are making their home in Mebane. We wish for this young couple a long and happy life together.

D. I. GARNER.

Williams-Jones

On Saturday afternoon, December 19, Mr. Francis Jones and Mrs. Essie Williams, both of Lawndale, were united in marriage at the parsonage of Cleveland Charge. The pastor heards the vows in the presence of a few relatives and friends. We wish for them a long and happy life. They will make their home in Lawndale.

T. G. MADISON

Pearce-Lindley

Rev. A. Oscar Lindley, of Liberty, N. C., an honored member of our conference, and Mrs. Virginia Harris Pearce, of Albemarle, N. C., were united in marriage on January 14, 1939, at the parsonage in Liberty. Rev. Geo. R. Brown officiated. All of us wish our brother and his wife great happiness and success.

Flynt-Hanner

A wedding of quiet simplicity and dignity was solemnized when Miss Juanita Flynt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Flynt, of Liberty, N. C., and A. J. Hanner, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hanner, also of Liberty, were united in marriage by Rev. M. W. Finilator, pastor of the bride, at the parsonage in Pittsboro. The pastor heard the vows, using the ring ritual of the Baptist church.

The bride wore a dress of teal blue with wine accesories. She is a graduate of the Liberty high school. The bridegroom attended the University of North Carolina and is now connected with the Liberty Chair Company.

The young couple will make their home in Liberty.

Russell-Fuller

On Monday, December 12, Miss Minnie Russell of Troy became the bride of Mr. Samuel E. Fuller of Kittrell. The ceremony was quietly solemnized at 10 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents. Rev. Z. V. Arthurs officiated using the ring ceremony. Only the immediate families were present.

The bride wore an attractive three piece suit of autumn rust, with accessories to match.

Mrs. Fuller is the daughter of Mr. I. F. Russell and the late Mrs. Fannie Russell of the Love Joy community. She is a member of Love Joy church.

Mr. Fuller is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Fuler of Kittrell. He is a member of the M. E. church there.

The young couple will make their home at Kittrell, N. C. Their many friends wish for them a long, prosperous life of happiness together. REPORTER.

Walton-Hedrick

On Saturday, January 21, at 8 p.m., in the parsonage of the First M. P. church of Thomasville, a wedding of interest to their many friends was solemnized, when Miss Arlease Walton became the bride of Alfred Hedrick. The vows were spoken before James T. Bowman, pastor of the bridegroom.

Mrs. Hedrick is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Walton, of Trinity. Mr. Hedrick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hedrick of Thomasville. He holds a position with the Thomasville Chair Company. He is a member of the First M. P. church of Thomasville.

They have our prayers and best wishes for a happy and prosperous journey through life.

JAMES T. BOWMAN.

Coggins-Holt

On Friday, January 20, about 8 o'clock, Miss Helen Lucille Coggin and Mr. Jim Clay Holt were united in holy matrimony in the Methodist Protestant parsonage at Seagrove, N. C., by the writer.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. Randell and Mrs. Estelle Coggins, of Eldorado, N. C. The groom is the son of Mr. S. L. and Veloria Holt of Eldorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Holt are making their home in Asheboro, N. C. Our best wishes for a long and happy life.

JAMES H. TROLINGER.

Hughes-Higgins

Of interest to their many friends is the announcement of the marriage of Miss Ruth Hughes to E. L. Higgins on November 26, 1938. The ceremony was performed at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. H. B. White, in Saluda, S. C.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. A. K. Hughes, and has made her home with her aunt, Mrs. G. B. Taylor, for quite a while. She is a member of the Harmony M. P. church, and takes great interest in community activities. For her wedding, she was becomingly attired in an outfit of blue with accessories of black.

Both these young people are employed by the Ware Shoals Manufacturing Company, and are making their home near Ware Shoals. EDNA HUGHES.

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IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Samuel Monroe Warlick

Samuel Monroe Warlick was born September 22, 1849, died December 23, 1938, age 89 years, 3 months, and 1 day. He was the son of Abram and Rosa Warlick.

At the age of 23 he was married to Frances Wood of Lincoln County. To this union were born three children: Mrs. Zimri Kistler of Shelby, Mrs. N. G. Bethea of Asheville, and Mr. O. V. Warlick of Lawndale.

His first wife died on February 3, 1918. On May 23, 1923 he was united in marriage with Miss Nancy Elizabeth Towery, and to this union were born two children, Samuel Eugene and Elizabeth Christine, both of Casar. He is survived by his wife, two brothers, William of Amarilla, Texas, and A. D. Warlick of Lawndale, 14 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

In early life, Brother Warlick professed faith in Christ and united with Pleasant Hill Methodist Protestant Church. He loved his church and served it in an official capacity and was a regular attendant as long as he was physically able.

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A. C. Cox

On January 14, 1939, the death angel came to the home of A. C. Cox on Asheboro Star route, and called him to his eternal home. Mr. Cox had been in declining health for the past year. His age was 79 years, 9 months and 17 days.

He is survived by four sons: Ross, of Tampa, Fla.; Fred, of Lexington; E. C., of Asheboro Star route, and C. D. Cox, of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Rodema Ingold and Mrs. L. D. Burkhead, of Asheboro; also eight grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Monday, January 16, at the Flag Spring church. The pastor, Rev. C. H. Hill, had charge, and was assisted by Rev. J. B. Trogdon; after which the body was laid to rest beside his wife in the church cemetery, in the presence of a large congregation, beneath a great mound of beautiful flowers which showed the esteem in which he was held.

Mr. Cox will be greatly missed in his home, his community, and in his church. He was loyal to his church, at the time of his death serving on the board of stewards.

May the example he has sent before us be an inspiration and a guide to those who are left behind. May the Lord bless the children, and may they find comfort in reading these few lines of poetry:

"Dearest father, thou hast left us,
And our loss we deeply feel,
But 'tis God that has bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal.
Yet again we hope to meet thee
When the day of life is fled,
Up in heaven in joy to greet thee,
Where no farewell tear is shed.

"Peaceful be thy silent slumber,
Peaceful in thy grave so low;
Thou no more will join our number,
Thou no more our sorrows know.
And we long to cross that river,
Long to rest upon that shore,
There to see, and know, and love thee
With the Savior, evermore.

"Farewell, dear fahter, sweet thy rest,
Weary with years and worn with pain,
Farewell till in some happy place
We shall behold thy face.
'Tis ours to miss thee, all our years,
And tender memories of thee keep;
Thine in the Lord to rest, for so
He giveth His beloved sleep.

MRS. H. L. RICHARDSON,
S. S. Superintendent.

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Mrs. Nannie Moore Wilson

Mrs. Nannie Moore Wilson was born April 6, 1869, the daughter of Herbert Cannon Moore and Mary A. Moore, and departed this life on the morning of January 2, 1939. Her age was 69 years, 8 months and 26 days. She was united in marriage to Thomas Alexander Wilson, May 27, 1891. To this union were born three sons and three daughters. The sons are Clay M. Wilson, Thomas Bryan Wilson, and William Fred Wilson. The daughters are Mrs. Lillian May Wilson, Mrs. Ruby Roberts Winfree, and an infant daughter, who died March 27, 1899. Her husband preceded her in death 23 years ago. Four sisters survive, who are Mrs. Janey Lowery, Mrs. Emma Murchison, Mrs. Lucy Harrison, and Mrs. Hannah Johnson.

Mrs. Wilson professed faith in Christ and united with Flat Rock Methodist Protestant church in her early childhood. She remained a devoted and faithful member until her transfer from the church militant to the church triumphant. Mrs. Wilson was devoted to her children and was loyal to her church and its institutions. The writer of this obituary, who was requested by the sons and daughters to prepare it for publication in the Methodist Protestant Herald, knew Mrs. Wilson during a three-year pastorate. She was always interested in the welfare of the church and its pastor. She had a desire to be an intelligent Methodist Protestant, as was evidenced by the fact that she was a regualr subscriber to the Methodist Protestant Herald.

We have never known a more sincere, consecrated Christian woman during the 15 years of our ministry. There is a vacancy in the home because of her departure, and a vacancy in the church to which she belonged. Perhaps the place she will be missed the most will be in the hearts of the sons and daughters, sisters, nephews, nieces, neighbors, and friends. Surely, the good influence of her life will live on in the memory of all the loved ones left behind and serve as a benediction in the coming years until the happy reunion on the eternal shores of deliverance.

Funeral services were held at Flat Rock Methodist Protestant church on the afternoon of January 3, in charge of the pastor, Rev. J. A. Burgess, who was assisted by Rev. J. R. Hutton and the writer. At the conclusion of the service at Flat Rock church, the remains were taken to the Summerfield Baptist church, where the body was tenderly placed in the tomb beside the husand, there to await the morning of the general resurrection.

May the sons and daughters, sisters, and all other relatives be comforted with the thought, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

C. B. WAY.

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J. Thomas Jones

J. Thomas Jones was born March 3, 1870, and departed this life January 11, 1939, aged 68 years, 10 months and 8 days.

He is survived by his wife, who before marriage was Miss Lucy Bell Lineberry; seven daughters: Mrs. N. D. Reece, Jackson Springs; Mrs. L. M. Fulton, Mrs. C. C. Blair, Mrs. H. N. Lumley, and Mrs. D. C. Kesler, all of Greensboro; Mrs. B. T. Johnson, of Richmond, Va., and Mrs. George Ross, of Climax; one son, W. K. Jones, of Greensboro; three brothers, Frank Jones, of Franklinville; Harris Jones, of Climax, and A. Q. Jones of Pleasant Garden; also a host of relatives and friends.

Mr. Jones had been a member of Gray's Chapel M. P. church for a number of years. The funeral was conducted at Gray's Chapel on January 13, the pastor being assisted by Revs. A. O. Lindley and J. R. Hutton.

May the Lord comfort the relatives who still remain.

H. L. ISLEY.

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G. R. Bonkemeyer

G. R. Bonkemeyer departed this life January 11, 1939, at his home on Riverside drive in Central Falls, following a brief illness. He was born November 24, 1867, the son of G. and Sarah Bonkemeyer, of near Central Falls. He was married to Miss Nannie Hughes, January 15, 1888, and to this union were born 14 children, 11 of whom are still living.

Surviving are his widow and the following children: Rev. Jesse Bonkemeyer, of Dyer, Tenn.; Mrs. Boniar Allred and Mrs. Richard Allen, of High Point; Mrs. Rosa Belle Styers, of Spencer; Mrs. John Plummer and Mrs. F. O. Gibbs, of Greensboro;

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Mr. Bonkemeyer was a lifelong member of Giles M. P. church, having united with the church in early manhood.

The family wishes to thank the friends and neighbors for every kind deed shown during his illness and death.

Funeral services were conducted at Giles M. P. church by the writer, assisted by Rev. R. C. Stubbins, Rev. Joel B. Trogdon, and Rev. J. T. Swinson.

C. L. GRANT.

June Lloyd

The funeral service of Mr. June Lloyd was conducted at New Hope Presbyterian church, January 16, at 11 o'clock, by Rev. Mr. Cheek, pastor of Hillsboro Baptist Church, with Rev. Mr. DuBose, pastor of Hillsboro and New Hope Presbyterian Church, and Rev. C. P. Morris assisting. Burial took place in the church cemetery.

Mr. Lloyd, having been in ill health for several years and seriously sick for several days, died at his home, January 14, about 5:30 p. m. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nannie B. (Blackwood) Lloyd, and one son, Mr. Mitchell Lloyd of Hillsboro.

While Mr. Lloyd was not a member of our church, being a member of Hillsboro Baptist church, he attended Union Grove M. P. church quite regularly and his home was the preacher's home. Mrs. Lloyd is one of the most faithful members of Union Grove church and a loyal Methodist Protestant. Hers will be the greatest loss, but the entire community will also share the loss. We pray God's blessings upon the home and the hearts which have been broken.

C. P. MORRIS.

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H. A. Underwood

Henry A. Underwood, son of Samuel and Martha Odell Underwood, was born October 16, 1857, and departed this life January 7, 1939, at the age of 81 years, 2 months and 21 days.

He was married to Joanna F. Bonkemeyer October 16, 1881; to this union were born eight children, as follows: W. A. Underwood, S. C. Underwood, C. C. Underwood, J. D. Underwood, H. G. Underwood, R. S. Underwood, and H. O. Underwood, and one daughter deceased.

Mr. Underwood was a lifelong member of Giles M. P. church, having united in early life. He left this testimony with his friends that he was ready to go when the end came.

The family wish to thank their friends and neighbors for their deeds of kindness shown during his sickness and death.

Funeral services were conducted at Giles M. P. church by the writer, assisted by Dr. J. E. Pritchard, Rev. R. E. Heath, and Rev. O. P. Dix.

C. L. GRANT.

Susie Harris Borrell

Susie Harris Borrell was born of a good Methodist Protestant family of Halifax county, North Carolina. Her parents, Henry and Betty Harris, made their home in the Bethesda and Ringwood sections of the county.

In September, 1910, during the pastorate of Rev. W. L. Harris, Susie Harris joined Bethesda church and lived in obedience to her vows until her death. None knew her but to love her, none named her but to praise. In 1914 she was married to J. M. Borrell. Four children of this union survive: Edward, Bill, Lela, and Dorothy, all of Roanoke Rapids. In addition to her husband and children, two sisters and five brothers are left: Mrs. Conrad Roscoff, of Hopewell, Va.; Mrs. J. T. Aycock, of Littleton, N. C.; W. E. Harris, of Weldon, N. C.; J. E. Harris, of Gumberry, N. C.; J. W. Harris, of Roanoke Rapids, N. C.; Jesse and Herbert Harris, of Enfield, N. C.

Mrs. Borrell was patient and cheerful during a year of suffering. On Christmas Eve when the world was preparing for merriment, the home was made sad by her passing, but glad that she had gone where the afflicted find rest.

Mrs. Matilda Hunter Browning

Mrs. Matilda Hunter Browning, whose span of life on earth measured 86 years, departed this life January 26, 1939, at the home of Mrs. Garland Dwiggins, near Kernersville, with whom she had resided for some time. Death came suddenly but peacefully. Mrs. Browning was the widow of Rufus Browning, who went to his eternal reward in 1909. In early life she united with Pleasant Hill Methodist Protestant church, now a part of West Forsyth charge, and after her marriage she removed her membership to Bethel Methodist Protestant church, on Flat Rock charge, where she remained a member until her transfer from the church militant to the church triumphant.

Surviving Mrs. Browning are two brothers, W. W. Hunter, of Greensboro, and R. C. Hunter, of Spray, the former a member of Grace Methodist Protestant church, Greensboro, and the latter a member of the Kernersville Methodist Protestant church. Two step-sons, John and Martin Browning, of Kernersville, Route 2, and a large number of nephews and nieces also survive. Mrs. Browning was a sister of the late Rev. A. L. Hunter, whose departure from this life occurred last year, and an aunt of Rev. R. A. Hunter, the present pastor of the Forsyth charge.

Funeral services were held at Pine Grove Methodist Protestant church, on the Kernersville-South Winston charge, January 27, 1939, at 3 p. m., with the writer officiating. The deceased was blessed with a long life which was given to Christ and lived for His glory. The life she lived was a blessing to all who knew her, and the memory of her will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her, until the reunion in heaven.

C. B. WAY.

John W. Shaw

John W. Shaw was born on the 29th of July, 1876. He passed from this earth on the 3rd of January, 1939. His age was sixty-two years, five months and five days.

In 1906 he was united in marriage with Miss Flona Patrum. In the year 1912 they came to Burlington and resided here until his death. I do not know when he first united with the church, but the register of this church shows that he placed his church letter here on February 10, 1918 during the pastorate of Dr. J. E. Pritchard. His membership remained in this church until his death.

From November 20th, 1937, until his passing he was confined to his room and bed. Several weeks of that time were spent in the hospital. Perhaps no human knows the degree and extent of his suffering during those months, yet I never heard him grumble or complain. He seemed to be submissive and was constantly putting up a brave, courageous fight to regain health and strength. He did not win that fight; but faith leads

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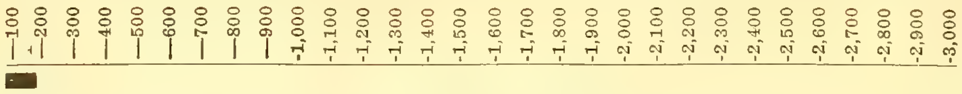

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IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

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to the firm conviction that the great Judge of the earth does all things well.

He is survived by his wife and one brother, other loved ones, and a host of friends.

May the bereaved be comforted in their sorrow and know continually of God's presence and peace. FRED W. PASCHALL.

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John Ward

Zion church regrets to report the death of one of its oldest and most faithful members, Mr. John Ward. A great number of Mr. Ward's friends, including five ministers, Rev. Mr. Andrews, Friends pastor, Rev. Mr. Weaver, Baptist pastor, Rev. Fred Love, Rev. A. O. Lindley, and Rev. Charles Sharpe were present at the funeral to pay their respects.

The following obituary prepared by one of the relatives of the deceased gives the important facts of Mr. Ward's earthly life:

John Pinkney Ward was born May 22, 1856, in Chatham county. He resided in this community all his life. He married Mary Anne Teague in 1883. To this union seven children were born. Two of these have gone on before.

He professed faith in God early in life and then later united with Zion M. P. church about 30 or more years ago. He was a faithful, active member at the time of his passing January 10, 1939. He was a trustee of this church. His age was 82 years, 7 months and 18 days.

Surviving are his widow; five children, Mrs. W. A. Buckner, Mrs. W. E. Johnson, both of Siler City; J. Randolph and Wade M. Ward, of Staley; and Mrs. W. C. Pugh, of Graham; 17 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and other relatives.

Our loss is his gain.

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Junius M. Lloyd

Junius M. Lloyd, aged 73, the only child of Andrew and Mary Jane Lloyd, passed away at his home five miles south of Hillsboro, January 14, 1939. He had been a member of the Baptist church from boyhood. Living in the Union Grove community, on Orange charge, he had always attended services at our church.

October 30, 1901, he married Nannie Blackwood, a member of Union Grove church. He will be remembered by pastors who served this charge, as he always welcomed them to his home and enjoyed their company.

Beside his wife he is survived by his son, Mitchell Lloyd, and three grandchildren. He had been in poor health for five years with heart trouble, but kept up and able to go until a few days before his death. He will be missed greatly by all who knew him. May God comfort those who were nearest his heart.

A FRIEND.

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Mrs. Mary Coggins

Funeral service for Mrs. Mary Coggins was held from Allegheny church, January 19, 1939. Her age was above 78 years. In early life she declared her faith in Christ and united with Poplar Springs Methodist church. Those who knew her testify that she was faithful to the end.

Her husband preceded her 15 years ago. She leaves, among many others, to mourn her passing, one daughter, Mrs. W. R. Cook, with whom she made her home. The service was in charge of the writer.

WM. H. NEESE.

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The superintendent of an insane asylum noticed an inmate pushing a wheelbarrow upside down.

"Why do you have it upside down?" asked the superintendent.

"You don't think I'm crazy, do you?" was the reply. "I pushed it right side up yesterday and they kept filling it with gravel."
—American Legion Magazine.

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ONE IS YOUR MASTER EVEN CHRIST AND ALL YE ARE BRETHREN.
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"Christ and the Way"

By Rev. F. W. Stephenson, D.D.

Christianity is a way of living. In the very beginning it differed so strikingly from the way the adherents of other religions lived that the disciples of our Lord stood out from among their fellow citizens unmistakably. The difference was found in the kind of men and women they were, and in the way they behaved themselves. Life and conduct are inseparable. Conduct is the expression of character. We act because of what we are. Christian behavior depends upon Christian character. Those "of the Way" will bear constant testimony by what they are and what they do, proving beyond question that "the dayspring from on high" has visited them, making inevitable that "those who sit in darkness" do indeed see a great light.

"Preparation for the Way"
And Jesus increased—Luke 2:52
Scripture: Luke 2:39-52.

The greatest human influence in our lives is the home. From the moment of birth on down the years to maturity, and beyond, it exerts a power second to none. Other environmental forces can and often do modify this dominant influence, to a greater or less degree, but essentially we are what our homes have made us. For good or ill, this is the situation. What diligence we should exercise in building good homes!

Jesus was reared in a home which had many ideal qualities. Here, first of all, we have parents of the right kind. Joseph the sturdy, industrious, manly and godly type, loving his home and family. Mary the tender, faithful, devout woman, pure hearted and God-fearing. Religion with them was not incidental and immaterial, but central and supreme.

Under such conditions and circumstances, Jesus knew the tender care and loving ministries of a good home. He did not belong to the neglected, underprivileged or forgotten children. Nor did He go into the world under the handicap of a divided or broken home. Poor as His people were they provided the best within their reach. And that best was not merely material and worldly benefits but those deeper and more valuable treasures of the spirit.

In preparing their son for a life that was strong, noble and useful, they knew that religiou was fundamental. It was practiced in the home and followed in the ceremonies of the church. In this larger experience they gave witness to confidence in the blessings of common worship, religious observances, and spiritual service. It is little wonder that Jesus was at home among the people of God and that He early learned to cherish the things for which His parents stood so staunchly.

Could there there be any better preparation for the Christian way of life than a godly home? Defective homes almost guarantee defective preparation for life. Study the reports of reform schools, jails and penitentiaries and the findings of those who have searched out causes for lawless and criminal character and in the vast majority of cases the trouble is found in an inadequate home life.

It is equally true that good homes almost guarantee good preparation for life, and certainly for the life that is Christian. The seed of truth then planted brings forth the fruit of spiritual growth, physical health, social acceptability and the favor of Almighty God. Our greatest national and church asset is the Christian home.

Lord of life and King of glory,
    Who didst deign a child to be,
Cradled on a mother's bosom,
    Throned upon a mother's knee:
For the children Thou hast given
    We must answer to thee.
        —*Christian Burke.*

Prayer: Heavenly Father. In all the great struggles of life, its trials and temptations our eyes would be blinded by selfishness and sin were it not for the light of Thy truth. Save us, O Lord, from the follies of the world and lead us in the way of life and peace. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

First Church, Lexington, Quarterly Conference

On a recent Friday night I was at the First Church, Lexington in the First Quarterly Conference. Rev. L. E. Mabry is the pastor of this charge and there are two churches on the charge, namely, the First Church in Lexington and Mt. Carmel church some four or five miles out from Lexington. Both churches were represented in the quarterly conference although the attendance of official members was not large. But there were quite a good many visitors or non-official members who seemed to be interested in the work. The pastor gave a good report showing that he had been busy during the first quarter He reported that he had been received cordially and that congregations had been good. The fact that the mills of Lexington had been on short time had had an unfavorable effect on the work of the church from the standpoint of finances. But the hope was expressed that things would take a turn for the better and that the church would have a good year.

A Sunday Morning At Seagrove

Last Sunday morning was spent with the Seagrove church on the Seagrove-Love Joy charge, Rev. J. H. Trolinger, pastor. This was my first Sunday service at this church although I held a quarterly conference there one Saturday afternoon last year. The church at Seagrove is comparatively new. The building is brick veneered and has several Sunday school rooms. The windows are semi-art glass and admit the soft light. There is also a basement where social gatherings may be held. Last Sunday I arrived in time for part of the Sunday school and found the largest number present as compared to the enrollment of any place I have visited in so far as I remember. The register board showed 94 on the roll and 90 present which is almost ninety-six per cent. There was a fine congregation present for the morning church services. At the close of the service I noticed that no one said anything about my going home with him for dinner. This is always a little disturbing to the visiting minister. Presently some one said they were serving dinner in the basement. After going down there the pastor explained why they were doing this. He said that if I went home with one family the others would not get to be with me but by having a community dinner in the basement we could all be together. Well, that is certainly true. Nobody seemed to be in a hurry to get away. There was ample time for fellowship and we just had a good time together. While there I learned that this social room is being used quite frequently these days for dinners and get-together meetings and that it is proving very helpful to the church. That is certainly fine and I wish more of our churches could do something like this. My visit to the Seagrove church will not soon be forgotten.

An Appreciation Year Rally At Fairgrove

After spending a good while with the Seagrove people we drove on down to Fairgrove church for an Appreciation Year Rally at 2:30 p. m. This meeting was for the entire charge and it had been provided for by Dr. S. W. Taylor who is the Appreciation Year Chairman for the Southeastern Area. Dr. Taylor was unable to be present on account of a funeral, so the pastor, Brother Trollinger presided. Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Spencer from Randleman and Rev. N. M. Harrison from Asheboro were present as visitors and both of these ministers made some remarks. The first speaker on the program was Mrs. W. C. Hammer of Asheboro who spoke on the Women's Work in the Appreciation Year Campaign. After this it was my turn to speak on the Why and the How of the campaign. While the attendance was not large yet the interest was gratifying. This is Brother Trollinger's first year on this work but the people speak highly of him and his wife and seem to be pleased. The work is starting off nicely and I trust they may have a good year.

The Appreciation Year Meeting At Grace

The Appreciation Year meeting was held at Grace church in Greensboro on Monday of this week according to schedule. All of the speakers seemed to be at their best and those who missed being there missed a treat. Rev. J. Elwood Carroll's paper on the history of the Methodist Protestant Church was said by some to be the best yet. Dr. Straughn, Mrs. Hammer, Rev. F. L. Gibbs and Dr. Taylor were all good. In the round table discussions there were several thrills as the audience listened to different men tell how they are putting the campaign across in their churches. The prospect now is that we will make a good showing here in North Carolina.

April the Thirtieth the Deadline

In the meeting at Grace on Monday Dr. Straughn, the president of the General Conference reminded us that what we do for the Methodist Protestant Church in the way of helping to pay its debts would have to be done by April 30th which is the end of the General Conference year. He is of the opinion that the Uniting Conference will provide for a different set-up of finances after that time. So let all of our people take due notice and work to this end. As this is a case of emergency Dr. Humphreys, the president of High Point College suggested that the College Campaign be postponed until May and June to get out of the way of the Appreciation Year. The President's Advisory Committee will be called together right away to consider this matter. The months of May and June have been designated by the conference as the time to raise the assessment for Church Extension. Announcement will be made concerning this right away.

A Memorial To Our Deceased Ministers

At the meeting at Grace church Monday the president appointed a committee to consider the advisability of having some brief memorial service at the grave of our decesaed ministers on the Sunday nearest Memorial Day this year. The committee appointed studied the matter during the noon hour and in the afternoon made a recommendation that such services be held and that where the graves are not marked that an effort be made to get a marker. Thereupon I appointed a committee consisting of Rev. G. L. Curry, Rev. R. A. Hunter and Rev. J. W. Braxton to promote this matter. Our

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A Message In Verse

It fortifies my soul to know
That, though I perish, truth is so;
That's howsoe'er I stray and range,
What e'er I do, Thou dost not change.
I steadier step when I recall
That, if I slip, thou dost not fall.
—*Arthur H. Clough.*

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Sentence Sermons

If any one would tell you the surest way to happiness he must tell you to make it a rule to thank and praise God for everything that happens to you.—*William Law.*

Robert Moffat sowed the seed in tears; he labored for years and saw no convert. But when a blood-thirsty chief like Africana became a convert, Moffat saw his harvest.—*J. D. Jones.*

It needs a very humble tongue on the one hand, as well as a very humble ear on the other, to speak and to hear words of reproof. —*Hugh Black.*

The most important thought that ever occupied my mind was that of my individual responsibility to God.—*Daniel Webster.*

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Editorial Comment

Conversion is the right start towards Christian living. It does not settle all the questions which relate to life and hereafter but it turns our face in the right direction and opens our eyes to see the light that shines ahead and to hear the voices which speak to us on the highway of holiness. Saul of Tarsus continued to Damascus after he saw the light and heard the Lord; but it was not to arrest and imprison the followers of Jesus Christ, it was to sit at their feet and learn of them how he too could follow the Christ he had so lately persecuted.

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Terrible things have been done in the name of religion; deeds of violence, words of scorn spoken, reprisals which ought to make even Satan ashamed; these were the acts and words of religion which had lost its heart and become only a matter of the head. Sympathy, pity, compassion, moved the heart of Jesus as He went among men. The ordinaces of religion were appointed for the good of man, the ministry of the church for his uplift. It is never the prerogative of the preacher nor of his members to consign the erring soul to perdition. Only those without sin should cast the stone. For "Love suffereth long and is kind . . . beareth all things . . . and never faileth."

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Judging others is one of the most difficult of all tasks. In a sense, it becomes necessary; that is, we must appraise the good and bad qualities of people, try to understand their motives, else understanding them we will fail to work with the good and to oppose the evil purposes of the bad. But the spirit with which men pass judgment can be such that their decisions are all awry even though their facts may not be wrong. The censorious spirit, prejudging, faulting in its intent; blind to the good qualities of others refusing to see the handicaps under which they live and labor, is the spirit which is condemned by Jesus Christ.

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The insincere questioner met Jesus and he often stands in the way of vital progress today many times, frequently is not discovered until too late. In our legislative halls he is seen and heard as he asks questions which may appear to be proper and important, but for him are only asked to hinder the cause under consideration. We have seen this questioner stand in the way of real progress in the Church asking his irrelavant questions until the advocates of the cause weary of the controversy and quit. Woodrow Wilson saw the cause for which he gave his life go down by the same method. We know of a few congregations worshipping in inadequate church buildings which could well have been replaced by good ones, but for the insincere questioner. The friends of the liquor stores work up great sympathy for the public schools of the state now and then. But there are some of us who know that he who advocates debauching a people in order that he may secure funds to educate their children is either insincere or a moron. The present day politician has a large assortment of subterfuges which he can deftly shift into strategic positions as he fights legislation which he has been employed to defeat —can do it so well that many of those back home never suspect his sincerity.

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Second Church To Report

Pastor Aubert Smith reports that Piney Grove Church, Siler City Charge, has raised its apportionment for World Service. Who will be third?

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GLEANINGS FROM YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY

North Carolina Conference

Graham Charge—Rev. H. Freo Surratt, pastor. Young People's Day material used. Offering $20.00

First Church, Reidsville—Rev. E. Lester Ballard, pastor. Shrines used effectively. Observance throughout the day. Offering $20.00

Orange Charge—Rev. C. P. Morris, pastor. Four churches of this charge observed the day. Offering $25.00.

Mebane Charge—Rev. D. I. Garner, pastor. Lovely program using Shrines as Young People's Day presentation. Offering $8.00

F. L. Gibbs.

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If I am concerned about doing the will of God, He is infinitely more concerned that I should know His will.—*Bishop William Culbertson.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Rev. O. L. Easter

PETER IN SAMARIA

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, February 26

Lesson Text—Acts 8:14-25.

Golden Text—Come ye, buy, and eat; yea come buy wine and milk without money and without price. Isaiah 55:1.

In this encounter with Simon of Samaria Peter and John bring to light a very interesting problem for the early church to face. Interesting, yes, for it still remains with us in forms yet today. There still appear Simons who see the desirability of God's gifts and who like this Simon of Samaria would offer to buy them with money. The apostles dealt with him very sternly, and rightly so, for his spiritual welfare and that of the Church were at stake; however, this writer feels a strong surge of sympathy for the seeking Simon who blundered so clumsily in his quest for spiritual gifts. In many cases wherein such blunders are made there is present a certain degree of sincerity of motive which offers apostles of religion an opportunity to give this seeker what he wants by the right approach. Of course with Simon of Samaria there was grave fault of motive as well as approach and this must be sternly reprimanded, yet let us be ever watchful to save and direct whatever of right purpose that is made evident.

For instance, modern hearts who are so much a unit in a highly commercialized society will find it very easy to follow the invitation of our text to the point where it says "Come ye, buy and eat" of this spiritual food. Herein Isaiah is speaking in good modern advertising slogans. But when he finishes by saying that this is to be bought "without money" right then they are lost in a maze in their desire to secure God's gifts. Having been so thoroughly exposed to the material life of this world which has money as its chief medium of exchange they rather naturally make this awkward blunder. The man of the world has learned full well in the words disconcerting words:

" 'Tis heaven alone that is given away,
Each ounce of dross costs its ounce of gold;
For a cap and bells our lives we pay
Bubbles we buy with a whole soul's tasking."

But when he turns aside to the booth of God offering money for his products he is rather bewildered to hear these disconcerning words:

" 'Tis heaven alone that is given awayy,
'Tis only God may be had *for the asking*."

Now we must not say to these seekers that there is no accompanying cost involved, but rather that that cost cannot be payed by the medium of mere money. In the process of *asking* for God there is continued the cost and method of of obtaining spiritual gifts, for asking—by means of supplication, prayer, worship, dedication — involves ones inner heart while buying with money involves primarily one's pocketbook. Since our heavenly Father looketh upon the heart in His dealings with us we who have come to know Him readily see the gross error of offering Him money for His gifts which are spiritual. Therefore as we broadcast and advertise these gifts of our God to an anxious world saying that they are to be had by all we must be on the lookout for those like Simon who come offering money as their price and quickly and wisely show these ones that they are off on the wrong foot: "for thy *heart* is not right in the sight of God."

The modern term "simony" comes down to us today from this episode and it is used to brand any form of commercialism of sacred powers. Oh, its very easy to be guilty of such a thing. Many within the Church find it much easier to throw a bill in the money plate than to cast his heart and soul upon the altar for kingdom service. There are many I believe who are more ready to pay for their preacher in monetary support than are ready to hear him and follow him. It's much easier to throw a dime in the hat of some poor wretched soul who confronts us than it is for most of us to put into his empty life an uplifting gift of loving comradship and kindness of heart. Yet we are ready to admit that such simony will never solve his problem. That dime serves to make him the more a beggar while the other course would turn the trick almost immediately. You big brothers, have you not been guilty of such when that little brother of yours is crying to go with you on some escapade and you seek to buy him off by giving him a nickel to run along and play by himself? Money just will not suit to fill his longing for comradeship with you. Does this seem a bit seculor? Well, the point is that such issues of life must be solved through spiritual mediums which money can not buy. And we who know it should offer to every poor Simon.

"God's Holy Spirit, which
Enables with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight."

The President's Letter

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Conference Journal of 1919 gives the burial place of the most of our deceased members up to that time.

Appointments

Sunday, February 26th, 11 a. m. Sandy Ridge on the Kernersville charge.

Sunday, February 26, 2:30 p. m. Fountain Place, Burlington in District Rally.

Sunday, March 5th, West Forsyth charge, 11 a. m. Maple Springs, 7:30 p. m. Mt. Carmel.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

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Heed not distressing thoughts when they rise ever so strongly in thee; nay, though they have entered thee, fear them not, but be still awhile, not believing in the power which thou feelest they have over thee, and it will fall on a sudden. It is good for thy spirit, and greatly to thy advantage, to be much and variously exercised by the Lord. Thou dost not know what the Lord hath already done, and what He is just doing for thee therein.—*J. Penington.*

OUR CHURCH—HER PAST

An Address by Rev. J. Elwood Carroll At the Appreciation Year Meeting, Grace Church, February 20

The Methodist Church, so to be called after the Uniting Conference, will incorporate three of the five greatest branches of Christendom which have grown from the evangelical movement led by John and Charles Wesley of the eighteenth century.—M. E., M. E. Church South, and M. P. Church.

The other two major white branches of Methodism are of England — Wesleyan and Primitive churches. The three branches of the new church, therefore, have their origins as organizations in America, though they go back to the English evangelical movement for their motivating springs, and now they go out to the uttermost ends of the earth in their service and number in their united membership more than 8 million people.

My task is to speak of how we came into being as a church, why we were separated from the Mother Church, and something of our accomplishments during our span of life.

In Origin We Are Methodist

1. We are spiritual children of the Evangelical Movement, both from the standpoint of the work of John and Charles Wesley and also of the missionaries who came from England among us. For forty years we were definitely a part of the parent Methodist Church.

2. We have never been Calvinistic in our theology, nor exclusive in our sacraments so as to identify, or even have us leaning towards other denominations than Methodists.

3. *We did not want to separate* from the M. E. Church, which is the mother church of our American Methodist family. Southern Methodists are younger than we, though more pleasingly plump in size today! The Methodist Protestant Church incorporated the principles which had been advocated by the Reformers. Reformation of the government of the Methodist Episcopal Church was the original purposes of those persons who agitated reform and later founded the Methodist Protestant Church. The formation of a new denomination was the only course to pursue after the large number of Reformers had been expelled from the Methodist Episcopal Church. It was as late as 1823 before division was even mentioned in the agitation, for in that year Nicholas Snethen said: "But if they (the members of the General Conference) remain inflexible, that we then proceed to organize ourselves into a kind of patriotic societies, for the purpose of obtaining and securing to ourselves, the rights of ecclesiastical suffrage, and acquiring a knowledge of our numbers, views, and proceedings" (Wesleyan Repository, 111, 123). He further declared that the purpose of the agitation was to convince a majority of the persons within the Methodist Episcopal Church to the views of the Reformers, and then consummate the proposed changes (Ibid, 111; 130). Asa Shinn agreed with Snethen and added in 1824, "To reform and not divide is much more difficult in church than in state." (Drinkhouse, 11.66). Shinn had never lost sight of the unhappy outcome of the O'Kelley Schism in 1792, which took thousands from the Methodist Episcopal and resulted in the formation of the Christian Church which recently was united with the Congregational Church.

4. *Our "Articles of Association"* as adopted at the first General Convention, under which we operated from 1828 to 1830 when the "Constitution and Discipline" were adopted, are as follows—(In essence):

1) The Articles of Religion, General Rules, Means of Grace, Moral Discipline, and Rites and Ceremonies in the main of the Methodist Episcopal Church are hereby adopted.

2) Each local church shall have sole power to admit societies, which in turn shall choose their own trustees.

3) The right of property is vested in the respective societies.

4) Every accused person shall have a fair trial, and the the rgiht of appeal.

5) Each station and circuit shall have quarterly conference with certain designated duties and prerogatives.

6) There shall be one or more annual conferences in each state, with an equal number of ministers and laymen.

7) Each annual conference shall elect its president and secretary.

8) Each annual conference shall adopt its own mode of stationing the ministers.

9) The president of the Annual Conference shall perform certain duties hereinstated.

10) The powers of the annual conference are defined.

11) The annual conference is to regulate and ordain the itinerants.

12) The annual conference shall fix its time and place of sitting.

13) The travelling preachers are subject to the appointment of the annual conference, and entitled to the same allowance as provided by the Methodist Episcopal Church.

14) The preacher in charge of a circuit shall have certain duties herein stated.

15) "Nothing contained in these Articles is to be construed to interfere with the right of property belonging to any member, as recognized by the laws of the state within the limits of which the members may reside."

16) A General Convention composed of ministers and laymen, chosen by the annual conferences, shall convene in Baltimore, the first Tuesday in November, 1830.

17) Certain rights and privileges are herein granted to supernumerary and superannuated preachers in proportion to their active service. (Bassett, A.C., p. 84f).

(*To Be Continued Next Week*)

APPRECIATION YEAR RALLY TENTH DISTRICT

Plans are being made for an "Appreciation Year" Rally to be held at Spring Hill Church on North Davidson Charge Sunday afternoon the first Sunday in March (March 5th). The program will be announced in next week's paper.

J. Clyde Auman,
Mrs. A. H. Ragan,
Tenth District — "Appreciation
Year" Committee.

WITH THE POETS

Elizabeth Vera Idol

DIVINA COMMEDIA

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Next week school children everywhere will celebrate the birthday of their beloved poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow by reading and learning his poems . For a time Longfellow suffered at the hands of critics by being accepted as the "children's poet," but someone awoke to the important truth that much of the writing set aside as children's literature contains in it the very elements that are fundamental for all literature, and came to the conclusion that "Longfellow is forever enshrined in the hearts of the children, and therefore is forever safe."

Longfellow has passed through varying stages of popularity; from the enthusiastic acceptance as a great major poet accorded him during his lifetime; through the violent reaction at the turn of the century of radical poets and critics who found him of so little importance that he could be dismissed with a few words as one of the very minor poets; on to perhaps the more final and just evaluation of today, best expressed in the words of Arnold Bennett when he called him "the chief minor poet of the English language."

It is true that the scholarly and gentlemanly college professor that was Longfellow was not interested in the changing, surging, pushing America that was developing during the years that he was writing his poetry. That was left to Walt Whitman. Longfellow wrote, seated in his library, so steeped in the literature of England and Europe that much that he wrote turned to those countries for its subject matter; and even when he treated American traditions and history it was natural that he should use meters and forms derived from England, Italy, or the Scandanavian countries which he so much loved.

His simpler poems have again attained the place they deserve in the anthologies of today, but critics are turning, as well, for his finest achievement to some of his less well-known poems, especially to his sonnets written from 1864 onward. One critic mentions him "as a peer among the great sonnet writers of England"; another as a "master of the sonnet." And certainly no one could be more adequately prepared to express his poetic thoughts in this lofty form of verse than this poet and scholar who lived so much of his intellectual life among the writers who had created and used this form. This was particularly true in the calm and serenity of his later years when his youthful imaginative fervor had given way to a quieter and more retrospective contemplation.

The total of his sonnets is small in number, but they include some of his best verses. Among them are *Chaucer*, in which he recreated the very spirit of

> " . . . the poet of dawn, who wrote
> The Canterbury Tales, and his old age
> Made beautiful with song;"

and caught in a few words the characterizations, the romance, and the inescapable breath of spring that are the soul of that great master; *Night*, in which there is a deepening sense of his love for night which he had expressed in earlier poems; and *The Cross of Snow*, in which he gave restrained expression to the great loss that drove him to the translation of the Divine Comedy.

In his later years, or when there is the need for escape from some catastrophe, a writer frequently turns to biography or translation as a more mechanical exercise of his gift of composition. Longfellow, in 1861, had begun a translation of Dante's *Divina Commedia* as a refuge from the tragic death of his wife by fire in July of that year, and from 1864 to 1869 he composed six sonnets as the prefaces to three portions of this translation. These six sonnets are among the finest that he wrote, combining as they do, his own need for comfort, his sympathetic survey of the story and meaning of this great epic, and his critical appreciation of Dante himself.

The figure that he chose to symbolize this great religious poem, "this mediaeval miracle in song," is, suitably enough, a great cathedral, a vast minster, cross-shaped, statue-adorned, filled with the unknown perfume from the censers of congregations long since dead; its blazing memorial windows; and its great Rose window displaying on its leaves "Christ's Triumph and the angelic roundelays"; while through it all steals the sounds of the organ and the unseen choirs.

> " . . old Latin hymns of peace and love
> And benedictions of the Holy Ghost."

He has blent in the formal arrangement of the octet and sestet of the sonnet the story of Dante's experience in Purgatory, his redemption, and at last

> "The perfect pardon which is perfect peace."

In the first sonnet of the six he compared his entrance into the work of the translation to that of a laborer who laid aside his burden as he entered the cathedral to pray; and expressed his own hope for comfort and consolation to be derived from this work just as the laborer expected to receive pardon and peace from the gentle ministrations of his churchly privileges of prayer and communication with God.

> "Oft have I seen at some cathedral door
> A laborer, pausing in the dust and heat,
> Lay down his burden, and with reverent feet
> Enter, and cross himself, and on the floor
> Kneel to repeat his paternoster o'er;
> Far off the noises of the world retreat;
> The loud vociferations of the street
> Become an undistinguishable roar.
> So, as I enter here from day to day,
> And leave my burden at this minster gate,
> Kneeling in prayer, and not ashamed to pray,
> The tumult of the time disconsolate
> To inarticulate murmurs dies away,
> While the eternal ages watch and wait."

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The category of genius is quite inadequate for the historic Jesus. Genius evokes wonder and not worship, but Jesus always evokes worship and not simply wonder.—*Dr. John T. Raymond.*

THE USES OF FISH

Many are the ways in which man is dependent upon fish. Food, jewelry, isinglass, glue, leather—a great variety of the products of commerce come from various members of this large group of aquatic animals. Fish are also helpful to man in his war on certain diseases, in growing crops, in recreation, and in many other ways. These are all proof that fish play a very important part in our lives.

Fish—dried, canned, smoked, pickled—is a major good in every American home. That makes fishing a major industry—one of the greatest industries of the nation. Off the coast of Alaska, Washington, and Oregon are the fleets of fish-boats of the salmon and halibut fishermen. California waters yield the tuna, anchovy, and several other valuable food fishes. From the Great Lakes region come the white fish and the lake sturgeon. And on our North Atlantic coast fish-boats enter port with their catch of cod, halibut, mackerel, and herring. Always, in every part of the nation, there is the daily urgent demand for fish.

Large canneries are constantly canning the fish in season that it might be a part of our food of those times of the year when those fish are difficult to obtain. But other very important products come indirectly from the canneries, too. From many of the fins and heads that are waste when the fish are cleansed for canning become a source of income when sold to the glue-makers for the manufacture of fish-glue. From the vats from which the glue is drained comes fish-scrap or chum as a by-product—a poultry food pressed into cakes and sold to the poultry raisers of the nation.

You could never imagine fish scales to be very important. Remember the artificial snow you used last Christmas on your Christmas tree? The artificial snow sold during the Christmas season is usually made from the scales of fish. But that is not all. Artificial pearls are often manufactured from a solution of fish scales in some solvent which will dissolve them. A solution of fish scales is also used to produce the bronze or blue or maroon luster paints at one time so popularly used on automobiles.

In many kinds of fish there is an air bladder. It is a bag-like organ storing oxygen and has walls that are silvery in color. When the outer membranes covering these walls are removed and the transparent substance which remains is dried under a heavy weight, the substance known commonly as isinglass is formed. Much of the isinglass in America comes from New England and quantities of it have been imported from Russia.

Even before the white man came to America the Indians knew the value of fish as a fertilizer. It was their custom to place a fish or two in each hill of corn they planted, that the corn might grow more rapidly and produce more ears for the harvest. Today the fish scaps from canneries are use in the manufacture of commercial fertilizers, and in many communities near the sea the fish themselves are used as a fertilizer in the same way the Indians used them.

From fresh cod and halibut the livers are taken just as soon as the fishing fleet's cargo reaches port. And from these cod livers and halibut liver oil is extracted to become the vitamin-rich foods we take to build up our bodies if they need additional nourishment. Livers used for the making of these medicinal oils must be perfectly fresh, so the oil they contain does not become rancid before it can be extracted and purified.

Malaria has been fought in this country by enlisting the help of fish. Carp, sturgeon, and other species commonly living in stagnant bodies of water are planted in sloughs, bayous, and swamp land pools in regions where malaria is prevalent. These fish feed upon the eggs and wigglers of mosquitoes capable of carrying the germs of malaria and so, indirectly, become a check upon the spread of the disease.

The Chinese find shark-fins a dainty delicacy. The Russians' caviar, made from the eggs of fish, has become a common dish on American menus. In the Virgin Islands of the West Indies porcupine fish are dried to form ornamental lanters. Every nation on earth has unusual uses for fish. There can be no doubt that fish, as a group, are exceptionally helpful and valuable to man.—Raymond A. Wohlrabe, in *Girl's World*.

FIRST METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH BURLINGTON, N. C., FEBRUARY 19

Senator J. W. Umstead,
Representative W. S. Long,
State Legislature,
Raleigh, N. C.

Be it resolved that—

The Baracca Class of the First Methodist Protestant Church of Burlington, N. C. hereby expresses its emphatic disapproval of the Umstead Bill, or any other bill, that will permit the sale of alcoholic beverages in dry counties.

It is our honest conviction that alcohol degrades soul, mind, and body of the consumer and that it is extremely destructive of individual and social good. We pledge our efforts to fight its use or sale in any way and in any place.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the *Daily Times News* of Burington and to the METHODIST PROTESTANT HERALD of High Point for publication.

Signed by committee,
C. C. HARGROVE,
WADE H. MONTGOMERY,
H. G. SELF.

NOTICE

The Ladies Auxiliary of Moriah church located 4 miles south of Greensboro on the Tabernacle Road will observe their February Thank-Offering next Sunday, February 26 at the 11 o'clock service. The guest speaker will be Mr. John R. Hughes, prominent attorney of Greensboro.

The public is invited to come and worship with us.

MRS. A. V. KIRKMAN, *President of Ladies Auxiliary.*

In the blackest soils grow the fairest flowers, and the loftiest and strongest trees spring heavenward among the rocks.—*J. G. Holland.*

Count it all joy, my brethren, when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing that the proving of your faith worketh patience.—*St. James.*

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

By REV. JOSEPH COBLE

URBAN AMERICA—A NEW FRONTIER

Topic for March 5, 1939

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

Monday, February 27 — Requirements of Jehovah. Micah 6:6-9.

Tuesday, February 28 — Teaching in the cities. Luke 13:22-30.

Wednesday, March 1—Healing the city's blind. Mark 10:46-52.

Thursday, March 2– A city that rejected Christ. Luke 13:34, 35.

Friday, March 3 — Doom of ingratitude. Matt. 11:20-24.

Saturday, March 4 — Meeting the cities' needs. Luke 10:1-12.

The Text: Genesis 18:20-33; 19:24, 25.

Christianity faces ones of the hardest problems that it has faced in the New World, in the modern urban situation. In the past Christians have been persecuted, but they thrived all the more. Today we who live in urban communities do not persecute Christians; we only neglect them and their Christ. We gad about, satisfying our pleasure-mad selves and merely let the Church starve to death.

When Jesus came to Golgotha they hanged
Him on a tree,
They drave great nails through hands and
feet, and made a Calvary;
They crowned Him with a crown of thorns,
red were His wounds and deep,
For those were crude and cruel days, and
human flesh was cheap.

When Jesus came to Birmingham, they
simply passed Him by,
They never hurt a hair of Him, they only let
Him die;
For men had grown more tender, and they
would not give Him pain,
They only passed down the street, and left
Him in the rain.

Still Jesus cried, "Forgive them for they
know not what they do,"
And still it rained the winter rain that
drenched Him through and through;
The crowds went home and left the streets
without a soul to see,
And Jesus crouched against a well and cried
for Calvary.

—*G. A. Studdert Kennedy.*

There has been in the past few years a large number of people from rural communities moving into urban centers—into mill sections—into newly developed residential sections. The majority of these are young people—many of them who were regular in their attendance at church back home, but who now that they are in a new environment, and living under different conditions, take Sunday as a day of rest or as a day to satisfy their social desires, and so neglect the Church.

In many of our towns and cities the residential sections have moved, in many cases away from the center of business, while the churches remain down-town. Thus the churches are unable to reach the people from so great a distance.

In these unchurched, newly developed, sections there are many things that spring up causing this urban community to be a new frontier that the Church must face and conquer. It is in such situations as this and under conditions like this that perverted forms of religion and all of the "isms" that plague the world today thrive. People who have at one time been under the guiding hand of the Church, but who are now facing strange conditions without the church to guide them will follow after anyone who promises to help them solve their problems. Unless someone steps in to conquer this frontier many of these urban centers will be a modern Sodom and Gomorrah.

The Chuich is the only thing that can overcome the difficulties and master this situation. The Church can become the center of acquaintance and understanding. It can constitute educational centers for young people. It can interpret to its membership the needs of the underprivileged area in which the institution is located. It can reduce delinquency by providing leadership and guidance in recreation. It can foster adult education. It can back financially the hospitals, social service agencies, and character-making institutions as the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. But more important is the opportunity it has of ministering to the religious life of the people. The Church has a wonderful opportunity in the urban frontier that it faces today.

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APPRECIATION YEAR RALLIES

Two more Appreciation Year Rallies are scheduled for the 8th district. The first of these will be held at Flag Spring church Why Not Charge. The date is the first Sunday in March. Hour, 2:30 p. m. The second one is to be held at Gray's Chapel, Randolph Charge, on the second Sunday in March. Hour, 2:30 p. m. Mrs. W. C. Hammer will speak for the women in each rally. Other speakers will discuss Appreciation Year from other angles. A good day is expected at each place. The pastors of the respective churches will conduct the devotionals. Their choirs will provide the music.

S. W. TAYLOR, Chairman of District.

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A motorist entered the police station.

"Is my car back yet?" he asked. "Some of your men borrowed it to chase a bandit."

"Yes," replied the sergeant. "We are summoning you for defective brakes and lights, as well as an inefficient silencer."

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Hickory Ridge, Forsyth	$ 5.50
Haw River S. S., Glen Raven	3.75
Shiloh S. S., Randolph	3.75
Canaan S. S., Denton	1.00
Giles Chapel S. S., Richland	3.50
Pleasant Union S. S., Mt. Pleasant	1.25
Roberta	13.00
Shoals S. S., Pinnacle Mt. Zion January and February	4.59
Mitchell's Grove S. S., Guilford	4.36
Mrs. Geo. M. Fleming, Fairmont, W. Va.	25.00
Love Joy S. S., Seagrove-Love Joy	2.00
Harris Chapel, Vance	2.80
Miss Mary Hopkins, Winston-Salem	6.00
Mr. and Mrs T. R. Towery, Hopewell, Va.	1.00
Henderson, S. S.	10.00
Enfield S. S.	5.00
Chase City S. S.	2.25
Salem S. S., Saxapahaw	7.00
Matthews Chapel S. S., Greensville	1.80
Center, Alamance	5.50
Friendship S. S., Shiloh	3.50
Fair Grove S. S., Haw River	.72
Bethany S. S., Randolph	9.75
Stony Knoll, W. Forsyth, December January and February	9.00
New Hope, Why Not	3.50
Rock Creek, Alamance	1.50
Daily Vacation School, First Church, Pittsburgh	7.00
Lebanon S. S., High Point, January and February	13.66
Bethesda S. S., N. Davidson	3.25

Clothing And Other Gifts

The women of Shiloh, on Shiloh, a bundle of towels, some canned goods and cakes for school lunches.

Ladies Aid Society, Bethany, Randolph, two quilts and cakes and cookies for school lunches.

Mrs. Mabel W. Russell, one can opener and two ironing boards.

We sincerely thank you for all these gifts of money and substances.

Please Note

Our Spring needs are great, and are already pressing upon us. We have just ordered a car load of coal which must be paid for when it comes plus the freight. This will cost us nearly $300.00. We had a balanced budget as of January 1st, but the regular offerings for January and February have not kept us up, so please help us out especially during March. A number of churches and Sunday schools have not sent any offerings during these last two months. Pastors and church officers please look into this and see if they cannot be rounded up for March. We thank you.

Yours in His service,
A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

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An Englishman, visiting China for the first time, timidly ventured into a restaurant. Enjoying the dinner very much, and wishing to inform his smiling waiter that he recognized a tasty ingredient, he pointed to his almost empty plate and smilingly queried, "Quack, quack?"

The Chinese waiter shook his head and answered, "Caw caw!"

MISSIONARY COLUMN

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Greensboro, N. C.

NOTICE TO AUXILIARIES

At our annual branch meeting held in Burlington, April 1938, it was decided that each auxiliary pay 25 cents per set for the years' leaflets.

I have sent statements to auxiliaries, but several have not yet been heard from. March 31 will close our years work, and I will appreciate if all who have not paid for their leaflets do so at once. It will be much easier for your secretary of literature to get this account settled before branch meeting, in part before March 31.

Year books should soon be ready, as soon as I have the name and price I will ready for your orders, cash with orders. I will send further notice of this.

If your quota of Missionary Record Subscribers has not been assured please work at this until you have them.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. T. L. SPEAS, Sec. of Literature,
226 Sunset Drive, Winston-Salem, N. C.

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MINNIS FUND

Get out your last week's Herald and turn to page six and read the article from Branch President—to learn how much we still have to raise on this item. Then resolve that as for you and your church you'll respond and help us report all in and you get credit on World Service.

Appreciation of this kind with your prayers for the work will certainly help the work to progress and make the Minnis' feel good. Try it and see if you too won't receive a blessing in the doing.

Drop me a card and tell me about all the extra for Minnis' fund you have done—I'll enjoy making a roll for the Missionary column.

The suggestion of the president was fine, Who will be first?

MRS. H. C. NICHOLSON,
Box 27, Thomasville, N. C.

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A LETTER FROM BROTHER VICKERY

Even though we have not reported so far this year, that doesn't mean that we are not "wide awake" and working.

As before stated the Yarborough's Chapel Church has been attached to the Cross Anchor Charge, Upper S. C. Conference, of the M. E. Church, South. When unification is finally consumnated, this church will be officially a part of the charge. This makes five churches on the charge: Yarborough's Chapel, Cross Anchor, Trinity, Tabernacle, and Quaker; with a total membership of 400 plus.

There is a very nice and well furnished parsonage on the charge, and this enables us to live in the community and be in direct contact with the people, from day to day. This fact enables me to work with the people and serve the charge in a better and more efficient capacity. We felt that we were not doing the church justice last year with only one evening service a month, but, now, under the new financial and spiritual life, we feel that we will go far. It has been through the power of God and prayer that we have accomplished what we have, and we feel that we will continue to go forward with His help.

The Sunday school added two to its enrollment last Sunday; the church added one member to its enrollment last quarter. This brings the total up to six new members on the charge. By letters: Mrs. Clara Gossett, Mrs. Woodrow Simmons, who is one of the school teachers, also Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Lemmon and Mrs. Lemmon's mother, Mrs. Gross — Mr. Lemmon is the agriculture teacher, and also a letter for Thurman H. Vickery. We are proud to have all these new additions, to our several churches.

We organized, about six weeks ago, a Young People's Epworth League between Cross Anchor and Yarborough's Chapel, churches with a total membership of 26.

At the beginning, we organized into two groups, the membership of the League with a captain for each. One group captain directs the program on one Sunday night and the other the next and so on, very interesting programs have been rendered each time. We are taking some chapters of the Bible at each meeting, and going through the entire Bible. I believe if we can instill into our young people a more thorough knowledge of the Bible that they will have a deeper appreciation of their church. When we first started, we began a contest between the two sides; the losing side having to treat the other to a social in the near future. Each new member counts five points, visitors one point each and when a member is absent it takes one point from that side. I have promised a prize to the individual with the greatest number of points. We are truely proud of our young people and we expect great things of them, for sooner or later they will take the church program upon their shoulders. We are thus trying to fit them for their task, whatever it may be.

This gives Yarborough's Chapel a total of three services each month.

Last evening, we organized an Epworth League at our Trinity Church with a total of 24 charter members. We are carrying out the same program there. As there is a large number of young people in this community we are expecting a large membership for this league.

On every fifth Sunday we have a charge rally of all the five churches and in the evening, a rally of the three league in the charge. We now have a total of some 80 young people in these organizations. Last fifth Sunday we held a rally at Trinity Church and Mr. E. O. Shealy, a former pastor in the South Carolina Conference, who is a member of the Cross Anchor church, and superintendent of the city schools, spoke at eleven o'clock. After the morning service, a lunch was spread on the ground. Prof. Danny H. Montgomery, a professor of Religious Education at Wofford College and a member of the Upper South Carolina Conference, speak to us. We believe these rallies are going to be very beneficial to the churches of the charge.

The writer attends Wofford College at Spartanburg, S. C. during the week, which is only 25 miles by paved highway from Cross Anchor and is liking it very much. This is an M. E. Church, South, college, and under the sponsorship of the Upper South Carolina Conference.

We observed Young People's Day with an offering, and we are preparing a very interesting program for Easter Sunday at Y. C., with the Epworth League sponsoring it. We hope to have a very large attendance and offering on that day.

At every church on the charge, we have adopted a Unified Budget, embracing pastor's salary, conference claims, Sunday school, janitor's salary, and incidentals, under one sum. All offerings and contributions go into this fund with the treasurer, Mr. J. E. Bobo (at Y. C.) drawing a check for all expenses. This is working fine, and I truly believe that the expenses are going to be met much more easily than in the past. Every member has a pledge card with from five cents to ten dollars a week, individually pledged. Each steward has a list of his allotted member's names, and calls on them weekly or monthly, as the case may be. They then turn it over to the treasurer, and we try to pay one-twelfth of our total expenses on the fourth Sunday of each month. By paying the month's expenses each time, the finances of the church do not accumulate, and the burden is not so heavy at the end of the year. As this system covers everything, it is much easier to get the individual items, etc., out of the way on the date due.

We are going to make some repairs on the church building immediately, and plans are on foot to lay a new carpet or to repair the old one we now have. We have at present approximately $100 in the treasury to take care of this. Offerings are made monthly to our Children's Home at High Point. We are working on our Herald quota and hope to have it complete soon. We are trying to carry out both programs to a complete 100 per cent record, or more.

We are sorry that we must report Mr. Ralph Tiller is seriously ill at the Mary Black Hospital, in Spartanburg, and Miss Zellon Littlefield will leave for the hospital Saturday; both are of Tabernacle church.

My father, Rev. R. L. Vickery, of the Rockingham M. P. church, was with us last Sunday and took part in the program. We are grateful that he could be with us and hope that he will visit us again soon.

We covet an interest in your prayers for the work that we are striving to do for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We may be out of the state but we are still a part of one great church and all brothers in Christ.

The grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you all, now and forever more.

THURMAN H. VICKERY.

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THE HAPPIEST HEART

Who drives the horses of the sun
Shall lord it but a day;
Better the lowly deed were done,
And kept the humble way.

The rust will find the sword of fame,
The dust will hide the crown;
Ay, none shall nail so high his name
Time will not tear it down.

The happiest heart that ever beat
Was in some quiet breast
That found the common daylight sweet,
And left to Heaven the rest.

—John Vance Cheney.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Moriah, Rev. J. Leo Pittard, Pastor.—Attendance at our Sunday school and church services has been good, but with spring just around the corner we will have even a better attendance.

We are glad to report that quite a number of our members who have been sick are able to be out again, for which we are thankful.

Young People's Day was held the first Sunday in February. We had a good attendance and our pastor brought us a grand sermon very fitting for the occasion.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will meet with Mrs. Mark Lewis on Friday night, February 24. All members are urged to be present, as the election of officers for the coming year will be held.

The supper the junior Bible class gave on Wednesday night, February 15, was a success, although we had some bad weather for the occasion.

The Auxiliary will have their thank-offering service on Sunday, February 26, at 11 o'clock. We will have John R. Hughes, promient attorney of Greensboro, to speak to us on this occasion. Mr. Hughes attended this church when a small boy. He is a very able speaker and we feel we are fortunate in securing him for this service.

The second quarterly conference was held last Sunday with a good number present.

Our pastor is bringing us a series of nine sermons on the ABC's of church union. These have been interesting and those that have missed them are truly missing some of the best sermons he has preached since he has been our pastor.

The Christian Endeavor is going along well. We were fortunate in having Mr. Foley of Duke university to speak to us during the C. E. meeting.

During the past week I was reading some poetry that some of our great men liked. This week being George Washington's birthday, I think it very fitting to pass one of his favorite poems on to you. Let us remember that Washington was first a Christian, then a statesman, so this little poem is very like him, don't you think? The poem is entitled "A Christian," and reads:

He doesn't stand in church and pray,
  So multitudes may hear;
Nor does he give large sums away
  To charity each year.
He doesn't head the clubs and leagues
  And guilds for glory great;
Nor does he brag about his deeds,
  And his virtues relate.
But when a sad friend comes along
  And tells him of his woes,
He tries his best to comfort him
  Ere on his way he goes.

MRS. WILBUR A. SHERRILL,
Reporter.

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Spring Church, Spring Church Charge, Rev. J. E. Garlington, Pastor.—Mr. Garlington has brought us two inspiring messages since our last meeting.

On the fourth Sunday in January he used as his theme, "The Window Sill of Heaven." To make his sermon more impressive he used a beautiful picture of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane. He said if we wished to be like Christ we would need to spend much time in prayer. It will help us to appreciate things of nature more and we will see the good that is in our fellow church members rather than searching for the bad.

The second Sunday in this month Young People's Day was observed. Some of our boys and girls took part in the devotions. Mr. Garlington's message was on "Power." He showed our young people as well as the older ones the good that can be done with power if used in the right way. Man is God's only way in putting His great power into action. This service closed with the entire congregation partaking of the Lord's Supper.

On the first Sundy our prayer service was led by Pauline Massey. She used as her subject "Forgiveness." She brought us some fine thoughts. Many of our boys and girls took part in the discussion and led in prayer which I am sure was very helpful to all.

We have about three-fourths of our annual conference budget on hand; we hope to raise the balance next Sunday.

Choir practice will be in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Massey Saturday night at 7 o'clock. We hope to have the entire choir present.

World's Day of Prayer will be observed in Pleasant Hill church next Saturday, February 25, at 2:30 p.m. Mr. Garlington will make the address. We invite all to be with us.

Next Sunday our February thank-offering will be held. The ladies will take part in the devotions, and Mr. Garlington will preach an appropriate sermon. We hope that everyone will show their appreciation of God's goodness by making a good offering which will go toward the World's Service budget.

We are very sorry to report that Lunsford Crew is ill at Chapel Hill. We hope he will soon be well and able to resume his studies.

REPORTER.

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First Church, Danville, Va., Rev. G. L. Reynolds, Pastor.—We are glad to be back with the "Pastors and People" after such an extended absence. Although absent from the news column, we can say that we really do have news, and pleasant news at that. We've been working on plans to start building a new church in the spring—something we have all been looking forward to and hoping for a long time. Committees have been appointed to have plans drawn up, and for raising funds, so we have a lot to be enthusiastic about.

We are observing this week as "Prayer Week," and special emphasis is being laid on praying. Friday night will climax the special programs when the Ladies' Auxiliary is taking charge. The Auxiliary is also getting up a pageant, "If I Be His Disciple," to be given soon. If any of you happen to miss the play, you will be missing something that is really worth-while. It is a splendid pageant, so make your plans now to attend, Wednesday night, March 8.

Several of our former members were with us last Sunday, including Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Grogan. We certainly enjoyed having so many visitors worship with us, and hope they will come back often, where a cordial welcome always awaits them.

The Christian Enedavor society enjoyed a "hearty" good time at the home of Miss Ora Whisenant, Saturday night a week ago, in celebration of St. Valentine's day. There were hearts given, exchanged, and broken, as various guests had to exchange partners, quote love lyrics, and make proposals. We were especially happy to have a number of visitors participate in the fun with us.

The Endeavorers are working with the pastor, Rev. G. L. Reynolds, in sponsoring Youth Day on March 5. Miss Ora Whisenant is acting chairman of the committee, and is formulating plans for youth participation in services throughout the day. The pageant, "Shrines," will be presented at the Sunday evening service, at which time the special Youth Day offering will be taken.

Now that spring is almost here and building plans are in the air, let us all set out with renewed vigor and make a special effort to attend services, cooperate in every way possible, and do our very best to accomplish something for our Master each day.

ELEANOR TANNER, Reporter.

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Concord, Saxapahaw Charge, Rev. M. C. Henderson, Pastor.—Work is moving on very nicely here. We are trying to get a start early in the year so it won't be so crowded at the last of the conference year. Dr. Pritchard plans to be with us the first Sunday morning in April at the 11 o'clock service. We are looking forward to this time. The Ladies' Auxiliary plans to hold a thank-offering service the first Sunday morning in March at the 11 o'clock hour. On the first Saturday in March they plan to have a supper and bazaar. The Auxiliary is doing right much good work at the present time. Our pastor stressed the cooperation of the church members in signing the covenant cards in law observance Sunday morning.

We were glad to have visitors with us Sunday morning for the morning service.

The junior class won the attendance banner for last month and are working to win it this month.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Joe Worth Guthrie is able to return to her home after spending some time in Duke hospital, also that Mrs. Parker Lewis is able to be at church after retiring from the hospital at Burlington.

At this time Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Moore are both able to be up in their home, but are not able to be out any. We are working to raise our part of the World Service budget by the 30th of April.

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State Street, O. C. Loy, Pastor.—We have not made a report for several weeks now, but that does not mean that we are not working just as hard.

The Ladies' Auxiliary sponsored the annual monthly supper Saturday night, the 11th. Approximately $25 was realized to be paid on our building and loan fund.

Mrs. O. C. Loy was hostess to the circle meeting last Tuesday night. Mrs. Harkey, the president, was in the chair. The attendance was very good, and different subjects were discussed and the nominating committee was appointed to elect new officers for the coming year. As a special favor to the men present a social hour was enjoyed, and Mrs. Loy served decorated Valentine candy.

Last Friday night Mrs. J. B. Leonard and Mrs. R. A. Weaver entertained the Philathea class in the home of Mrs. Leonard. Mrs. Frank McCrary led the devotional period. All present reported a good meeting.

We feel grateful to a large group from West End church, Thomasville, for the fine play they put on for us last night. The title of the play was "Everybody's Church." They all acted their parts so well, we know that they have spent a lot of time in study and rehearsing. We hope to have them again in the near future.

The World Day of Prayer will be observed next Friday at the Episcopal church. A large attendance is expected.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Leonard plan to leave next Thursday for a two weeks visit with their son, Lloyd Leonard, and family, in Asheville. We always miss them, but we hope that Mr. Leonard's health will be better after a complete rest. They are both loyal to the church, inasmuch as both of them teach Sunday school classes and support the church every way possible.

MRS. W. T. NEAL, Reporter.

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Mt. Zion Church, Pinnacle-Mt. Zion Charge.—We are striving to build up our church and make it a better place to worship each day. We were very proud to have with us some new faces Sunday and see the old ones back again. Our attendance for Sunday school was 60, more coming in for preaching hour. Our collection which went to the Children's Home was $2.71. Our pastor delivered a very interesting sermon to us at the 11 o'clock hour, taking his text from the book of John, 6th chapter, 68th verse.

We are having an epidemic of measles at this time, which is keeping many from church; hope they will soon be back with us. We were glad to have back with us Mrs. E. S. Stone, who has been ill for some time. Mrs. A. L. Hunter is confined to her bed with rheumatism, friends will regret to learn. We were glad to have Mr. J. R. Stone with us Sunday, who has been on the sick list also.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stone of Winston-Salem were welcomed to worship with us Sunday.

Mrs. W. E. Jones was appointed yesterday to collect money to buy new song books for our church.

Mr. W. B. and S. T. Lane were appointed to collect money to pay for the new well which we are having dug at the parsonage.

The Missionary Society will hold its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Wilbur Lane Tuesday night, February 21. Everyone is invited to come and join us in our worship.

NELL MICKEY, Reporter.

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Seagrove, Seagrove-Love Joy Charge.—We were indeed glad to have Dr. Pritchard, president of our annual conference, with us last Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. He delivered a wonderful message on the value and influence of the local church. Everyone eujoyed this splendid discourse and we hope Dr. Pritchard will pass this way again soon. Lunch was served in the social room immediately after services.

Our Sunday school is growing steadily. The enrollment has almost reached 100, which was our goal, and I think it will go beyond that soon.

Special music was rendered Sunday at the Sunday school and preaching hour by Mrs. Rufus King, Elbert and Annie Ruth King, and Mr. Plummer; also a quartette by members of the junior class.

We were glad to have as visitors Sunday, Charles Richardson of High Point College, Miss Lucy Ellen Russell and friend from Raleigh, also Pastor Trolinger's stepmother, brother and wife of High Point.

Our Ladies' Auxiliary met Tuesday night, February 13, with Mrs. W. P. Strider. Several members were present. A good program was rendered and delicious refreshments were served. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Trolinger on Thursday night, February 16. A supper was served in the social room of our church. A quilt was sold to the highest bidder. The proceeds after paying all expenses were $24. This will apply toward seating the auditorium of our church.

A thank-offering service will be held Sunday night, February 26.

Christian Endeavor is going on very well. James Auman was leader last Sunday night and Wayne Frye was appointed leader for next Sunday night.

Little Florence Brown, a member of Mrs. Auman's primary class, has pneumonia but is improving.

Pray for us that much good may be accomplished this year for the Master.

MRS. NOAH WILLIAMS, Reporter.

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First M. P. Church, High Point.—A large congregation heard Dr. James Straughn, president of the General Conference, Sunday night, February 19. His sermon was most inspirational and we were so glad to have him visit us. Mr. Madison continues giving us good sermons and congregations have been unusually large recently.

Before the regular church service Sunday night, Mayor Grayson spoke to the Young People's Christian Endeavor society on "A Christian's Viewpoint of Politics." There were approximately 60 persons present and the talk was most worth-while.

A letter is being sent to the membership regarding our church program prior to Easter. It outlines the program. February 19 begins Visitation Week. Members of the congregation were given their lists Sunday. Prayer services will be held each Wednesday evening and during Holy Week services will be held each night at the church except Saturday night. Beginning at 4 o'clock March 27 a class for children in principals for church membership will be taught; on April 2 these persons will be received into the church. On Friday before Easter the junior church will present a pageant, "Out of the Easter Garden." Approximately 60 children will participate The leaders of the junior church are to be commended for their interest in their work and for using so many children in the various programs they sponsor.

Mrs. T. R. Ballard slowly improves at her home on Howell street after a recent illness. Mrs. Ballard is superintendent of the Sunday school.

Our February Thank-offering services will be conducted next Sunday, Mr. Madison will preach and the regular services. We are hoping these services shall bring the results for which we are striving.

MRS. ROBERT DAVIS, Reporter.

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Vickrey Church, Guilford Charge, Joel B. Trogdon, Pastor.—Sunday school at Vickrey last Sunday was at the regular hour with 133 present.

The young people gave a very interesting Christian Endeavor program last Sunday night. The President of the High Point City Christian Endeavor Union and also a former president gave brief talks. Two groups of special singers from other churches added to the program with their selections. From our own church Lois and Fleta Mae Hohn sang a duet.

The Woman's Auxiliary met with Mrs. George Osborne for their last meeting. Mrs. Williams, wife of a High Point minister and who has traveled in various parts of the country including a rather long stay in Mexico, was speaker of the evening. In her talk she contrasted the customs of the Mexicans with that of ours.

Young People's Day was observed the fifth Sunday of January. A candle light service was given and our pastor, Joel B. Trogdon, gave an interesting talk.

A collection of $4.12 was taken the fifth Sunday for the Children's Home.

FLETA MAE HOHN, Reporter

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Kernersville-South Winston, February 20,—The work of the churches of this charge has been moving along fairly well since the writer made a report to the HERALD. We observed Young People's Day at Pine Grove and Kernersville churches. The program provided by the Department of Religiou Education of the general conference was used. A speaker was secured for the Kernersville church in the person of Clyde A. Shreve, attorney, of Summerfield. Offerings were taken at each service for the World Service budget.

Since our last report to the HERALD some of the people have remembered the pastor and family with appropriate gifts. Brother H. V. Crews, of Pine Grove church, gave us a nice ham, and Brother Dale Pegg, of Pine Grove church was the donor of a nice, large shoulder of meat. Other gifts have been received from members of different churches. We are thankful for all the gifts received, and assure every giver that we appreciate their kindness and their consideration of our needs.

The writer was called to Rockingham county Monday, February 13, to conduct the funeral services of G. I. Sharpe, age 78, brother of Miss Ellen Sharpe, member of Bethany M. P. church, on Flat Rock Charge. The funeral and burial were held at Mount Bethel Christian church. The funeral and burial were held at Monnt Bethel Christian church. The deceased was an uncle of W. H. and C. E. Smith, members of South Winston church. They have the sympathy of the church.

Mrs. J. E. Littleton, of South Winston church, has the symapthy of friends and neighbors in the death of her half-sister, whose funeral was held in Stokes county Sunday, February 12.

Mrs. E. L. Johnson, pianist at South Winston church, entered the City Memorial Hospital at Winston-Salem Tuesday, February

14, for an operation. The operation was successful, and she is recovering nicely.

We were delighted with the presence of Rev. B. A. Culp, pastor of the First M. E. church, Winston-Salem, at South Winston church last Sunday night. He preached an inspiring sermon to a fairly large congregation. We were glad to have a number of visitors present, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Casper and daughter, of the Kernersville church.

Dr. J. E. Pritchard, president of the Annual Conference, will preach at Sandy Ridge church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, which will be his official visit to that church for the present year. We hope to have a good attendance for the service.

C. B. WAY, Pastor

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Kernersville Church, Kernersville - South Winston Charge, February 20.—Since our reporter, Mrs. Paul Butner, could not be present last Sunday, I will make a brief report for our church. We had 60 in Sunday school, which was an increase over the attendance of a few Sundays ago.

There was also a good attendance at the church service. During the opening service a solo was rendered by C. B. Way, Jr., at the request of one of the members. The pastor presented the following persons for membership in the church: Mr. and Mrs. K. O. Boone, Billy Boone, Owen Boone, Mrs. Flossie Landreth and Miss Fleta Ragland. They were formally received into the church. Mr. and Mrs. Boone and son, Billy, came to our church by transfer from the First Presbyterian church, Winston-Salem, and their younger son, Owen, was received on profession of faith. Mrs. Landreth and Miss Ragland were received by transfer from Pine Grove M. P. church. The church is delighted to have these additions to the membership, and we feel that they will be valuable members. After the sermon by the pastor on the subject, "Reasons For Church Membership," the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered to a large number of members. In reporting the new members received last month the name of Mrs. Nettie Corum was omitted. We have received a total of ten members during this conference year.

Brother H. M. Casper, who was received into our church last year, will conduct the prayer service at the parsonage Wednesday night of this week. He is assistant teacher of the men's class in the Sunday school.

Dr. P. O. Schallert, of Winston-Salem, will deliver and illustrated lecture at our church next Sunday night on the subject, "The Life of Christ." The lecture and pictures to be shown will deal with some of the last scenes of the life of our Savior.

ASSISTANT REPORTER.

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Liberty, Rev. A. M. Smith—I wrote a report last week, but did not have time to get in all the church news.

Our pastor filled his appointments both Sunday morning and Sunday evening. His sermons are very beautiful and soud inspiring. He also led the prayer meeting in a union meeting of all the churches in town last week. May the Lord bless all who are laboring in His ministry.

The writer's father has been sick ever since Christmas night. He had the flu and neuralgia and now has some stomach trouble, though he seems to be improving slowly.

His birthday is next week, the 22nd of February. I will appreciate it so much if any old friends can take time to send him a line of incouragement on a plain postal card or birthday card.

He loves everybody, I don't know a person he doesn't love.

He will be 89 years old, so be kind and gentle to those who are old for kindness is dear and better than gold. So many of his friends sent him cards last year and he would look over them again and again and he treasures them yet. May the Lord bless our pastor and all our church members. We should not forget to pray for each other.

BERTINE SHEPARD, Reporter.

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Flag Springs, Why Not Charge, C. H. Hill, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday, February, 5. He brought to us an inspiring message. Our Sunday school attendance is holding up very well, and there is good interest shown in the school.

The Ladies Auxiliary met Friday, February, 3, at the home of Mrs. Roy Hughes with seven members and five visitors present. The program was good and new interest is being shown in raising money for the benefit of the church.

There will be an Appreciation Year Rally service to be held at Flag Springs the first Sunday in March. Addresses will be made by visiting speakers. They are planning to have some special music.

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Report of the Community Methodist Protestant Church, Thomasville, N. C.—Mrs. Susan Finch and Harry Brown Finch entertained the members of the Board of Stewards at dinner at their home on Main Street last Monday evening. After a delightful meal a business meeting was held and pledges of the church was also brought up to date and a very good report of the finances of the church as a whole was given.

Sunday was rather an eventful day for the church. Besides the new organ that we have purchased we had a basket of dollars on the pulpit. These were donated for the purpose of raising the required amount for our Appreciation Year and leave us entirely in the clear when the two Methodist churches became one. Each member was to take a dollar from the basket and see if he or she could double or redouble it within one month. The response was gratifying. After all we must have the material things in the church if we are to accomplish the spiritual aims we are trying to reach.

MRS. TOM EINSTEIN, Reporter.

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Davidson Charge.—On yesterday we were greeted with fair sized congregations at Chapel Hill and Liberty. The people at each of these churches and the people of the other churches as well, are very attentive to the word preached. Their interest and attention is most helpful.

Some days ago Mr. Russell Fry gave this writer permission to cut a quantity of tree logs near his saw mill. Mr. Arch Lanier invited several men to assist in getting this wood ready for sawing. In addition to Mr. Lanier and this scribe, the following brethren made axes fly one half day: Hanes Smith, Witt and Lee Russell and J. C. Smith. These men have our thanks for cutting a years' supply of wood. Thanks to the donor.

WM. H. NEESE.

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Davidson Charge, W. H. Neese, Pastor, February 20.—On yesterday the pastor of this charge and his wife were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Harris of the Chapel Hill church. There was nothing new about being invited out for Sunday dinner, that happens every Sunday on this charge but when we went in to dinner Mrs. Harris said to her mother-in-law, Mrs. C. C. Cranford, "This is yours and Mrs. Neese's birthday dinner." I think someone was surprised. It just happens that Mrs. Cranford and Mr. Neese have the same birthday, February 24. Mrs. Harris presented each honoree with a nice and useful present. The sumptous dinner was enjoyed by all present.

We are very busy these days planning to put across Thank Offering Services at each church on the work. Only two churches, Lineberry and Chapel Hill, have the women organized but we are planning for services at the other four churches.

Several of our number are sick and we are kept busy visiting them in their homes. Quite a number have remembered us with good things for our table. It seems they know just what is needed most. The latest donors are: Mesdames Whilt Wood, J. C. Taylor, J. H. Loflin, B. K. Taylor, Edd Morris, J. C. Smith, W. M. Smith, A. C. Harris, Van Lanier and Mr. Dixon Frye.

MRS. W. H. NEESE.

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Forsyth Charge, Maple Springs Church.—The Woman's Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. W. G. Henning for the February meeting.

Mrs. T. L. Speas had charge of the devotionals. The program leader was Mrs. R. E. Watts. Two readings were given as follows: "Home Mission Work in the Mountains," Miss Elsie Baity; "New Frontiers in Home Mission Work Today," Willie Gray Henning. Mrs. R. A. Hunter conducted the Question Box. The meeting closed with prayer by the pastor, Rev. R. A. Hunter.

A committee, composed of Miss Myrtie Kiger, Miss Elsie Baity, and Mrs. R. E. Watts, was appointed to nominate officers for the new year.

The second Thank-offering program was held on the third Sunday evening. The pastor preached a missionary sermon, his topic being "Responsibility."

Our church and the First M. P. church of Winston-Salem will hold a World Day of Prayer here Friday afternoon.

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Friendship Church, Fallston Charge.—At the close of the opening exercises for Sunday school, our pastor asked that we support the petition against the bill now before Congress for the buying and selling of liquor, wine and beer in this county. Cleveland and some of the adjoining counties are sending this petition to the legislature asking that these not be sold in our counties. The three churches of Fallston are taking a great part in this. It was attached to the petition that the Sunday schools voted unanimously against this bill now before Congress.

Rev. Mr. Hethcox came to us on the third Sunday morning with a real soul stirring message. His text was found in James 4:14.

He reminded us that we don't plan to meet our obligations with God. A large crowd attended the services. Miss Claudie Mae Beam came to us by letter from Bethlehem M. E. Church, South.

The death angel has taken two out of our midst since the last report, Mr. Clarence Gantt and Mrs. Amos Canipe. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the two families.

Next Sunday evening a meeting is being planned for the people of the community, to be held at the Fallston Baptist church, in the interest of temperance. Mr. Mull, our representative from this district, is expected to be there. Everyone is urged to attend.

REPORTER.

St. Paul Church, Greensboro.—We folks at St. Paul have been having some mighty good experiences. Our services on Sunday, February 19, especially our morning service, was one of the best we have ever seen. Our pastor, a most consecrated person, led us all to rededicate our lives to the worthwhile service of our Lord.

On Wednesday, February 8, we all went to Brother Millaway's home before our regular prayer service. Each person took along a little gift which might be helpful in the home. Mr. Millaway has not been well for sometime—but the last few weeks have found him right at death's door. The strength which he has shown in spirit and body in this most painful illness should inspire us on. Through it all he has been a model of perfection. May his Lord take him on to his reward (which must be very great) before he has to bear very much more of this world's pain.

The regular Ladies' Aid meeting was held in the hut on Saturday night, February 11.

There was a Washington's birthday social held Saturday night, February 18, by the church women. Many friends and members called between 6 and 8 o'clock; many of them leaving a donation to help carry on the work of the Ladies' Aid. Rev. R. C. Stubbins, pastor of Calvary, made an inspiring talk. We were all much impressed and hope Mr. Stubbins will be able to come back to us real soon. During the evening games were played, everyone joining in. After the games and contests of skill the ladies served fruit.

Brother Ashburn visited us on last Sunday and we welcome him and take this time and space to say we are always glad to have visitors—and we welcome one and all to our church.

President J. E. Pritchard, president of our Conference, conducted our service last Sunday night, February 12. He brought a fine message and we were very glad to have him.

REPORTER.

Graham, H. F. Surratt, Pastor.—Although we have only had one report since Conference our church activities have been alive and showing much interest. The morning services are being well attended; last Sunday we were fortunte to have the girls glee club; under the direction of Miss Graham, to sing. Our pastor gave us a very inspiring sermon on "Evangelism For Today," at the evening service the subject was "How to succeed in the Christian life."

The Sunday school is very active with all teachers showing much interest and are cooperating wiht the superintendent, Mr. Ernest Kirkman,

The officers of the church have been greatly helped after taking a study course for the officials of the church. This being a united effort with the Methodist Episcopal, South, and held in the two churches under the supervision of Rev. E. O. Merritt and Rev. H. F. Surratt. We feel a greater responsibility and also a greater spiritual blessing in our responsibility by having had these courses.

The committee for appreciation gift, composed of Mr. J. L. Amick, Mrs. A. P. Williams, Mrs. Jim Linens, Mrs. L. W. Cheek and Mrs. A. R. Wilson, are making plans to raise our appreciation gift, which we hope to be able to report in full by April. The Ladies' Auxiliary is also helping in every way and we feel very much encouraged when they decide to put things across they usually go.

On February 12 the Law Observance league held a meeting in the Broad Street school in Burlington. There were people from all over the county as this is a county-wide movement.

We are happy to report the improvement of Mr. M. R. Kirkman who underwent a major operation at Piedmont Memorial hospital in Greensboro.

Mrs. J. A. Hester will leave February 22 for the sanatorium in Black Mountain and we hope for her a speedy recovery.

We have been very much saddened by the death of two of our most faithful members, Mr. John Parks and Mr. W. A. Flinton. They will be missed in the church to which they were so faithful. We feel our loss is their gain and can say as Paul said, they have finished their course because of the faithfulness to their God and church to the end.

GLADYS AMICK, Reporter.

Fairview Church, Joe Coble, Pastor, Feb. 21.—The second Sunday in this month was observed by our church as Young People's day with a very impressive service; the entire program for the morning was based on appreciation year and was very interesting.

A very interesting feature of our church services is the junior church, of which our pastor has charge just before the regular sermon is preached; he uses something for an illustration of his talk and this keeps the children very interested, also the grown-ups have expressed their appreciation of this service and seem to enjoy it very much.

There is a marked improvement in our Sunday school attendance now; our goal we had hoped to reach by Christmas, was reached a few Sundays ago with 150 present, and $8 was received as our offering. We know that somebody ha's been working and we believe it was none other than our energetic little superintendent, at any rate we are very proud of this number and just hope it continues.

The Woman's Auxiliary met in the home of Mrs. Mary Williams on Tuesday night, February 14 with a very good number present: a quilt square was given each member to collect dimes and for each dime a name will be embroidered in the square. We are hoping to make a huge success of this work. After the business meeting was over the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Howard Barber, served ice cream and cake which was enjoyed by all present.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. J. L. Stanley, the wife of our superintendent, is ill in the Duke hospital. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

REPORTER.

Siler City Church, A. M. Smith, Pastor.—Since you have not heard from us this year we will try to give you a brief report of some of the things we are doing. Our Sunday school and church work is progressing nicely. Young People's day was observed on the third Sunday. The young people had charge of each service beginning with the Sunday school. Billy Brady led the devotionals, Misses Mattie Jordan, Mildred Headen and Glenna Harris made fine talks, and special music was rendered by Miss Martha Brady. There were 94 present and each class had good reports. At the 11 o'clock service the young people's program was used. Special music was furnished by Mrs. I. H. Ellington and Miss Joy Holt. The pastor brought a very special sermon that fit right in for the occasion. The Lord's Supper was then administered to a large part of the congregation. At the evening hour a candle light service was given. Miss Pearlie Tillman led devotionals. The young people had charge of the music with little Miss Betty Lou Wright singing very effectively "Love Him"; Mrs. Victor Duncan and Miss Joy Holt sang a lovely duet, "Look For the Beautiful," after which our pastor made a fine talk just like he always does.

The C. E. society enjoyed a social in the C. E. room at the church Saturday night, the 18th. Games and contests were enjoyed and all entered heartily into the fun. Refreshments were served.

Circle No. 1 met with Mrs. J. A. Cooper Wednesday night, February 15, and Circle No. 2 met with Mrs. J. H. Fox, Tuesday night, February 14. Ten members were present at each circle. The usual routine of business was transacted with the chairman of each circle in the chair. The Question Box was discussed by both circles. We feel safe in saying that we will round up a very successful year. Tempting refreshments were served.

We are sorry to report so many of our members are not well: Mrs. Hattie Stout had her tonsils removed last week and is recuperating at her home on Jordan street. Mrs. T. C. Fox is at home nursing an infected foot. Glen Fox, age 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Fox, had an operation some four weeks ago and is at his home in a cast and will be there several months. About four inches of bone was taken out of a lower limb. Everyone is very sympathetic with him and are trying to help him while away the time as best they can by keeping him something new to read, look at or play with. Mrs. T. L. Smith received word Saturday of the death of an uncle in Florence, S. C. She and Mr. Smith left Sunday for Florence to attend the funeral of Mrs. Smith's mother; Mrs. W. H. Ross is also sick. We hope each one may speedily be restored to health if it can be the Master's will.

As is the custom each year on or around February 21 Mrs. L. L. Woody entertains the Emma B. Siler circle, which is Circle No. 1, at a birthday dinner honoring Mrs. Emma B. Siler, who is the oldest member. This happy occasion fell on the third Sunday. At 1 o'clock the guests were ushered into the dining room, stood while Mrs. Woody returned thanks, then sang, "Happy Birthday to Mrs. Siler." A very tempting plate of many good things to eat, just like Mrs. Woody knows how to prepare, was then served. Mrs. Siler cut the big birthday cake and cake and ice cream was served. Mrs. Woody, in her gracious manner and well-chosen words, presented Mrs. Siler gifts from her circle. After a good social time together each one left, wishing Mrs. Siler might reach the 100 mark. This was her 77th birthday.

A good delegation from our church attended the appreciation year campaign meeting at Grace church Monday.

MRS. J. A. COOPER, Reporter.

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Shiloh Church, Randolph Charge, H. L. Isley, Pastor, Feb. 21.—Our pastor held his regular appointment on the second Sunday at 11 o'clock. The Burlington male chorus was with us. The chorus was led by Mr. Walter Routh and consisted of eight male voices and the pianist. It was enjoyed by all. We hope they can be with us again.

Our church has raised one-half of the World Service debt apportionment. We are hoping to raise the balance by April 30.

The Ladies' Aid met with Mrs. Tyson Hemphill to hold its regular monthly meeting at which time she was given a surprise shower. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Flossie Shaw at her mothers, Mrs. Willie Kime.

We are hoping all those who have been sick will be out again soon.

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First Church, Thomasville.—Our pastor has recovered from his short illness, and is back in the services. We always miss him when he has to be away any length of time.

Everyone was very much impressed by the splendid talks given on Young People's day by the young people. The ones taking part in this service were Mr. Buren Hill, Misses Mary Alma Teague, Nell Jarret, Maxine Carriker, Opal Wood and Mr. Finch Jackson.

On February 10 the local troop of Boy Scouts held a Scout and Dad banquet at the hut. The Scout movement has accomplished much in helping our young people find clean ways of living.

We are about to close another successful year in the Auxiliary work, we feel that we have played a great part in the work of our church. The circles have almost all raised their budgets. The Precious Jewels, Minnis circle, and the Auxiliary budgets have already been reached. The other circles are planning on reaching their budget with this month's work, therefore we will use March as our appreciation month.

Tuesday night, February 14, the Minnis circle held its regular meeting. Mrs. J. T. Bowman made a very inspiring talk entitled "If I Be His Disciple." I believe that everyone really wanted to be a true disciple of Jesus after listening to her beautiful words.

Miss Louise Royals made the last review in the book on the American Negro. We were all astounded at the amount of knowledge about the negro she accumulated in just a few hours of study. One would think she had spent months studying nothing but the American Negro.

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Several of our Young People attended the State Christian Endeavor banquet which was held in Winston-Salem, First Presbyterian church. Everyone of them stated that they enjoyed it thoroughly, both the banquet and the special classes that followed the banquet.

Miss Norma Lanier has returned home from the City Memorial hospital where she underwent an operation for ruptured appendix. She is recovering splendidly, we are very glad to state.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will have its regular monthly meeting Friday, February 24, at the church. At this time Rev. J. T. Bowman will review the study book for the past year.

Sunday night the offering service will be held. The Minnis circle is going to put on a special program at that time. We are looking forward to this service. We are sure the circle will give us a very good program.

Rev. J. T. Bowman is going to attend a special meeting at Greensboro Monday morning in the behalf of appreciation year.

AUDREY SULLIVAN, Reporter.

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Orange Charge, Feb. 21.—Just a brief report to acknowledge with sincere appreciation the new Faultless washing machine placed in the parsonage by the Ladies' Auxiliaries of the various churches on the charge. I have a suspicion that may wife has a domestic job for me now in retaliation for the red-handle axe I bought for her sometime ago. Anyway, we appreciate the machine and invite any of our members to bring their washing and come spend the day with us.

Notice is hereby given that the second quarterly conference will be held at Chestnut Ridge the first Sunday afternoon in March at 3 o'clock. All the church officials are urged to be present and make reports of their stewardship for the first quarter.

C. P. MORRIS, Pastor.

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Enfield, D. R. Williams, Pastor. — Our church is happy that Mr. Williams is now on the mend following a bad case of flu. He is now in Burlington with his daughter, Mrs. Staley Garrison, for a rest and we hope that he will soon be real well and strong. Mrs. Garrison came for Mr. and Mrs. Williams last Thursday. We trust they will have a happy visit and that the change will do them good. Everyone misses Mr. Williams' smiles and happy greetings on the street—some one said, "I just feel better every time I meet Mr. Williams."

Enfield had a great shock this week-end and is deeply grieved in the passing of Mr. Reuben Jordan, one of our members. He was taken sick at his work last Wednesday and was quite ill, but Thursday morning was considered better. He grew worse Thursday night and was rushed to a Rocky Mount hospital where he died Friday night between 1 and 2 o'clock. Funeral services were conducted from the home Sunday afternoon by the American Legion post No. 34 of which he was a faithful member. Mr. R. Hunter Pope, post commander, was in charge of the services, assisted by Rev. W. M. Loy, pastor of the M. E. church. The American Legion service is a most impressive one and was witnessed by a host of relatives and friends. Our hearts go out with deepest sympathy to the two children who survive him: Julia and Linwood—Mrs. Jordan died almost two years ago, and their grandmother, Mrs. White, was buried New Year's day. We ask their friends in our Conference to remember them.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Marshall and Margaret Ann, have returned from Louisville, Ky., where Mr. Marshall has been connected with a tobacco company.

Good wishes to the Herald and its readers

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Yow-Rossen

In a quiet ceremony Sunday afternoon, December 25, at the home of the bride's parents, Miss Douglas Yow and John Rossen, both of Gibsonville, were united in marriage. Rev. C. E. Anderson, pastor of the bride, read the vows, using the ring ceremony. The ceremony, which was performed at 2 o'cock, was witnessed by only immediate members of the family.

Wedding music was rendered by Mrs. Goley Yow, sister-in-law of the bride.

Mrs. Rossen is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Yow, of this place. She is also a sister to Coach Virgil Yow, of High Point College. Mr. Rossen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rossen. The bride was attired in a tailored suit of Boy Blue crepe with shoulder corsage of pink rose buds and valley lilies.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Rosen left for a short wedding trip to western North Carolina. On their return they will make their home in Gibsonville.

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Sykes-Dixon

A marriage of much interest throughout the Hebron and surrounding communities was that of Miss Velma Sykes to Clayton Dixon on January 28 at 3 p.m. The ring ceremony of the Methodist Protestant church was used, the writer and pastor of the bride officiating.

The marriage took place at the home of the bride, three miles south of Mebane. The home was beautifully decorated with carnations, gladiolas, and narcissi. Prior to the ceremony Miss Evelyn Nicholson and Mrs. Mildred Jones, sister of the bride, sang "I Love You Truly"; Troy Dixon, brother of the groom, sang "The Rosary"; Misses Evelyn and Rozelle Nicholson sang "The Indian Love Call." Mrs. J. E. Foster was the accompanist. The vows were spoken in the presence of the immediate families and a few friends.

Mrs. Dixon is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Sykes of the Hebron community. She is the talented pianist of Hebron M. P. church, of which she is a member. Mr. Dixon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Dixon and is a member of Hawfields Presbyterian church.

The couple will make their home in Burlington where Mr. Dixon is employed. Their many friends join us in heartiest congratulations.

C. P. MORRIS.

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Little Lucy Long

Little Lucy Long was born March 23, 1937, died February 5, 1939. Age 1 year, 10 months and 13 days.

Little Lucy was not a healthy child, and was not strong enough to overcome this last illness, so God took her to be with Him where all is health and joy.

She is survived by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Long; three brothers and two sisters, grandparents, Mrs. Henry Long, Mr. and Mrs. James Watkins.

Funeral sevices were held at Love's Grove church, conducted by the parents' pastor, Earl A. Cook. Interment was in the church cemetery.

EARL A. COOK.

Mrs. Eva Malitta Fink

Mrs. Eva Malitta Heintz Fink was born April 29, 1855, died December 11, 1938.

She became the wife of John Wilson Fink on November 7, 1880, and to this union ten children were born. Only three sons and two daughters survive. Mrs. H. B. Furr and Mrs. A. L. Dry, A. L. Fink, A. D. Fink and D. C. Fink. Nineteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren also survive.

Mrs. Fink was converted early in life and joined the Lutheran church of which she was a faithful member until her death. However, she was not able to attend church the last few years of her life, because they were feeble years. She was kind and was so patient. She bore her suffering without a word.

Funeral services were conducted by Earl A. Cook, assisted by M. E. Heckard at Salem Methodist church. Interment was in the church cemetery under a beautiful mound of flowers.

EARL A. COOK.

Walter Gray Morris.

Walter Gray Morris, one of the prominent business men of the city of Denton, the son of the late Branson Morris and his late wife, Mary Elliott Morris, was born in Montgomery county on September 13, 1898 and died in Duke hospital, Durham, N. C., on December 5, 1939. His age at death was 40 years 2 months and 4 days. He was of a family one daughter and three sons, he being the youngest and the first to go.

The surviving sister is Mrs. Van Lanier, and the surviving brothers are A. R. Morris and B. L. Morris, prominent business men and all of Denton, N. C.

On December 20, 1919, Mr. Walter Morris and Miss Ella Carroll were happily united in marriage. This happy couple established their home in Denton, N. C. and this home was blessed with five children all whom are living. One son, Mr. Banks Morris, is serving in the United States Navy and is now located in China. Kemp, Roby and the dear little twin babies, Ann and Nan, are at the home place with the grieved mother.

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As a young man Brother Morris accepted Christ as his Savior and joined Lineberry Methodist Protestant church. He later became a member of Denton Methodist Protestant church where he remained a member until the end.

Brother Morris was a good citizen and a good friend to his fellow man. He believed in doing that which he thought right. He closed his business on Sunday when so many in the same kind of business feel that they must keep open business on the Sabbath. He loved his home and his family, his church and his God. In his very last rational moments he gave assurance that if death came he felt himself ready to go. He was a man of a quiet and even manner but his was such that he had won for himself a great number of friends all of whom will miss him because of his untimely going. Just a short time before the end no one had thought that a condition that mean death. But there was an ailment in his being that could not be overcome by an undaunted courage and by the most skilled treatment such as can be obtained at so great a hospital as that of Duke. It is difficult for us to understand and to be reconciled to such a great loss to the home, the church and the community. But we bow in humble submission to the righteous will of our Heavenly Father and sing with the poet,

"Lord of earth, and God of heaven,
Evermore, thy will be done."

"The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

The funeral was conducted in Denton Methodist Protestant church on December 7, in the presence of the largest attendance the church has ever known. Indeed the church was taxed to its capacity. The large attendance at the funeral and the closing of places of business of the town clearly indicated the high esteem in which Brother Morris was held in the minds and hearts of his fellow citizens. The funeral was in charge of the pastor Rev. Geo. L. Curry while Rev. J. T. Bowman, a former pastor, Rev. W. H. Neese, Rev. Arthur C. Kennedy and Rev. H. M. Stroup neighboring pastors were present. The body was then laid to rest in the Denton cemetery under a profuse bank of beautiful flowers the numerous contributions of many friends and those who loved.

GEO. L. CURRY, Pastor.

Lunda Lewallen Fry.

Lunda Lewallen Fry, wife of the late Cicero Fry, and daughter of Dawson and Nancy Lewallen, was born in southern Randolph county September 28, 1856. Her early life was spent with her parents on their farm near Eula. She attended what public schools there were in the community in those days, and her religious training in the home was supplemented by the Sunday school and worship services of Flag Springs Methodist Protestant church.

On the 8th of September, 1877, she was united in marriage to Cicero Fry, with whom she lived in peace and happiness until his death in February of 1902. To this union were born the following sons and daughters: Gurney, of Asheboro; J. E. Fry, of Elderado, N. C.; Miss Addie, of the home; Mrs. Jacob Gray, and Mrs. J. O. Graves, of Randleman; Mrs. D. O. King, of Eula; and Mrs. A. E. Williams, Asheboro, Rt. 3. Two sons, Lee and Charles, preceded their mother in death.

Some time after the passing of her husband, Sister Fry took up residence in Asheboro, where she resided during the remainder of her life. She was an esteemed citizen and neighbor.

The religious life of Sister Fry began in her early days. When she was young she professed faith in Christ and joined the Flag Springs Methodist Protestant church. Her membership continued there throughout her life. In her passing a good woman has gone to her eternal reward. She was a devoted wife and mother, a good neighbor, a loyal church member, and a devout Christian. The immediate cause of her death was a broken hip which occurred from a fall while she was out in her garden. Her sufferings were borne with patience and resignation. The release came on the 4th of November, last. She died in the triumphs of the Christian faith. Her age is 81 years, 1 month, and 7 days.

The funeral service was held at Flag Springs church, and was conducted by her pastor, Rev. C. H. Hill and the writer. The body was laid to rest under a covering of flowers in the church grave yard. May God's comforting mercies continue to sustain those who feel most keenly the beaking of these earthly ties.

S. W. TAYLOR.

In Memory of William C. Coble

In the passing of W. C. Coble from labor to rest,
The County has lost one of it's noble and best.
His life was always noble, faithful and true,
A servant of the COUNTY not merely a few.
In the going of a loved one and friend we sigh,
We pause on our march, with tear dimmed eye.
Let us think of his life so faithfully done,
Of the mortal laid down, of the crown he has won.
God hath ordained mortal man must die,
But the soul is immortal and lives on high.
Our friend rests from his labor, his example lives on,
We cherish his memory, his work well done.
The home circle, the business circle, all must break,
As our friend leaves us that new journey to take.
Let us remember, as we say goodbye,
Friends must sleep where grasses tangle, flowers wither and die.
Our friend has gone from us to that land of delight,
Where there's no heartaches, no partings and where cometh no night.
Comrades of the County be faithful, noble and true,
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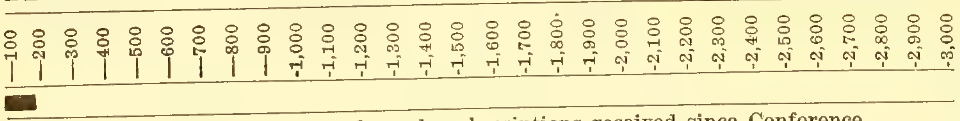

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I am delighted to learn from the HERALD of last week that Liberty church has sent in the full amount of the World Service allotment of $282. So far as I have information this is the first church in the conference to pay in full. I am saying a "God bless you" for Liberty. Pastor Aubert Smith and his splendid congregation have done a good work. I am putting Liberty at the head of the list of the charges that I am keeping that pay in full. I am keeping this list as helpful information in the A. Y. work with which I am charged. Liberty has my gratful thanks for starting it. NEXT?

Asheboro is not quite ready to be a second, though we do have a good start. It is my good faith that April 30th will not find us wanting.

The suggestion of Mrs. Andrews, in last week's HERALD, is a good one, both from the standpoint of the Minnis' salary and also the Appreciation Year. If Sunday school classes will raise definite amounts, the salary will be paid, and a credit may be taken on Appreciation Year, which is the W. S. budget, as every one understands. I do hope that this suggestion my be accepted by many S. S. and C. E. Societies. "All that we need to do great things is a mind to work."

S. W. TAYLOR.

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Freddie: "Are you the trained nurse that mama said was coming?"

Nurse: "Yes, dear; I'm the trained nurse."

Freddie: "Let's see some of your tricks, then!"

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Losing the Soul

Rev. J. D. Jones

The soul can be lost—the Bible says so, and the experience of life confirms it. And when I speak about the soul being lost, I am not thinking for the moment about the fate of the soul after death. What may happen to a soul in the world to come I am content to leave in the hands of a wise, holy and loving God. But, short of that final loss, men lose their souls here and now, before our very eyes. We mistake when we postpone this loss to some future world. It is taking place now. We can see the deadly process going on. There are men and women amongst us who have less soul than they started with. Their stock of soul has been diminishing. There are some who seem to have no soul left. For the soul is not a finished product when we get it; it is a power, a capacity, a faculty. And like every other faculty it grows by exercise, it expands by being nourished and fed; but it atrophies and perishes through disuse and neglect.

How does the soul live? On what does the soul live? ''My soul'' cries the psalmist, ''is athirst for God, the living God,'' ''I,'' said Jesus, ''am the bread of life.'' That is how the soul lives—by fellowship with God; by feeding upon Christ; by reproducing the life He lived; by kindness and love and sacrifice; by giving the utmost to the highest; by seeking what is lovely and true and pure and of good report. But when we forget God, when we neglect Christ, when we live for self and the world and sin, we impoverish and destroy the soul. And it is so easy to live this sort of a life. The baser instincts of our own nature tempt us to do it. That is a tremendous word of the Apostle Paul's, and it stands for an experience of which every one of us knows something. ''The flesh lusteth against the spirit, and the spirit lusteth against the flesh.'' We are torn by conflicting impulses. We are dragged in opposite directions, and on the issue of this eternal conflict will it depend what becomes of our souls. For the soul expands and grows when we live for the spirit and crucify the flesh; but it shrivels up and perishes when we live for the flesh and crucify the spirit.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The Appreciation Year and College Assessment

Last week I called attention to the fact that the president's advisory committee would be called together to discuss the advisability of postponing the time to raise the High Point College Assessment on account of the Appreciation Year Campaign. This committee met yesterday and discussed the proposition from different angles and decided not to postpone the college campaign. It was pointed out that a few of the churches have already completed the drive for World Service and that others are well along the way. Some put the College Assessment in the church budget and are raising the World Service through special appeals. So it was decided to let the schedule as adopted by the Annual Conference stand and to allow churches to make such adjustments as seem necessary in their own particular case.

College Assessment Called For

In accordance with the schedule of the Annual Conference I am now calling for the High Point College Assessment during the months of March and April. The Conference asked our people to tithe during the month of March and to divide the tithe between the World Service and the Annual Conference Budget. Since the college assessment is a part of the Annual Conference Budget there is no reason why the college assessment cannot be paid by a part of the tithe.

A Sunday Morning At Sandy Ridge

Last Sunday morning was spent with the Sandy Ridge Church on the Kernersville-South Winston charge, Rev. C. B. Way, pastor. This church is some three or four miles west of the Greensboro-High Point Air Port. It is in a good farming section and the community is rather thickly populated. The section has electric power and telephone and has fairly good sand clay roads. But for some reason congregations at this church have declined for a period of years. The heavy rains of last Saturday night and the unfavorable weather Sunday morning evidently kept some people away from the services. There were thirty-two present in Sunday school and about twenty-five present at the church services. This is Brother Way's second year on this charge and he and his family seem popular. Congregations seem to be on the increase at some of the churches, I was told. The Sandy Ridge church is the home church of Rev. J. P. Pegg, the very efficient pastor of the Granville charge. I trust that this church may take on new life and may continue the great work done in other days.

District Rally At Fountain Place

Leaving Sandy Ridge last Sunday, I set sail for Fountain Place Church at Burlington for the 4th District Rally in the afternoon. Here I found a fine group of people from the various churches in the district. It was a pleasure to speak to them on the Appreciation Year Campaign. Following my address the First Church of Burlington gave a pageant called Shrines. This was very effective.

Rev. D. R. Williams Ill

On arriving at Burlington Sunday afternoon I ran in to see Rev. D. R. Williams on Enfied who is ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Staley Garrison of West Davis Street. Brother Williams is suffering from complications caused by the flu and is confined to his bed. It is difficult to tell just how long he will be in.

Pastors' Reports

Recently I asked each pastor in the conference to write out the most important things which have been accomplished during the first quarter of this conference year. For the next few weeks I hope to run on this page as many as possible of the replies received. Here are some things gleaned from the first received:

First Church, High Point, Rev. J. C. Madison, pastor. Nine new members received, church debt reduced by fifteen hundred dollars, regular offerings as good as usual or better. Appreciation Year apportionment accepted and church will try to raise it in full; church attendance unusually good.

Alamance, Dr. Geo. R. Brown, pastor.—All appointments filled, found charge well organized, have been received cordially, electric lights installed in the Rock Creek church and paid for, all the churches contribute monthly to Children's Home, Thanksgiving services for the Children's Home held, all churches have Woman's Auxiliaries, and plan to hold Thank Offering services. Each church has good Sunday school. Center church planning some improvements on building.

Asheboro, Dr. S. W. Taylor, pastor.—Budget for the year promptly set up, ''Loyalty Day'' stressed, appropriate observance of Thanksgiving with offering for Home, Appropriate Christmas observance with offering for Home and needy of community. Watch Night services held, Young People's Day observed with good offering, Bible Sunday observed with sacred concert at evening hour—good day—church consulting with architect looking to improvements on building. Pastor paid in full for the quarter, paid goodly sum on World Service and will press for delegates' expenses. Have had very successful quarter.

Danville, Rev. G. L. Reynolds, pastor.—Some former members returning, Church joining in Evangelistic campaign put on in all Methodist Churches, expect to begin on the new church building at close of evangelistic campaign.

Creswell Charge, Rev. Forrest Wagoner, pastor. — Attendance has increased over that of first quarter last year; salary is being paid more nearly on time. Thanksgiving offering for Children's Home this year was larger than usual.

Seagrove-Love Joy Charge, Rev. J. H. Trolinger, pastor. —New pastor cordially received, goodly amount paid on A. C. B., parsonage debt being reduced, salary fairly well paid up to date, money being raised to seat the church at Seagrove, two new members received at Seagrove.

Kannapolis, Rev. D. T. Huss, pastor.—Money being raised to finish paying church debt. Church to be ready for dedication by June 1 or before. Sunday school improving, more cooperation, several new members received, good interest to-

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A Message in Verse

THE SOUL'S ETERNITY

Author Unknown

The stars shine over the earth,
The stars shine over the sea,
The stars look up to God above,
The stars look down on me.
The stars shall shine for a thousand years,
A thousand years and a day,
But God and I will love and live
When the stars are passed away.

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Liberty First Again

A card from Brother W. M. Hanner, of Liberty, states that he was that day sending the full amount allotted to that church for delegates expenses to the Uniting Conference. This makes Liberty the first Church to report that this item had been raised and sent in. We would like to publish each week the names of the charges which raise this apportionment. So let the news come on.

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Editorial Comment

A letter from Pastor Aubert Smith of Siler City Charge states that Brother L. L. Wren has sent to Treasurer Allen the apportionment for that church for World Service. Only Hope Church of Pastor Smith's group of churches remains to raise its World Service apportionment to put this charge on the Honor Roll of Churches. We shall await the report from Hope with keen interest.

The Youth Rally of the Greensboro District of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was a great success. The attendance was large and must have gratified those who planned the program. Youth was well represented on the program and represented youth well. Bishop Purcell closed the program with a strong appeal to youth to look to Jesus Christ. We noted several of our ministers present. If this Crusade gathers momentum as it moves towards the end of the four year period it is to run in proportion to the success of the initial meetings, it will in very truth be a Youth Crusade. So mote it be.

As one hears Bishop Clare Purcell speak, the consciousness of his deep spirituality and humility grows upon him. After hearing him address groups of ministers, of university students, and a youth's rally the Editor feels that the Methodists in the Carolinas have one as their leader whose major purpose is to bring them into deeper and fuller spiritual realities. Just the type of person who should go before in spiritual achievement.

Will you not inspect the back page of your Herald. On it you will find the pastoral charge which includes your church. You will also see a quota for Herald subscriptions opposite the name of that charge—one subscription for every ten members of the church, or fractional part of ten. You will also see close to this quota the number of subscriptions sent in this year from your charge. While there are a few charges from which have come no subscriptions since Conference closed, yours may not be such a charge. Now dear reader, if it appears that somebody should get busy and send in a few subscriptions from your charge, we sincerely hope you will see that this is done. We are greatly in need of these tokens of remembrance, called subscriptions, from our church members to make us sure they want the Herald to continue its visits to their homes. Stand by us until the end.

The question has been asked again by one of our pastors what is to be the status of the Herald when union is consummated? We can not now answer that question—we do not know. But we do know that the last annual conference instructed us to publish the Herald this year, and we hope to have the privilege of doing it. And we feel certain that when the paper ceases to exist through a merger with some other paper, those who are then taking the Herald will be fully protected.

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AND SHILOH COMES

A card from Brother J. L. Evans, treasurer of Shiloh Church, states that he has forwarded to Treasurer Allen the full apportionment of Shiloh Church, Shiloh Charge, for World Service, and that all the annual conference budget is paid in full; the pastor's salary is paid monthly. Good for Brother Evans, Shiloh Church and Pastor Ridge.

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APPRECIATION YEAR RALLY

The Appreciation Year Rally for the Tenth District will be held at Spring Hill Church on the first Sunday in March at 3:00 p. m. Dr. S. W. Taylor of Asheboro will speak. All other ministers in the district are expecting to be present and all committees on the Appreciation Year program are expecting to be present. The public is cordially welcome.

Doris Haynes.

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FIFTH DISTRICT RALLY

The Fifth District will hold it's Rally at West End church Sunday afternoon of March the 15th at 2:00 p. m.

There will be a program by the men from 2:00 to 2:45 and by the women from that time until 4:00 p. m. Mrs. E. T. Coble, the district chairman for the women's work, will have as speakers, Mrs. Worth Trogden and Mrs. C. W. Bates. The secretaries of the various societies are asked to report on the work being done.

The men's program is being worked out. There will be special music for the afternoon.

R. C. Stubbins.

WITH THE POETS

Elizabeth Vera Idol

CLEON

By Robert Browning

Browning's greatest contribution to the forms of poetry was his invention and mastery of the dramatic monologue. In 1855, with the publication of *Men and Women,* he first reached the great heights of his genius in the use of this form, and in many ways he was at the very summit of his poetic powers. His marriage to Elizabeth Barrett, that perfect idyll of married happiness with which the whole world is familiar, had been consummated nine years before, his position in the world of poetry had assumed a solid and satifying basis, and his life was rich and full.

So when he came to write *Cleon* he could assemble much of the philosophy that he had expressed at one time or an other in various poems, thus making this one of the finest and most profound expressions of his feelings about man's work in the world and the completion of his life in the next. In this poem Cleon is replying to a letter written by Protus, an imaginary king, who is his friend and patron. The thought expressed in the poem is characteristic of that of the Greek philosophers of the first century.

The poem opens with a quotation taken from Acts 17:28, "As certain also of your poets have said"—and the first lines are such a complimentary salutation as one would expect from a poet to one who is first his king, but also his greatly admired friend and, most of all, the patron who has given him the opportunity to advance in his art. In such stately unrimed verse and lofty language as fits the theme Browning allows Cleon to clothe his thoughts.

What a tribute to the laudable ambitions of the king are the lines,

"Didst ne'er engage in work for mere work's sake—
Hadst ever in thy heart the luring hope
Of some eventual rest a-top of it,
Whence, all the tumult of the building hushed,
Thou first of men mightst look out to the East;
The vulgar saw thy tower, thou sawest the sun."

Cleon's achievements "in one short life," as he enumerated them, summing them up in the brief but comprehensive words—"all arts are mine," might seem like boasting if we stopped there, but hear his conclusion as to what the judge will see in his work:

"For, what we call this life of men on earth,
This sequence of the soul's achievement here
Being, as I find much reason to conceive,
Intended to be viewed eventually
As a great whole, not analyzed to parts,
But each part having reference to all—"

One fundamental belief of Browning he gave expression to over and over. In *Andrea Del Sarto* the painter cried,

"Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp,
Or what's a heaven for?"

Again in *Saul* David said,

. . . " 'tis not what man Does which exalts him, but what man
Would do!"

And still once more in *The Grammarian's Funeral*:

"God's task to make the heavenly period
Perfect the earthen."

So here Cleon cried out to Zeus

"To vindicate his purpose in our life:
Why stay we on the earth unless to grow?"

To every serious, thoughtful man or woman at sometime has come an almost overwhelming sense of his inability to reach the heights which his soul can dimly perceive in the accomplishments of others who have themselves reached the mountain peaks, but though we may not be able to write the great poem or paint the great picture, there is comfort in the thought that we are able to catch the vision of the master artist. Cleon felt this:

"I am not great as they are, point by point.
With these four, running these into one soul,
But I have entered into sympathy
Who separate, ignored each other's art.
Say, is it nothing that I know them all?"

Protus had asked whether Cleon feared death, since he was leaving so much of himself in the world in his poems and his pictures. In his answer lies great wisdom.

"That imperfection means perfection hid,
Reserved in part, to grace the after-time"

and through thought-provoking lines to this ultimate answer:

"Man might live at first
The animal life, but is there nothing more?
In due time, let him critically learn
How he lives; and the more he gets to know
Of his own life's adaptabilities,
The more joy-giving will his life become."

Browning was always insistent upon the mere joy of living; he never scorned the flesh, but believed "nor soul helps flesh more, now, than flesh helps soul." When Protus had sought to find the source of his joy Cleon exclaimed:

"Indeed, to know is something, and to prove
How all this beauty might be enjoyed, is more;
But, knowing naught, to enjoy is something too.

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I know the joy of kingship; well, thou art king!"

Underlying all life is the common cry of all mankind for a knowledge of some life beyond this life; a desire for immortality that is the inherent craving of every individual, pagan or Christian, and Cleon saw Death as the great Liberator and Transformer:

> ''We burst there as the worm into the fly,
> Who, while a worm still, wants his wings.''

In this first century the meaning of Christ much perplexed the world. The pagan Cleon lingered on the fringe of a comprehension of Him, but unlike David, the Jewish lad in *Saul*, who with prophetic insight caught the vision of the incarnation, Cleon could only say of Paulus and Christus:

> ''Their doctrine could be held by no sane man.''

"CHRIST AND THE WAY"

By Rev. F. W. Stephenson, D.D.

Of the Way—Acts 9:2.

In preparation for the Way, Jesus had the priceless benefits of a thoroughly religious home. Saintly parents are the pre-requisites of a good, that is, a godly home. The spiritual seed sown in the heart of the Child during his early years produced the fruit of kindliness, sympathly, unselfishness and love. And we may add, the fruit of consecration. His experience with the doctors in the temple convinces us that even at the age of twelve He was conscious of a special relatitonship to the Father and that He was intended for a special mission in the world. This being the case, the struggle between His will and that of the Father was inevitable. The Temptation was the turning point in Jesus' life.

"The Choice of the Way"

Not by bread alone.—Luke 4:4.

Scripture: Luke 4:1-13.

The Temptation could have had no meaning for our Lord and still less for us, if it had not been a real experience. His divinity did not preclude, submerge or obliterate His humanity. If He were tempted in all points like as we are, He must have been just as human, just as frail, just as vulnerable. It was an imaginary but a terribly real experience.

The core of this titanic struggle was the temptation to misuse the powers God had bestowed. Would He employ those powers to satify His appetite? Would He use His spiritual resources to capture the glories and plaudits of this world? Would He resort to the marvelous to find a short cut to popularity and dominion? He stood definitely at the forks of the road. The one appeared easy and immediate, the other hard and long. It was a fearful moment for Him. It is none-the-less for us.

Self-indulgence, acclaim and power are the ''bread'' of the world, the meat upon which it feasts. How tempting they are! For the same longings are found in the hearts of all. And today! What frightful consequences are cursing the nations because men serve them instead of serving God.

With us it is a daily encounter, a daily demand for decision. With Jesus, conscious of His divine commission, it was epochal and final. All later temptations, if they came, could be but a shadow compared with this tremendous struggle. Upon the choice made, hung the future for Him and for all the world.

Jesus was well named for such a contest. The word of God was on His lips because it was in His Heart, firmly planted there in the devout Nazareth home. It brought to Him strength and understanding. It cleared His vision to see the difference between the two paths of life. The one was the way of selfishness and sin, the other was the way of self-denial, self-giving and service. He chose God's way.

> To every man there openeth
> A way, and ways, and the way;
> And the high soul takes the high way,
> And the low soul takes the low.
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> And every man decideth
> The way his soul shall go.
> —*John Oxenham.*

Prayer: Our Father, we pray for thy blessing upon our homes and the children Thou hast given. We know something of the temptations life will bring and the struggle they must face to keep their goodness, purity and strength. Grant unto all parents grace abundant that in wisdom, patience and understanding they may prepare their children to walk in Thy way, in faithfulness and uprightness. Amen.

A LENTEN OPPORTUNITY

''Lent is the Christian period of self-denial,'' states a recent communication from the Church Committee for China Relief, of 105 East 22nd Street, New York City. ''Why not make your self-denial count by helping save a million babies, boys and girls, men and women in China,—who need food, clothing, medical attention, shelter, and help to become self-supporting again?'' the Committee's statement adds. ''Enlist your family, friends, church school classes, young people's groups, women's and men's organizations in this Christ-like ministry.''

Attention is called to the appropriate ''Dime a Day'' Lenten labels which may be obtained from the Committee without cost. These may be attached to the ''Save Money to Save Lives'' envelopes, of which 500,000 have already been distributed to local committees in many cities of the United States.

This Lenten label reads:

Children—Young People—Adults
A Dime a Day During Lent
February 22 to April 9
WILL SAVE ONE LIFE
IN CHINA
From May Until September Harvest
How Many Lives Will You Save?

From Wynn C. Fairfield, D.D., *Director Church Committee for China Relief*, 105 East 22nd Street, New York City.

The high prize of life, the crowning fortune of a man, is to be born with a bias to some pursuit, which finds him in employment and happiness.—*Emerson.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Rev. O. L. Easter

PETER PREACHES TO GENTILES

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, March 5

By Rev. O. L. Easter

Lesson Text—Acts 10:30-48.

Golden Text—Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the end of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.—Isaiah 45:22.

In our present lesson we find the early church at an important cross-road in its young history. Within the vision of its great leader, Peter, concering unclean beasts and its message of universality of God's purpose in this salvation which led the way through Cornelius in to world program we see the first impressive step that they took in giving Christ to the world. For us today who are followers of Jesus it is a bit hard to appreciate the reason for the Jewish Christians being hesitant in preaching Christ to the Gentiles, yet we must see that into their lives had been poured years of social and religious prejudices that were very strong. We all know something of the power of prejudice. Let some one merely tell us of some skeleton in the closet concerning some friend of ours and even when all that we know of that one cries out for us to deny it some how that prejudice to some degree still colors our attitude. Many of us in the South who call ourselves Christians find it very easy to say on the street corner, "I hate a nigger" and if pressed for a reason would have to confess that we do not have any definite ones. The only answer in most cases would be prejudice that had its reason back in another day. The late Dr. Tillett of Vanderbilt University on class one day defined prejudice as being the "mildew of the mind" which is to say that prejudice like mildew results where light is not present. Now the crowning power of Christ is that He is the Light of the world and in this lesson text we see the light penetrating the dark closet of Peter's thinking concerning the Gentiles and thereby dispelling his prejudices concerning all races of men. What a tremendous awakening for all men that was which led these early Christians into the blessed conviction that "God is no respecter of persons."

Robert Frost in his delightful poem *Mending Walls* has, I think, caught the shallowness and narrowness of human prejudice. In this poem he is describing an old New England custom which has neighbors of adjoining farms to meet each year to mend the old rock wall that divides their farm lands. This custom is handed down with an old saying which has it that "good fences make good neighbors." Frost cleverly shows that in the case of these two neighbors that

"There were it is we do not need the wall:
He is all pine and I am apple-orchard.
My apple trees will never get across
And eat the cones under his pines, I tell him.
He only says, "Good fences make good neighbors."
He will not go behind his father's saying,
And he likes having thought of it so well
He says again, "Good fences make good neighbors."

This neighbor is so wrapped in the old sayings of his fathers that he is blinded to the broader ways of his day. His friend, however, has caught the uselessness of the wall and the foolishness of trying to keep it in repair. Furthermore he sees that it is a stumbling-block to neighborliness.

"Something there is that doesn't love a wall
That wants it down!"

Thus in our lesson we see God patiently reasoning with Peter and the Jewish Christians to show them that the wall of race prejudice which has been handed down to them from their fathers is not right in His sight and that all the conviction of this Christ they preach is that real something which does not love such a wall and wants above all things that it will come down.

This was a hard lesson for Peter to learn and it took the vision from heaven and the voice of the Heavenly Father to effect its teaching. Even with the vision Peter was slow in trusting. When, however he saw the truth of the vision at work in the lives of Cornelius and the other Gentiles, how they had received the Holy Spirit in like manner as the Jew, he was led to perceive that God was truly no respecter of persons. Peter and his frends were more to be excused for their blind prejudice than we Christians of today. We in America who are floundering so richly in the blessings of this new gospel of love and salvation can not hope to be excused easily when we seek to keep this saving faith within our own borders, for were it not for the universality of Christianity we would be without its light today. It is with deep gratitude that we should sing that great hymn which says:

"In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout this whole wide earth."

Hear the Master's words in this matter: "By this shall men know that ye are my disciples, that *ye have love* one to another." Not by color, clan, nor name does God call us but by the language of love and that operates in any human heart any where.

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APPRECIATION YEAR RALLY

An Appreciation Year Rally for Randolph Charge will be held at Gray's Chapel Church on the second Sunday afternoon in March, beginning at 2:30 o'clock. Dr. S. W. Taylor, chairman of our district, will preside. Mrs. Bruce Pugh, one of the leading members of Gray's Chapel, will conduct a brief worship program. Special music will be furnished. Dr. Taylor and Mrs. W. C. Hammer will be the speakers. A large attendance is desired.

H. L. Isley.

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If I know anything about farming, it takes an expert to sow, a novice to reap. The sower and the reaper shall rejoice together.—*Jock Troup, Scotland.*

OUR CHURCH—HER PAST

By Rev. J. Elwood Carroll

(*Continued from Last Week*)

The Objectives of the Reformers Were Realized

At the second General Convention, held also in Baltimore, two years later (1830), the objectives of the Reformers were incorporated in the newly adopted "Constitution and Discipline of the Methodist Protestant Church," which contained a historical sketch of Methodism, the Constitution composed of a preamble and seventeen articles, Wesley's General Rules, the regular Methodist Twenty-five Articles of Religion, the ritual for the celebration of baptism, communion, burial, ordination, and marriage, as well as the required course for preachers on trial, blanks and forms for various uses, and a statement of the boundaries of the several annual conferences.

Membership in a local church was based upon only one requirement:—"A desire to flee from the wrath to come, and be saved by grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, with an avowed determination to walk in all the commandments of God blameless." (C. & D., 1831, p. 16).

1. *The Mode of Trial.* Criticism of the mode of trial as incorporated in the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church began in 1798 when Simon Sommers suggested to Bishop Asbury that it should be altered. The major objection to the mode of trial as practiced by the Methodist Episcopal Church, advanced by the Reformers was that it did not allow the accused person ample time to prepare his defense between the date on which he recieved his notice and the convening of the court to hear his case. Samuel K. Jennings, of Baltimore, received his summons on September 19, 1827, and was to be tried the next day. William W. Hill, of North Carolina, had only a two-day notice of his trial. So, in an effort to get a change in the mode of trial, the General Reform Convention, which met in Baltimore during November of 1827, requested in its Memorial to the General Conference of 1828 be modified.

The mode of trial in our Church was fully and pedantically set forth in Articles X and XIV of the Constitution, which parts could be changed only by a two-thirds vote of the annual conferences and the General Conference.

2. *Rights of the Local Preachers.* John Wesley had a wonderful ability to use laymen in his evangelical movement. These men were given a license to preach and exhort. The number of these traveling and local preachers was ever increasing. It has been estimated that there were at least two thousand local preachers in America by 1804 (Mutual Rights, 1, 402). In 1809, Bishop Asbury had a list of 1,610 local preachers' names and addresses, but he supposed that the number represented only about half the total. By 1823 there were 6,878 local preachers in American Methodism (Ibid, I. 402).

These local preachers had no rights in any of the governing bodies of the Church. So, in 1820, John C. French brought their cause before the General Conference, pointing out the friction between the local preachers and traveling ministers. French asked that, either the local preachers be given a voice in the governing bodies, or be allowed to have their own separate bodies. The latter was granted, but soon repealed.

In the Methodist Protestant Church, the local preachers were made official members of the quarterly conference and could be elected in the place as a lay delegate to the annual and general conferences.

3. *The Election of the Presiding Elder.* The presiding elder was the "assistant bishop." The position, but not the title of presiding elder, had been recognized at the Christmas Conference. In fact, the thirteen elders elected there were presiding elders, for each of them had a certain territory and several preachers under his care and supervision. The title "presiding elder" appears in the Minutes of the Council in 1789 and 1790, then lost until officially adopted in 1797 (1, 33, 75).

The Presiding Elder had the power to change, receive, or suspend preachers during the intervals between annual conference sessions; to call together the preachers at each quarterly meeting; to see that the District Discipline was enforced; and to attend the bishop when present in the District, and give him a written account of affairs when absent. In this way no preacher of any grade or station was ever left a day without a superior. DuBose says, "The presiding eldership in early Methodism was the right arm of its power. It made the episcopacy effective—the episcopacy as expressed in the authority, personality, and policy of Francis Asbury." (Mutual Rights, 1. 402).

The first entrance of the presiding elder issues into the General Conference was in 1800. There had been, however some criticism of the power of the bishop which was augmented by the increasing number of presiding elders. At this General Conference a resolution was offered authorizing the annual conferences to elect the presiding elders within their areas. The resolution was lost. The issue has come up in some form in practically every General Conference since that time; also, in the General Conferences of the M. E. Church, South, but has always been defeated.

Our Church solved the problem in the early days by having the stationing committee designate the "presiding elder" who supervised the several preachers on a circuit. His term was for only one year, but could succeed himself. But with the development of the appointments to a full-time, one man's responsibility, the presiding elder passed out of the picture.

4. Closely related to presiding elder was the issue of the *Power of the Bishops and the General Conference.* The issue was brought to a focus in September, 1822, when Nathan Bangs issued his pamphlet the "Vindication of Methodist Episcopacy," which he defended upon the sole ground of "necessity from the moral state of society." (P. 96). Prior to that time much discussion of, and criticism directed towards the Church which had in its governing bodies only ministers, and they in turn controlled by presiding elders and bishops, had been published in the Wesley Repository.

(*To Be Continued Next Week*)

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Theaters are largely filled and churches are largely emptied because actors treat fiction as fact, while many preachers treat fact as fiction. *Jock Troup, Scotland.*

DO IT NOW

It is imperative that our denomination have its full quota of delegates present at the Uniting Conference in Kansas City on April 26. To fail to do so might suggest that we are not as whole-heartedly interested in the outcome of such a momentous meeting as we have professed to be, or it might suggest that, because of a failure on our part to provide adequately for the expenses of our delegates to and from the meeting, many of them were forced to remain at home. It is my belief that an overwhelming majority of the members of our church are whole-heartedly in favor of Methodist union, and that they want all of their delegates to be present and participating when it is consummated. I believe, also, that all of us are agreed that no delegate ought to be expected to give his time and pay his own expenses while rendering this important service for the entier denomination.

Having said so much let me hasten to call attention to the fact that in the past we have never paid all of the expenses of our delegates to our conferences, even though assessments have been made for this purpose. Many of our laymen are fully able financially to meet such an expense, but they ought not to be expected to do so. However, few if any of our ministers are able to do so, and unless the assessment made for this purpose is paid some of our ministers will of necessity be kept away from the meeting.

I wonder if it would not be a source of real joy if every charge in the conference paid its assessment for this purpose not later than April 10. Even if this is done each delegate will be under the necessity of paying a part of his expenses out of his own pocket for the reason that the amount assessed is not large enough to meet them in full.

As chairman of a committee appointed by President Pritchard to boost the payment of this assessment in full by all of the charges, I am urging our churches to raise this assessment at once if possible, and send it to Mr. J. H. Allen, Treasurer, Reidsville, N. C. The other members of the committee, Dr. S. W. Taylor, of Asheboro, and Mr. M. A. Coble, of Burlington, N. C., are hereby authorized to add two big boosts to this little one.

GEO. E. BROWN.

The President's Letter

(Continued from Page Two)

ward winning the lost, pastor thinks all claims will be paid in full. Prospects good for best year yet.

Shiloh Charge, Rev. C. E. Ridge, pastor.—All budgets accepted, World Service will be paid by April 30th, all churches gave largest Thanksgiving offering to Children's Home, ever, all churches paid HERALD subsidy in full. Shiloh church has paid every budget except W. S. Shiloh and Friendship churches have paid pastor to date, received seven new members, attendance and spirituality gratifying. Charge will meet all conference requirements.

First Church, Thomasville, Rev. J. T. Bowman, pastor.—Interest and attendance good, cooperation especially fine, congregation pledge to do its best to raise World Service, all other finances paid to date, appropriate services held at Christmas. Unusually good Young People's Day services held, with good offering.

Guilford Charge, Rev. Joel B. Trogdon, pastor.—Already goodly sum raised on World Service. People seem determined to raise it in full. Churches asked to tithe during the month of March, special offerings will take care of Annual Conference budget. Good spirit manifested at each church, good attendance at all the Sunday schools.

Anderson Charge, Dr. T. M. Johnson, pastor.—Continuation of iprovementts on buildings and grounds at both churches, increased interest in World Service, amount raised will be larger this year than last, Ladies' Aid Society of Fairview church planning for review of mission study book, "Moving Millions." Fairview church giving emphasis to temperance. Each church planning to hold a five day leadership school; general condition as to interest and spirituality gratifying.

Spring Church Charge, Rev. J. E. Garlington, pastor.—Response has been very good along all lines, endeavoring to raise all claims, $434.00 paid on debt at Spring Church, good Young People's Day offering at each church with helpful services, most of A. C. claims paid, new hymnals purchased at Spring Church, Thanksgiving offering for Home amounted to $78.54, Woman's Auxiliary active, pastor's salary about paid to date.

Richland Charge, Rev. C. L. Grant, pastor.—A. C. expenses raised at Giles, Browers and Charlotte, Browers and Giles have paid delegates' expenses, some raised on World Service. $100.00 raised for parsonage improvement, Charlotte has about completed Sunday school rooms, the total cost being about $1,300.00 with $400.00 yet to be raised, Browers has underpinned church and built steps at cost of $140.00—all paid, Cemetery at Giles has been greatly improved, six new members have been received, think the charge will raise most of World Service.

Mebane, Rev. D. I. Garner, pastor.—Church attendance best during present pastorate, A. C. expenses paid in full, more raised already on World Service than was raised during all of last year, pastor's salary almost paid to date.

Mt. Hermon, Rev. J. R. Anderson, pastor.—Young People's Day being observed, delegates' expenses being raised, outlook for World Service is good, the people in fine spirit, the work is going fine.

Graham, Rev. H. F. Surratt, pastor.—White Gifts service in interest of Children's Home held at Christmas with good results, Young People's Day services and offering good, study course for church officials conducted, splendid attendance at morning worship services, finances in better shape than at this time last year; World Service assessment being raised; joined in Union Prayer services first week in 1939 in which all churches of the city joined.

Appointments

Sunday, March 5th, Forsyth Charge, 11 a. m. Maple Springs, 7:30 p. m. Mt. Carmel.

Sunday, March 12th, 11 a. m. Albemarle; 2:30 p. m. Pine Bluff.

Sunday, March 19th, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Enfield.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

By REV. JOSEPH COBLE

RURAL AMERICA—A NEW FRONTIER

Christian Endeavor Topic for March 12, 1939

By JOSEPH COBLE

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, March 6 — Messiah's earthly blessing. Ps. 72:1-8.

Tuesday, March 7—Sharing with God. Prov. 3:9, 10.

Wednesday, March 8—A lesson from lilies and birds. Matt. 6:25-34.

Thursday, March 9—Fate of a rich farmer. Luke 12:16-21.

Friday, March 10—Parable of the sower. Matt. 13:1-9.

Saturday, March 11—Spiritual sowing and reaping. Gal. 6:7, 8.

The Text: Prov. 24:27-32.

Perhaps the greatest problem that confronts the church today, especially in North Carolina, is the situation in rural communities—a new frontier that is worthy of our consideration. In the past the rural church has been adequately meeting the needs and has sent out into the world some of the finest men and women that America has produced. The one room church which was the center of the community life reached all of the people of the community. The one or two sermons a month along with the annual visit of the minister, the revival meeting, and family worship instilled something into the hearts and minds of the young people that grew without interference.

Even though in America there are more people living in rural communities than ever before, and present a problem that is worthy of our interest, we perhaps should consider the conditions that exist in North Carolina. While there are still a large number of people who live in rural communities, many of them work in the industrial plants of the cities and towns. Thus the country young people go to the town for education, employment and recreation.

Those who do secure an education and thus might become leaders in local church and community remain in the towns. The rural community has been deprived of these talented young people who should be the leaders in the local church and community. The other young people, those who work in the towns and who may stay at home or come back to the country for the week-end, feel that the one-roomed church is out-of-date and unable to meet their needs, and all too often it is.

These young people associate with town young people, they dress just as nice as do their city cousins. They have money to spend for the same expensive amusements, and so when Sunday comes they are not satisfied to go to the country church with its inadequate program but rather they enjoy commercial amusements that have been denied them in the past.

With small scattered rural churches of various denominational connections which refuse to cooperate with each other, even in the same community; with the people of the community who are earning money, spending it elsewhere; with very little local leadership; and with the type of minister who are willing to work on the salaries paid, we find our rural churches in a pitiful, run-down condition. The buildings need repairs, the equipment and literature is inadequate, and the congregation is made up of some old people who run the church just as it was run a few generations ago, and of a few children who can not get to town for recreation.

There are many organizations who are looking after such situations in urban communities but very little has been done in rural sections. Trained leadership, which in turn would bring a well-worked out program, or the money that would secure such leadership is the greatest need.

Some few churches have leadership training courses, but in many the Christian Endeavor society is the only place where youth may develop itself for leadership. Real good could be done for all parties concerned if a C. E. society in some urban community would go to some rural church with its one sermon a month program and conduct a real program, even to the extent of some of the members doing the preaching on some Sundays. The rural churches could secure from the denominational leaders, at very little cost, a leadership training course that would enable them to revitalize the church and its program.

The best move that has been taken to meet this new frontier in the rural church, has been the working together of different churches of different denominations in the same community to bring to the people an adequate program that will lead the people of the community into a new religious experience—that will meet the needs of the people. It will be only when Christians are willing to work together that this new frontier will be conquered for Christ.

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GREATNESS

I like the man who faces what he must
With step triumphant and a heart of cheer,
Who fights the daily battle without fear,
Sees the hopes fail, yet with unfaltering trust
That God is God—that somehow, true and just,
His plans work out for mortals. Not a tear
Is shed when fortune, which the world holds dear,
Falls from his grasp. Better with love a crust
Than living in dishonor; envies not.
Nor loses faith in man, but does his best,
Nor even murmurs at his humble lot;
But, with a smile and words of hope, gives zest
To every toiler. He alone is great
Who, by a life heroic, conquers fate.

—Sarah Knowles Bolton.

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A man knocked up the doctor in a small village at 3 a.m., and asked him to come immediately to a place about 10 miles away.

The doctor dressed and got out his car, and they drove furiously to their destination.

Upon arrival the man asked, "What is your fee, doctor?" "A guinea," the doctor replied in some surprise.

"Here it is then," said the man, handing over the money, "and cheap, too. The garage man wanted thirty bob to drive me over. You see, I missed the last train."

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Snider-Floyd

On Christmas eve, in the parsonage of the First M. P. church of Thomasville, Miss Lois Snider and Marshall Floyd were united in marriage by James T. Bowman. The ring ceremony of the M. P. church was used.

Mrs. Floyd is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jones Snider of Denton. She is a graduate of Denton high school.

Mr. Floyd is the youngest son of Mrs. David Floyd and the late Mr. David Floyd. He is a graduate of Denton high school and is a promising young farmer of near Denton. He is an active member of Central M. P. church of Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd are now at home to their many friends near Denton. May they have happiness and success in life.

JAMES T. BOWMAN.

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Riley-Smith

A marriage of much interest to the people of the Union Grove community and Hillsboro was that of Miss Flora E. Riley to Connor L. Smith on Sunday, January 22, at 10 minutes until 9 o'clock a.m. The marriage took place at the Orange charge parsonage in Efland, with Rev. C. P. Morris, pastor of the bride, officiating, using the ring ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Parker and Mrs. Morris were the only witnesses of the ceremony.

Mrs. Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Riley of the Union Grove community. She is a member of Union Grove church and a very capable reporter to the Herald. Mr. Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Smith of Hillsboro.

We extend to this couple our hearty wishes for success and happiness.

C. P. MORRIS.

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MISTAKES

Machines, I take it, do not make mistakes;
Let me be glad that I am no machine,
And that I err, being human.
He's not a fool
Who makes mistakes, but he is thrice a fool
Who makes the same mistakes continually
Show me the man who never makes mistakes,
And I will show you one who never makes
Anything else. The errors of the past
Herald the future's wisdom and success;
I think that no man ever did become
A great man or a good one, save by making
Many and great mistakes. I wish that I
May find myself among the very few
Who, having erred, acknowledge it. Because
So many I have known—so terribly many!—
Who, though the world derides their claims as nonsense,
Maintain that they are right against the world.
I know one man who has not made a blunder
For twenty years; the record shows that he
Died on November Tenth, 1916.

—Ted Robinson.

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Teacher: "Your history was bad, and you had to write it out 20 times, but you have only done it 17 times."

Boy: "Yes, sir; my arithmetic is bad, too."

MISSIONARY COLUMN

MRS. R. M. ANDREWS, Editor
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AS TO CREDITS ON BUDGETS

In my article on page six of the Herald of February 16, I made the statement that Minis' fund is a credit on World Service.

Yesterday an Auxiliary treasurer asked if she could count what she had sent in on Minnis' fund, to the credit of her Auxiliary World Service budget. If any other Auxiliary treasurers are confused on this matter I should like to clear it up. At Annual Meeting last April every Auxiliary was given a general World Service apportionment, and nearly every Auxiliary was also given a speciled World Service apportionment known as Minnis' fund; it will be necessary for both these items to be paid as given in order that the Auxiliary may meet its budgets in full.

If all Auxiliaries raise their general World Service apportionments in full we will have a total of $4,730 in that item which includes Thank Offerings. Our state treasurer has already received $947 for Minnis' salary. The N. C. Branch has an apportionment of $6,000 for World Service given it by the convention. Although no definite amount was apportioned each Auxiliary for Thank Offering the Branch set its own goal of $2,000 for the two Thank Offerings and we hope these offerings will swell the general World Service funds far enough above the apportionments to reach $6,000; we believe they will if every church in our state is given an opportunity to make a Thank Offering after having an explanation made of the meaning of the offering.

And if in addition to this the various organizations in the churches help us to raise the full Minnis' salary, as suggested in the article referred to above, we will almost have the Love Gift of 10% above our budget asked of all Branches by the convention.

We will need to do all of this for a real observance of Appreciation Year.

Please talk this and work it and pray earnestly for it.

Waiting with earnest expectation for the consummation of our hope, I am,

Yours very sincerely,
MRS. R. M. ANDREWS, President,
N. C. Branch of Women's Work.

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URGENT CALL TO PASTORS AND AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS

Lawndale, N. C.
Feb. 27, 1939.

As an Auxiliary worker who is deeply interested in N. C. Branch of Women's Work, may I have space to write a letter to the Herald this week urging a 100% observance of Thank Offering? Please heed this call to observe Thank Offering in every church in our N. C. Conference at an early date. The month of February is the regular time to hold our spring Thank Offering service, but if any church or Auxiliary has failed to hold it in February then plan your services immediately and observe Thank Offering as early in March as possible.

"Giving for Gratitude" is our Thank Offering theme this year, and surely, it is a very appropriate theme for this our last year as a Methodist Protestant denomination when we are celebrating "Appreciation Year." As a church and as individuals, we certainly have much for which to be grateful. How are we showing our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the many, many blessings He bestows upon us each day? When the church makes a plea for some worthwhile project, do we turn a deaf ear and complain about how much the preacher begs for money for this cause and that? Remember Christ gave His all for us, and if we are true Christians I believe we will be glad to give a proportionate part of our income to His work. In II Corinthians 9:7 we read, "So let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

Let's show our gratitude by observing Thank Offering in every church of our Conference. I believe it can be done if every pastor will cooperate and do a little extra work. So, pastors, even if all your churches do not have Auxiliaries please get busy and plan a Thank Offering service for each of your churches. Send the offering to Mrs. Coy L. Kearns, Denton, N. C., and tell her it is your Thank Offering and she will be glad to credit it on both the World Service budget of the church and the Auxiliary. Now will not that be an easy way to help raise your World Service budget in full? If each of the 222 churches in our Conference would send a Thank Offering of $5 each we could more than reach our goal, which is $1,000.

So pastors and Auxiliary presidents, let's boost this work and see that our N. C. Branch of Women's Work goes over the top. if you need any literature or information about Thank Offering write Mrs. W. C. Hammer, Asheboro, N. C., and she will send you some free literature.

"Must I give again and again?
'Ah, no,' said the angel, looking me through.
'Just stop when the Father stops giving
to you'."

MRS. T. G. MADISON.

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MINNIS' FUND

We are on the home stretch and we are going to raise the Minnis' salary in full. If you continue to send me reports like this:

First church, Thomasville, $15.00; West End, Thomasville, $5.00.

These are Love Gifts—above their apportionments. Will everybody please send me a card telling me how much your Auxiliary has sent above apportionment and how much any C. E. society, S. S. class or Ladies' Aid has sent or is sending and get your name in this list of givers of Love Gifts to the Minnis' fund.

Yours for the fund in full,
MRS. H. C. NICHOLSON.

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"Ah, you have no idea what seasickness is, Katherine. If you had it and anyone came and wanted to kill you, you would offer to make him your sole heir!"

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"How is it that you have a picture of only one of the twins?"

"They both look exactly alike, so what's the difference?"

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Orange Chapel, Saxapahaw	$ 1.00
Reidsville, S. S.	10.00
Mt. Moriah S. S., Cleveland	.78
Pleasant Gap S. S., Democrat, clothing child	9.50
Shady Grove S. S., Connelly Springs	1.00
Browers Chapel S. S., Richland	8.60
Shiloh S. S., Shiloh	10.00
Saxapahaw S. S., Saxapahaw	2.00
Liberty S. S.	5.00
Calvary S. S., Greensboro	15.00
Bethel, Randolph	3.66
Union Ridge S. S., Forsyth	5.00
Charlotte, Richland, Jan. and Feb.	10.32
The Ladies' Bible class, R. I. Avenue, Washington, D. C., clothing child	5.00
Flag Springs S. S., Why Not	2.50
Tabernacle S. S., Tabernacle	7.06
Mt. Pleasant S. S., N. Davidson	1.29
Miss Vera P. Wilson, Clinton, S. S., tithes	5.00
Miss Gladys Wilson, Clinton, S. C., tithes	5.00
Rockingham S. S.	2.00
Yarborough Chapel S. S.	3.87
Fountain Place S. S., Burlington	5.42
Milton, Del., T. O.	4.00
Friendship S. S., Haw River	5.00
The Ethel Hempstead Circle, Inwood, L. I., feeding child	5.00
Baltimore S. S., W. Forsyth	3.00
Maple Springs S. S., Forsyth	5.00

We are truly thankful for these gifts of money winding up the contributions received for February. We pray God's blessings upon all who have contributed.

Please Note

When you read this March will have come. For the last several years we have had to ask all our good people for a boost in their offerings for March to make up for the falling off of offerings during January and February. We hereby make our appeal for increased offerings in March this year for the same reason. We have fallen behind for these last two months, so please help us out.

If your church or Sunday school has set a goal and is living up to it, we thank you. If not, then please set a goal and a worthy one. Flag Springs, Why Not has increased its goal for this year by 50c per month: Shiloh on Shiloh by $1.50 per month, and First church, High Point, by $10 per month. Henderson set a goal for this year, and a number of other Sunday schools are keeping up their regular goals. This helps us wonderfully. But the great majority of Sunday schools just send us whatever they get whether it be a rainy Sunday or a fair Sunday. Rainy Sundays cut us down.

Special Note

The main thing which has cut our offerings down during January and February this year is the great number of Sunday schools and churches which have not sent any offerings during these two months. We know they do not mean to quit us, so are asking that they make it up during March. Thank you and God bless you every one.

Yours in His service,
A. G. DIXON, Supt.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

First Church, Charlotte, Rev. T. E. Strickland, Pastor. — Workers' Council was held Tuesday evening, February 14, at the home of Mrs. R. S. Garmon on Mathinson avenue. After the business meeting a Valentine party was enjoyed by those attending.

Mr. L. W. Garmon, superintendent of our Sunday school, has been elected secretary of the City-Wide Asosciation of Superintendents. We are sure that he will fill this office successfully, as he is one on whom you can depend. We are indeed proud of him, and our cooperation is extended to him in any way we can help.

Our pastor delivered two very good sermons Sunday. His subject for the morning service was "Reasons for Living." His evening subject based on the fifth commandment, "Honor Thy Parents."

An executive meeting of the Mecklenburg County C. E. Union officers was held Sunday afteronon at our church. Plans are being made for the rally which will be held the first Sunday in March.

We were glad to see Mr. Harwood back at church after his illness, also Mr. James McCall. Both have been in the hospital, but we are glad to know that they are able to be out again.

Mr. C. S. Wilson, a former member of our church, returned to teach the Adult class last Sunday.

The young people have started working on the play, "The Unlighted Cross," to be presented on Easter Sunday. The play, "Opening the Door," was such a success, we are planning also on a big success for the new one.

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Draper Church, J. L. Love, Pastor, Feb. 26.—We are glad to report that our Sunday school and church attendance are the best they have ever been. We are happy that our church continues to improve. The remarks you hear is, our church is in the best shape it has ever been in. Our pastor has been working hard these years he has been with us and continues to give us splendid sermons. We had a fine attendance at both services yesterday. Mrs. Pearl Barber united with our church last night, coming from the Baptist church. We have received a good number of new members this year, several have been converted since our last report and united with our church. We are also expecting our spring revival will start Sunday. Pray for us that there may be a great ingathering of souls during the service.

Sunday will be set apart as a special day to raise the Annual Conference expenses and the expenses of the delegates to the uniting conference. Our pastor has been faithful and is doing his best to raise these claims, so we are hoping to raise these next Sunday. We can't understand why some people wont to wait till the last of the year to pay these claims. We should appreciate our church enough to sacrifice if necessary.

Our church has bought a bus, which is very much needed, since our church is at the edge of Draper. We have some faithful members who walk from the other side of town to attend our church, others who want to come but it is to far for them to walk. This has been a handicap to our church all these years. We are hoping this will be cleared up. We are getting our bus today and hoping to have it running next Sunday.

Our Ladies' Aid is working and doing all they can to help with the finances of the church.

Our C. E. society is going along fine. Our choir has been greatly improved since our weekly choir practice every Tuesday night. We are having Bible studies each Wednesday evening, they are very interesting.

Pray for us that our church may continue to go forward.

A MEMBER.

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Ebenezer, Greensville Charge, J. M. Morgan, Pastor.—It has been some time since our last report, nevertheless we are moving on. Brother Morgan has filled every appointment and has brought to us a wonderful message each time.

Yesterday he was greeted by an average attendance with several visitors present, among this number was Mrs. C. L. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Van Wood and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Pearson, of Roanoke Rapids, N. C. Mr. Morgan brought to us the beautiful picture of Elijah and Elisha, and urged us to pray the prayer of Elisha: "That a double portion of his spirit might fall on us."

Our Sunday school attendance is not what it should be partly due to so much sickness in our church family. The names are as follows: Mrs. John Ludor, Mrs. Nannie Wrenn, Miss Lillie Moore, Miss Mary Lee Pearson and Mrs. J. B. High; we are hoping and praying they will all soon be able to come back to church and fill their places again.

We are planning an Easter program to be given the second Sunday night, April 9, if no other announcements is made. The public is cordially invited to attend.

MRS. F. A. PEARSON.

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Mill Grove, Midland Charge. — Sunday, February 26, was preaching again; Brother Cook gave us a fine sermon; the text was 63rd Psalms and 7th verse. Subject, "The Help and Refuge of God." His sermon was very inspiring to those who are looking for a better way of living, we should all be glad to have some one to show us the way to a better life while there are a great number to whom we talk who will say they are going to live better but when they get from our sight they seem to forget that there is a Heavenly Father who loves them. Some will think of what God gives them and are thankful for His blessings. We have our problems to contend with, I think if all the members of the different churches could have Brother Cook's pleading and advice that we all would live better lives. Brother Cook is a consecrated, hard working pastor, he gets things done that some times seems almost impossible. He has done something for our church that no other pastor has ever done; he has printed a church directory and yearbook for every member of the church. I think that is a very fine thing for the members. We are very thankful to him for these little books.

On last Sunday, February 19, the children, brothers and friends of Mrs. C. W. Mesinhimer, gave her a surprise birthday dinner. There was a well-filled table of good things to eat. All of the children were present except George. We miss George very much, but he has a good position and we hope will make good.

Pray for all our work at Midland. We are always glad to hear from our former pastors.

CHAS. W. MESINHIMER.

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Bethany, Randolph Charge, H. L. Isley, Pastor.—Young People's day was observed on the third Sunday in February. Mr. Isley preached a very inspiring sermon especially for the young people. A nice offering was taken for the World Service budget.

Our attendance has been good in spite of sickness and bad weather.

Mrs. Clarence Baldwin is taking treatment at the Barnes-Griffin clinic. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Adelaide Osborne, of Worthville, is ill in the Randolph hospital. Mrs. Osborne is one of the oldest members of our church. We hope she will soon be well. Another of our older members, Miss Jane Davenport, has been sick at the home of her sister, Mrs. Tom Gaston.

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Earl Cox and children, of Ramseur, in the passing of Mr. Cox. Mrs. Cox is a member of our church.

The Christian Enedavor society met Sunday night with Paul Routh as leader. A very interesting program was given. Allene Julian will be the leader next Sunday night.

REPORTER.

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College St., Littleton Charge, D. D. Broome, Pastor.—Spring's just around the corner everybody. It makes us all feel so happy to see the shrubbery budding.

The third Sunday was a beautiful day. And along with the pretty weather to enjoy, we also enjoyed the fine message our pastor brought to us. It was based on us Christians sympathizing with the unsaved world. We had quite a few visitors among our congregation of which some were from out of town.

Since our last report, a group of the Auxiliary met with Mrs. W. L. Perkinson to put the finishing touches to the quilt we have been making; now it is ready to be sold.

Tuesday before the third Sunday several of the members spent the day cleaning the church and the church grounds.

Prayer service and choir practice have begun again at the church, having it at 7:30 o'clock Friday night of each week.

Mr. and Mrs. Broome and family were the dinner guests of Mrs. J. W. Warren Sunday.

We regret to report that there is lots of sickness in and around our town and community. Mr. Tasker Williams is sick with flu now and several members of Mr. John Harris and Mrs. Perkinson's families have been sick with flu also.

The Auxiliary met with Mrs. Bud Perry for the February meeting. Miss Annie Perkinson had charge of the program. Our

Our president, Mrs. Sallie Williams, was away at this time, so the vice-president presided over the meeting.

Our latest project now is selling of flavoring extracts and gelatine. The product was distributed to each member during Auxiliary meeting. We are hoping to make this undertaking a success, and pray for us to be successful in all our undertakings that are righteous in the sight of the Lord.

ANNIE PERKINSON, Reporter.

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Rehoboth, Granville Charge, J. P. Pegg, Pastor, Feb. 21.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday, February 19. He brought us a very inspiring message from the second chapter of St. John. Before taking his text he gave the young people an interesting talk on "Great Americanism and Their Religion." Our congregations are holding up well under the present circumstances of sickness in the community.

Sunday evening at 7 o'clock we had our Missionary Thank Offering service and Young People's program combined. The program consisted of recitations, special music, readings and a pageant. This was well rendered under the direction of Mrs. H. L. Wright, Thank Offering secretary, and Miss Naomi Breedlove. We were glad to have Rev. and Mrs. Cranford, of Henderson, with us at this service.

Friday evening, February 24, at 7:30 o'clock. Circles No. 1 and 2 of our Auxiliary will meet with Mrs. Richard Harris in a joint meeting. We are nearing the end of our Auxiliary year and we hope to have all members present.

MRS. MAUDE W. HIGHT, Reporter.

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Shiloh, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor.—Our work here continues to move along very satisfactorily. February 19 was observed as Young People's day at Shiloh. Two weeks before, our pastor set three goals for that day—350 on Sunday school roll; $100.00 offering nad every member contributing. The enrollment reached 349, and the offering went to $103.40 for the morning service. The Sunday school attendance was 272.

Sunday, too, was our regular offering for the Children's Home. Our apportionment has been $8.50 per month but since we've been collecting more than that amount, we raised the amount to $10 per month.

Our pastor gave a special Young People's message which was very deep and instructive. Music was furnished by the young people, with special selections given by the Primary department and also the Harmony Four (a newly-organized quartet, three of which are our own boys, namely our choirleader, Coley Scott, David Heitman, and Grady Leonard. R. L. Young, the fourth member, is from Reeds' Baptist church.)

Not only do our young people take active part in regular Sunday school and worship services but our C. E. society is one that is outstanding in our Conference. We give much credit to the C. E. society for helping to enable our young people to take the active part in leadership that exists in our church. Much of the spiritual life and activity of our young people originates in the C. E. society.

Blanche Sink and Mabel Berrier from our church, with Rev. and Mrs. Ridge, attended the Conference-wide Appreciation year meeting at Grace church, Greensboro, last Monday and enjoyed it very much. It was an inspirational meeting and we believe that you can watch for the report of Shiloh paying her World Service budget in full at an early date, since this item is causing much concern and work and the Conference urges payment before April 30, which is the dead line.

Our weekly prayer service are continuing with great interest and fair attendance. These services are proving helpful to our church's spiritual life. Next Sunday our monthly prayer service will be conducted by the Brotherhood's class of which Mrs. Wiley Shoaf is teacher.

Continue to pray for our success in the Master's service. REPORTER.

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Weaver's Chapel Church, Littleton Charge, D. D. Broome, Pastor.—Since we haven't made a report for sometime doesn't mean that we are not working just as hard.

Our pastor has been bringing fine messages, and on February 3 the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to a large crowd.

At last we have organized a Ladies' Auxiliary. Our first meeting was held at the church last Wednesday night. Considering the cold weather there was quite a number present. Mrs. Hervie Harper was elected president. She will have charge of the next meeting at her home. We are making a quilt and hope to have it finished soon.

The Sunday school is very active with much interest and cooperation. Last Sunday our pastor's three children sang "Jesus Loves Even Me" beautifully.

We are planning an Easter program and looking forward to making it a real success.

We are glad that Mrs. N. E. Wilson is able to be up and hope she will soon attend church and Sunday school as we need her help in our work.

BETTIE MAE KING, Reporter.

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Concord, E. O. Peeler, Pastor, Feb. 26.—Since our last report we have held our Young People's day program using the program by the Board of Christian Education. Our pastor and wife, Mrs. Whisnant, Miss Estelle Furr and Miss Melda Scarboro spent a week in Florida. They report a very fine trip. Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Burris and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Blackwelder spent a week in Florida, they also report a fine time.

We were so happy to have Dr. Paul S. Kennett preach for us the Sunday that Mr. Peeler was in Florida. Mr. Kennett has once been our pastor, but it was 21 years ago. We were so glad to see him again and we hope it wont be that long until he comes to visit us again. We were so glad that he brought his family with him. We were glad to have our Boy Scouts with us on that Sunday. Mr. Leander Nash and Mr. Willie Nash were the leaders of the Scouts. It was Boy Scout week and the different churches were so glad to have the boys present in a group with us.

We were very happy to go to the Kannapolis church on Sunday night and be with them on their Young People's day. Our folks put on the pageant for them.

Our Ladies' Aid is still very busy. Mrs. Peeler and Mrs. J. L. Sides have been working getting advertisements for our church bulletin. They had real good success.

Our Woman's Auxiliary will sponsor a fashion show in March.

We will start the month of March with as many members as will tithe and also will call the month of March visiting month. Each Sunday there will be names of the church members placed in the offering plates and we will take a name and visit that member during the week.

We were very happy to have Mr. Claude Eudy join our church family. We are so glad to see Mr. Willie Furr back at church; he can't play the organ yet as his ankle is still a little stiff but he can sing and it is so good to see him back.

We still have lots of sick folks. Mrs. Ruth Turner Knight has been seriously ill and in the hospital but is improving now. Mr. G. C. Honeycutt has been in the Duke hospital for treatment. Miss Helen Winsel is in the hospital, had an operation for appendicitis. Mrs. Bertha Brown Teeter has been confined at her home for several weeks. Mr. T. C. Beddington and little Buddy Patterson are in the hospital. Our hearts were made sad with Mr. Grover Honeycutt when death claimed his mother last Sunday night. The sweetest thing that can be said is, she was a good woman and she has just gone into the other room of her Mansion to live.

BERTHA EARNHARDT, Reporter.

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Randolph Charge.—The church work on Randolph charge is going forward. Just after Christmas meetings were held at Shiloh, Bethel, and Gray's Chapel to make plans to raise the World Service budget in full. Shiloh church has already paid half of this budget. Bethel, Bethany and Shiloh have paid A. C. and delegates' expense in full. Gray's Chapel has paid delegates' expense and almost out on A. C. expense. Young People's services have been held at each churrh. Attendance and interest are good at all four churches.

Mrs. Clarence Baldwin and Mrs. Jack Pugh are in the hospital at Asheboro for treatment. Others are sick in their homes. We hope for all a speedy recovery.

We are grateful to Bro. C. C. Hemphill for one gallon of fine home-made sorghum, to Mrs. A. O. Adams for a jar of presserves and Mrs. Isley is grateful to Mrs. G. L. Whitaker for a cash donation.

H. L. ISLEY.

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Bethesda, North Davidson, O. B. Williams, Pastor.—Young People's day was observed at our church on the second Sunday in February. The Young People carried out the drama "Shrines" very nicely. Collection was $5.12.

Our Sunday school is off in attendance some; there has been right much sickness and whooping cough in the community. We hope this will soon be better.

The Ladies' Auxiliary met with Mrs. Phillip Lanier with Mesdames Harvey Latham, Girla Essick and Flora Berrier joint hostesses. The meeting was opened by singing, "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us." The Guide book was used and study on Home Missions. Rev. Williams, pastor, gave a very interesting talk on this. Reading by Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Edna Craver; 79 visits to the sick were reported; one sent flowers and one tray. A song, "Follow the Gleam" was rendered by the girls. The meeting closed with a prayer by Mrs. R. E. Leonard.

It looks like all our boys are getting married: Mr. John Grubbs and Miss Mamie

Lee Black of Holly Grove; Mr. James Grubb and Miss Arlene Black, also of Holly Grove; Mr. Otho Everhart and Miss Drucilla Mize, of Good Hope; Mr. Paul Brinkley and Miss Pearl Wood, of this community; Mr. John Everhart, Jr., and Miss Beatrice Shoaf. We wish them all much friendship and happiness.

MRS. J. O. EVERHART, Reporter.

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First Church, Thomasville, James T. Bowman, Pastor, Feb. 27.—Our work during this year has been going fine. The interest and the cooperation of the people have been unusually good. Attendance at all services has been splendid.

Sunday, February 26, was a good day for us. During the morning worship service quite a number of our people pledged themselves to tithe during the month of Macrh and to pay the income from the tithing on our World Service apportionment which we hope to pay in full by April 30.

Following the morning worship service the Sunday school met in regular session. We are glad Mr. Connell, our Sunday school superintendent, has recovered sufficiently to be with us in most of our services. The Sunday school is doing fine under his leadership.

We are proud of our young people and their Christian Endeavor societies. The Senior society is under the leadership of Finch Jackson and is going forward. The Junior society is doing good work under the direction of Mrs. Theron Everhart and Mrs. Carrie Westmoreland.

At the evening worship hour the Woman's Auxiliary held the February Thank Offering service. This program was under the direction of Mrs. S. R. Westmoreland, who is Thank Offering secretary. The splendid devotion was given by Mrs. W. A. Leonard, Mrs. J. A. Hedrick and Mrs. J. W. Baity. An interesting review of the study book, "Dinabandhu" was given by Mrs. James T. Bowman. Mrs. A. H. Ragan, president of the Auxiliary, gave a few remarks about the Thank Offering which amounted to $61.

JAMES T. BOWMAN.

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Asheboro, Central Church.—Dr. Paul S. Kennett, of High Point college, delivered the morning message at the local church Sunday morning, during the absence of Dr. Taylor, who was attending a meeting of Unionism. At the evening worship hour, Rev. Roscoe B. Fisher, pastor of St. John's Lutheran church, of Asheboro, was guest speaker. Both services were attended by an appreciative congregation.

Miss Enolia Presnell, remains ill at her home at 1244 East Boulevard, Charlotte. Miss Presnell, who teaches in the Fayetteville primary school, has been ill since the Christmas holidays. Miss Esther Ross has recovered from many weeks' illness, and is teaching the Sunday school class at Central church of which Miss Presnell is regular teacher.

Mrs. S. L. Hayworth, who is receiving treatment is Memorial hospital, Winston-Salem, continues to improve. Mrs. J. R. Lutterloh has recovered from a prolonged illness with a throat infection.

The congregation extends sympathy to Mrs. S. W. Presnell, whose father, Martin Yow, died at his Seagrove home last week.

The entire church is profoundly grateful for the rug, shade and curtains which Mr. and Mrs. Jessee Councilman, prominent members of Central church, which they placed in the Friendly S. S. classroom during the past week. Mrs. D. D. Almont, sister of Mrs. Councilman, donated pictures and assisted with the placement of these valuable articles.

Miss Kate Hammer and Miss Virginia Lowe are home from an eight-day sojourn in New York city, where Miss Hammer selected spring merchandise for her millinery shoppe.

Students at the various colleges, who were at home for the week-end were: Martha Mendenhall, Helen Phillips, W. C. U. N. C.; Bill Bulla, State; and Jack Pugh, of High Point college.

The World Day of Prayer was observed at Central church on Friday afternoon from 3 to 4 o'clock, with Mrs. George Hasty as leader. Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr. and Miss Esther Ross assisted with the program. The guest speaker was Mrs. J. B. Fulp, pastor of the Asheboro Holiness church, who brought an inspiring message on "Answered Prayer."

CLETA RICH.

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Hebron Church, Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, Pastor.—Since our last report to the Herald, our pastor has held his regular appointments. Sunday he brought us an interesting message, "Preparing the Way Through Repentence," after which the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was observed.

The report of the church treasurer showed the finances of the church in good condition.

The stewards held their regular quarterly meeting February 22 at the home of Mr. A. K. McAdams.

The fourth Sunday in January Young People's day was observed by our church, pastor in charge, subject, "What the Methodist Protestant Church Has Meant to Me." A very impressive service was rendered by our young people.

The Woman's Auxiliary has held its regular meetings during the year. All members are urged to be present at our next meeting, as the election of officers for the coming year will be held. Date to be announced later.

The Auxiliary will have their Thank Offering service on Sunday, March 12, at 3 o'clock, at which time we will present a one-act religious drama, "A Parable of the Kingdom." The public is invited.

MRS. BEN F. WILSON, Reporter.

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Rankin Memorial, Edward Suits, Pastor.—Work is progressing nicely at Rankin Memorial. Our attendance has been good during the winter and the church attendance has increased quite a bit during the past few Sundays. Our pastor has been bringing some splendid msesages. On last Sunday morning he used for a text, "This do in remembrance of me." At the close of the service communion was observed. The evening message was "The Song of Moses and the Lamb." We have received two new members recently. They are Mrs. Frank Ring and Mrs. Hutchins.

Our Workers Council has been meeting in regular sessions to work out the problems of the Sunday school and church.

We have been doing some outside work at our church. A few weeks ago we planted some shrubbery in front of the church which has greatly added to its attractiveness. We also have water in the basement now. Both the material and labor for this worthwhile cause was donated by one of our members, Mr. Thomas Johnson.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will have charge of the Thank Offering service which will be held next Sunday evening, March 4 at 7:30. This service will be in the form of a candlelight service and there will be a guest speaker present.

There has been quite a bit of sickness in our church and community. One of our faithful members, Mrs. W. L. Hooper, has been quite sick for the past few days. We hope she will soon be well and able to be back with us.

REPORTER.

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Pine Bluff Church, C. G. Isley, Pastor.—We were glad to have with us our pastor again as he was in Florida on vacation last appointment, but I can speak in behalf of all who heard the man who spoke in Brother Isley's place, that we sure did enjoy listening and having with us one of our home preachers, Bro. L. E. Mabry and family, pastor of First church, Lexington.

At the present our members are undertaking a project which we hope will put a new floor in our church building. This project is to cut the timber which is on the church lot into cord wood and buy flooring to floor the church. We hope we can carry this project out.

We are making good headway at raising our amount for World Service, and by putting the job into the hands of the Ladies' Auxiliary we feel sure they can raise the balance of the amount.

CLIFFORD BARBEE, Reporter.

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First Church, Lexington, L. E. Mabry, Pastor.—The attendance at our Sunday school and worship service is holding up very well at this time. Our pastor has been peraching some interesting sermons. We had the pleasure last Sunday night of having Rev. Tom A. Sykes, personnel director for the Thomasville Chair company, and leader of many activities at Thomasville. Mr. Sykes gave a splendid talk for Thank Offering service to a very large congregation, every one enjoyed his talk very much. We hope to have him back with us in the near future.

Mrs. H. C. Koonts is ill at this time. She was unable to teach her class last Sunday.

Mrs. J. J. Mallard gave a valentine party at her home on Market street on Tuesday, February 14.

REPORTER.

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Glen Raven Charge, Joseph Coble, Pastor.—This charge has some of the hardest working Christians that the writer has ever come in contact with. This is evidenced by the way they carried on the program and work of the church during the illness and death of Mr. Troxler. The work that was carried on between the time of Mr. Troxler's passing and the end of the Conference year is a tribute to the fine work of one of the younger members of the Haw River church, Rev. Charles Coble.

Young People's day was observed at all three churches. The pageant "Shrines" was given at the Glen Raven and the Haw River churches. This pageant, under the direction of Miss Frances Pritchett of the Glen Raven church, has been the outstanding program of the year.

The Haw River church has started a campaign by which they hope to pay off all expenses for the Conference year by the last of April. No where have the people taken to the idea of Church Union any more strongly than have the M. P. church and the M. E. church, South, of Haw River. These two churches are uniting in a revival meeting the latter part of May with Dr. Paschall doing the preaching.

Perhaps the outstanding work on the charge is being done by Mr. J. L. Stanley, who is both Sunday school supreintendent and leader of the C. E. society of the Fairview church. He is a talented young man who is giving his best to the Master.

There are outstanding young people in all of these churches and these young people are going to lead these churches into new Christian experiences. The youth of these churches are marching on. They are ready to step in line and march forward with the Youth Crusade of the new Methodist church.

JOSEPH COBLE.

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Friendship Church, Chase City Charge, D. D. Broome, Pastor.—It has been a long time since we have had a report from this church. But it wasn't because we haven't been working.

Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday, February 26, and brought us a very inspiring message. The Holy Communion was observed. We were glad to have our pastor with us during our Sunday school hour.

We have made a great improvement in our church in the last month. The church has been painted inside and a few other improvements were made. This is only a beginning of which we hope to get done this year.

Rev. D. D. Broome was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gurley Sunday.

Our Sunday school attendance is holding up very well for the winter months.

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If your garden of deeds
Would have blossoms fair,
Then the beds of thought
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To have flowers fragrant
In your garden of deeds.

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McCager Charlie Cranford.

On arriving at Denton a little more than a year ago the writer a new pastor was not long in learning to know Brother Charlie Cranford. And to know him was to love him. This immediate and much appreciated acquaintance with this good man was because of the nice things others would have to say about him and then his fine pleasant disposition and his faithfulness at his church he so much loved. Brother Charlie was found to be one of our very best.

Because of the death of his beloved wife he lived in the family of his devoted son Brother Colon C. Cranford. When business circumstances made it necessary for the son to establish his home in High Point, N. C. the father while hesitating to leave home, community and church he so much loved, went to the city to live in the home of his son and family. He greatly loved the environments in which he had lived for so many years but with cheerfulness he happily adjusted himself to the new. The health of Brother Cranford had not been the best for a number of years but no one thought when he left our community that the end would come in a very few months.

Brother Cranford the son of the late Winburn W. Cranford and his late wife Margaret Kearns-Cranford, was born in Montgomery county August 26, 1872, and he died in Burrus hospital, High Point, N. C., December 12, 1938. At his death his age was 66 years 3 months and 16 days. A surviving sister, Mrs. W. E. Hill lives in Denton, N. C., Mrs. Julius Harrison, a sister, and Mrs. J. R. Harrison, preceded him in death a number of years ago.

On February 24, 1893, Brother Cranford was happily married to Miss Corina Morris, who preceded him in death about two years. The Cranford home was first established in Randolph county but later the home was established in Denton where he lived for 28 years. This home was blessed with three children one daughter, Mrs. D. R. Hedrick and a son Mr. Colon C. Cranford both live in High Point, N. C. A son John Winburn died in early childhood.

In early manhood Brother Cranford accepted Christ as his Savior and joined Silome Methodist Episcopal church South. After coming to Denton he joined the Denton Methodist Protestant church where he remained a consistent and faithful member, ready when God called him to join the Church Triumphant. He served as steward, treasurer and trustee and was ever ready to do anything to serve in the Kingdom.

He was a highly respected citizen. For a number of years he served on the board of town commissioners in Denton. He was for a number of years deputy sheriff in Davidson county. In these respective offices he performed his duties conscientiously and with efficiency.

Brother Cranford possessed most admirable characteristics. He was industrious and frugal. He was accommodating and ever ready to serve wherever service was needed. He was patient and lived one day like another. He stood for the right at whatever cost. As a citizen he was respected, as a neighbor he was appreciated, in the home and in the church he was loved. He had a heart of love for others and in turn others loved him.

The funeral was conducted in the Denton church on the afternoon of December 14, in the presence of a very large attendance. The pastor had charge of the funeral while Rev. Joel B. Trogdon, a former pastor delivered the eulogy. Rev. T. J. Bowman a former pastor and Rev. J. N. Bowman pastor of the daughter, Mrs. Hedrick, were present and took part in the service. By former neighbors the body was then laid to rest in the Denton cemetery beside the remains of the beloved wife.

Servant of God well done!
Rest from thy loved employ:
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy.

The pains of death are past,
Labor and sorrow cease,
And life's long warfare closed at last,
Thy soul is found in peace.

The beautiful floral designs were numerous and lovely and bespoke the appreciation and love of the many friends of the deceased who had lived a beautiful and useful life and who still lives.

GEO. C. CURRY, Pastor.

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Mrs. Sarah Williams Foster

Mrs. Sarah Williams Foster, June 21, 1862, she passed away at the home of her son F. Kerr Foster, of near Winston-Salem January 5, 1939.

Mrs. Foster is survived by three daughters, Mrs. L. P. Cartner, Mocksville; Mrs. W. A. Wayatt of Winston-Salem and Mrs. S. J. Foster of Mocksville and three sons, W. H. and F. K. Foster of Winston-Salem and Chas. A. Foster of Mocksville. Thirteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren, and one half brother C. W. Williams of Cleveland.

Mrs. Foster has been a member of Bethel M. P. church for more than fifty years and was faithful until the end came. She was well beloved by a wide circle of friends and neighbors.

Funeral services were conducted at Bethel church January 7. The service was in charge of the writer assisted by Rev. June Carter and Rev. Mr. Cooper of the Presbyterian church, Mocksville. Interment was in the church cemetary.

K. G. HOLT.

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Coble

Guilford county was shocked to learn that on January 24, 1939, the soul of William C. Coble had returned to its Maker. The end came as the result of a heart attack after the usual activities at the office. He lived 61 years, 11 months, and nine days.

Mr. Coble spent most of his life in business in Greensboro. He served the last

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eleven years as the treasurer of Guilford county. Quiet, gentle, kind, and considerate in nature he was not satisfied to merely "live and let live" but it seemed his desire to "live and help live."

Besides his associates and a host of friends Mr. Coble leaves to mourn his passing his companion, Mrs. Epsie Davis Coble; one son, W. C., Jr., of Cumberland, Md.; one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Willis, of Greensboro; and one grandson, Bradley Willis. Also he leaves one sister, Mrs. J. E. Hanner and two brothers, E. T. and J. F. Coble, all of Greensboro, route 4.

He was a life-long member of Tabernacle Methodist Protestant church. After establishing his residence in Greensboro he attended regularly the First Reformed church but he continued his interest in and support of his old home church.

The funeral service was conducted at the First Reformed church on January 26, 1939, in charge of the pastor, Rev. J. L. Levens, assisted by Rev. Howard W. Cope and the writer. Interment followed in the Tabernacle cemetery in charge of the pastor.

God call our loved ones, but we lose not wholly
  What He has given;
They live on earth in thought and deed, as truly
  As in His Heaven.

EUGENE A. LAMB, Pastor.

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Carrie Adlyne Davis-Sexton.

"There are three words that sweetly blend,
That on the heart are graven;
A precious soothing balm they lend—
They're Mother, Home, and Heaven!"

Among the good mothers who have made an impression lasting and favorable with those who knew her when in Denton, N. C., Mrs. Pegram Sexton. She was born in Davidson county, North Carolina, January 5, 1875, and died October 10, 1938. At her death her age was 63 years 9 months and 5 days.

Mrs. Sexton was twice married. The first marriage was to the late J. R. Murdock. This marriage was blessed with one child, a son, Mr. R. B. Murdock, who now lives in Asheboro, N. C. On February 28, 1909, she was married to H. P. Sexton, who survives. This marriage was blessed with two children, Miss Cora Pauline Sexton and Mr. James Clinard Sexton, both of Denton, N. C. There is one stepson, Mr. Irvin Sexton of Denton, N. C. and three step daughters, Mrs. E. R. Hedrick and Mrs. S. B. Wall, both of High Point, N. C. and Mrs. R. H. Hardy of Lexington, N. C. The two living sisters are Mrs. A. O. Cowan of Thomasville, N. C. and Mrs. Jenette Davis of Lexington, N. C. The one living brother is Mr. Daniel Davis of Rocky Mount, N. C.

In early life Mrs. Sexton became a Christian and joined Mt. Ebal Methodist Protestant church. After her first marriage she joined the Concord Methodist Episcopal church South with her husband. Here she remained a member until her death.

Mrs. Sexton was a good woman, a good wife, a good mother and a good neighbor. She was loved by those who knew her and will be missed in her home and in the community in which she lived. She never did see fit to join the church at Denton but when health permitted she worshipped with us and since her going we have missed her.

For a number of years she was in poor health and for a number of weeks her condition was serious. But through it all she was cheerful and patient. She wanted to live but she was resigned to the will of her Heavenly Father who saw fit to translate her to the Beyond.

"By thy hand the boon was given;
Thou hast taken but thine own:
Lord of earth, and God of Heaven,
Evermore, 'Thy will be done'."

On October 12, the funeral was conducted in Denton Methodist Protestant church in the presence of a large number of friends and those who loved. The funeral was conducted by the writer but the eulogy was delivered by Rev. Joel B. Trogdon a pastor who had known Mrs. Sexton for a number of years. Rev. J. T. Bowman a former pastor of Denton church and Rev. W. M. Rathburn a neighboring pastor were present and assisted.

The mortal remains were laid to rest in the Denton cemetery to await the resurrection. The floral contributions were beautiful and numerous and appropriately bespoke for a beautiful and lovable life who loved her flowers here and who has now gone to the land where flowers will never fade.

GEO. L. CURRY.

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Mrs. Alice A. Foster

Mrs. Alice A. Leonard Foster, wife of S. A. Foster, was born in Davie county November 26, 1862, died January 19, 1939. Mrs. Foster joined Bethel M. P. church early in life and has been faithful and attended its services as long as health permitted her to do so.

Mrs. Foster was married to S. A. Foster in August 1884, to this union were born nine children. Surviving are her husband, S. A. Foster; two daughters, Mrs. C. C. Poole, and Mrs. W. G. Sain of Mocksville; six sons, W. B. and J. E. Foster of Winston-Salem; 14 grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. J. F. Sain of Oklahoma.

Funeral services were conducted at Bethel church by the writer, assisted by Rev. Avet of the local M. E. church, and Rev. Mr. Webber, of Winston-Salem. Interment was in the church cemetery.

K. G. HOLT.

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Henry Luther Shoaf

Henry Luther Shoaf was born in Davidson county February 12, 1873, and died February 7, 1939, after an illness of 12 years. Mr. Shoaf was 66 years of age.

The deceased was married to Lizzie V. Snider of near Yadkin College and his wife and seven children survive him; there are also 19 grandchildren, four brothers and two sisters. The children are: Mrs. Golden Leonard, of Linwood, N. C.; Mrs. W. C. Conrad and Mrs. Jim Kepley, of Welcome; Mrs. Wade Walser, George and Frank Shoaf of route 3; and Garland Shoaf of the home.

He was converted at the age of 30 and united with Shiloh M. P. church where he remained a member until death. The funeral service was in charge of the writer, assisted by Rev. Geo. Cooper, of High Point. The service being held at Reeds Methodist church and burial took place in the cemetery there. The bereaved ones have our sympathy.

C. E. RIDGE.

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Mrs. Susie Amick Pritchard

Mrs. Susie Amick Pritchard died at the home of a nephew, R. C. Causey, in Guilford county, December 30, 1938. She had been critically ill for three weeks following a stroke of paralysis.

Mrs. Pritchard was born November 10, 1862. In August 1901 she was married to Isiah F. Pritchard, with whom she lived until his death in 1913. She was the stepmother of Dr. J. E. Pritchard, president of the M. P. Annual Conference at the present time.

From the time she became a member of Mt. Pleasant Methodist Protestant church in her youth, Mrs. Pritchard was a well-known figure in its missionary circles and various church activities. She was intensely interested in character and education and throughout her active life gave unselfishly of her means and talents to the support of any worthy cause.

"Aunt Sue," as she was affectionately known to those who knew her and loved her

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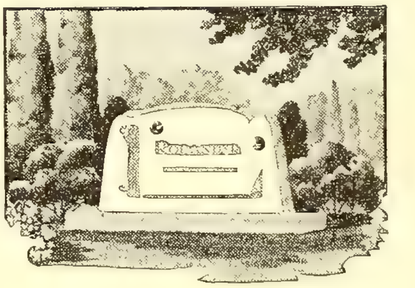

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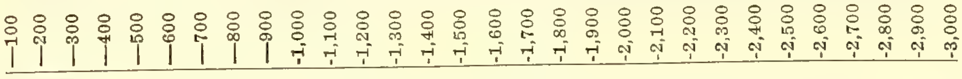

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most, was an earnest Christian woman. She made many friends in her charming way and made a definite place for herself among them with her excellent wit, her pleasing personality, and her eager friendliness. She was held in high esteem by all who knew her and her passing away brings deep regret to all of her many friends.

(D. L. B.)

Wheeler

Mrs. Ella Brown Wheeler, widow of Paul Wheeler and daughter of the late Isaac and Isabelle Brown, died Thursday afternoon at 4:10 o'clock, at home on the Guess road, Durham.

Mrs. Wheeler had lived in Durham for the past 18 years, coming from Randolph county. She was a member of the Brower's Chapel Methodist M. P. church. Her husband died a few years ago.

Surviving are three brothers, Elsie and J. R. Brown, of Asheboro and Fletcher Brown, of Raleigh; five sisters: Mrs. C. R. Winningham, Misses Effie, Sudie and Fleta Brown, all of Asheboro, and Mrs. J. M. Buffaloe, deceased, of Raleigh.

The funeral services were conducted at Browers' Chapel church by the writer, assisted by Rev. J. B. Trogdon. Burial was in the local cemetery. C. L. GRANT.

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Things That Endure

Honor and truth and manhood—
These are the things that stand,
Though the sneer and jibe of the cynic tribe
Are loud through the width of the land.
The scoffer may lord it an hour on earth,
And a lie may live for a day;
But the truth and honor and manly worth
Are things that endure alway.

Courage and toil and service,
Old, yet forever new—
These are the rock that abide the shock
And holds through the storm, flint true.
Fad and folly, the whims of an hour,
May bicker and rant and shrill;
But the living granite of truth will tower
Long after their rage is still.

Labor and love and virtue—
Time does not dim their glow;
Though the smart may say, in their languid way,
"Oh, we've outgrown all that, you know!"
But a lie, whatever the guise it wears,
Is a lie as it was of yore;
And a truth that has lasted a million years
Is good for a million more!

—*Ted Olson.*

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

April 24th Instead of April 30th

For some weeks we have been emphasizing the fact that the Appreciation Year money must be in by April 30th. That is true if we understand that it means that it must be in the office of Treasurer Staley at Baltimore. The General Conference year ends April 30th and it is doubtful if anything can be counted that is not in by that date. Since the money must go through the office of the Treasurer of the Annual Conference, Mr. J. H. Allen of Reidsville, N. C., it will be necessary to put this money in the mails not later than Monday, April 24th so that Mr. Allen can enter it and send it to Mr. Staley in time for it to reach him by the 30th. This will still give our churches four Sundays in April. Please bear this in mind and act accordingly.

A Sunday On the Forsyth Charge

Last Sunday was spent on Forsyth Charge, Rev. R. A. Hunter, pastor, with two services, Maple Springs at 11:00 o'clock and Mt. Carmel at night. I arrived at Maple Springs in time for most of the Sunday school and found considerable activity. There was also a good attendance at the morning church service and the people entered heartily into it. This church is located just outside the incorporate limits of Winston-Salem at the extreme end of Reynolda, one of the finest sections of the city. The city of Winston-Salem is growing to that extent that it is built up far beyond the church not only on the highway but on the cross roads and newly formed streets. Very few locations in our conference are more favorably situated than this one and I am of the opinion that the Methodist Church will concentrate on this location and erect a building adequate to the needs of the community and have the all time services of a pastor for this place. Brother Hunter now divides time with three other churches.

At Mt. Carmel Sunday evening there was another good congregation and it was a pleasure to be there. This church is some four or five miles from the center of the city but the community is building up until it is almost a city now. The church is located on the top of a high knoll with a fine view of the city. This is especially fine at night with the city brilliantly lighted. The building here consists of a splendid auditorium and a number of Sunday school rooms.

This is Brother Hunter's eighth year on this charge and he is still popular with the people. He is one of our best pastors and serves one of our best charges. I trust they may have the best year this year that they have yet had.

More Pastors' Reports

Gibsonville, Rev. Chas. E. Anderson, pastor.—Observed Young People's Day with reasonably good offering, increased attendance at church, Sunday school and Christian Endeavor, purchased new rug for parsonage.

Glen Raven, Rev. Joseph Coble, pastor.—Regular services held, much visiting done, increased attendance both at church and Sunday school. At the Haw River church pastor's salary is paid to date, campaign on to raise World Service by April 30th, Young People's Day observed. At the Glen Raven church pastor's salary paid to date, Sunday school interest much increased, a very strong Christian Endeavor society, Young People's Day to be observed. At Fairview pastor's salary is almost paid to date, good Sunday school and C. E. Young People's Day observed with reasonably good collection, all churches accepted budgets with good grace and have started out to raise everything.

Randleman charge, Rev. C. L. Spencer, pastor.—Building five Sunday school rooms at Mt. Lebanon church in Randleman with three of them already in use; making plans for Appreciation Year drive, will do the very best possible to raise this amount in full.

Asheville, Dr. N. G. Bethea, pastor.—People seem very much encouraged, congregations said to be the best here for several years, finances seem to be improving, had good Young People's Day service with offering considered real good, pastor has been shown every courtesy here by the other Methodist denominations.

Pinnacle-Mt. Zion, Rev. J. D. Morris, pastor.—Nearly all the money in hand to pay delegates' expenses to Uniting Conference, the entire charge is progressing normally and harmoniously. Finances some better than last year.

Reidsville, Rev. E. Lester Ballard, pastor.—Three members received, several other prospects, Appreciation Year apportionment accepted with nearly half paid, rest will be paid; two young people's choirs organized with about forty members and both robed. Both choirs sing every Sunday. Two new C. E. societies organized with about 35 members; large attendance at home prayer meeting each week—about 24, new dining room and bed room furniture for parsonage, spiritual condition and interest above the average.

North Davidson Charge, Rev. O. B. Williams, pastor.—Attendance at both Sunday school and church services good, A. C. and W. S. budgets accepted same as last year, Young people's Day services have been held at three churches, and offerings have been received; the parsonage has been furnished by the Ladies' Aid and Auxiliary. Each church had fine Christmas service. Pastors' salary about 75 per cent paid to date. A pastor's council has been organized and will meet monthly.

Fallston Charge, Rev. R. L. Hethcox, pastor.—Basement of Friendship church being completed, have installed new heating plant at the Laurel Hill church, are laying plans to build Sunday school rooms at Macedonia church, have received three new members, making drive for budgets in February, March and April, pastor's salary right much behind, Women's work is doing fine.

Appointments

Sunday, March 12th, 11 a. m. Albemarle; 2:30 p. m. Pine Bluff.

Sunday, March 19th, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Enfield.

Sunday, March 26th, Vance Charge, 11 a. m. Gillburg; 3:00 p. m. Harris Chapel.

J. E. Pritchard.

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Brother W. N. Neese writes that Davidson charge paid the Annual conference claims January 25th. Good for Davidson.

Pleasant Grove Church has paid its World Service in full; good for Pleasant Grove and Pastor Love.

Brother Bates informs us that Fair Grove, Friendship and Mizpah Churches, Haw River charge, have raised their allotment for delegates expenses to the Uniting Conference, and that he is expecting Midway to pay out next Sunday. We are coming along, let others join the procession.

Brother Aubert Smith thinks that possibly Liberty was not the first church to raise the apportionment for World Service; we do not know as to that; it was the first church to report it to the editor of the Herald.

The Christian Sun, the official organ of the Congregational-Christian Church in this state, donned a new dress last week, lengthening its columns and beautifying its form; congratulations.

Brother G. F. Milloway remains in a very citical condition. We know the family appreciates the prayers of all his friends in these trying hours.

Pastor Bowman says that First Church, Thomasville, sent in its full allotment for the delegates expenses to the Uniting Conference many weeks ago. Sorry we did not get this information to pass on to other pastors and churches.

A Word of Caution

The Methodist Protestant Church is in, possibly, the most critical period of its history. Having voted to join the two Episcopal Methodisms in the formation of a new church, we are fast losing our denominational solidarity, and unless we are able to overcome it, we shall suffer greatly through the loss of interest in those enterprises of the church which must go on to make this union vitally effective. Heretofore, we have been able to rally our people to these enterprises and institutions by our appeal to their denomination loyalty, but to many this appeal is now no longer a challenge to dare and to do. Even our leaders are wondering what is going to happen and there is no one who speaks with an authority that satisfies their desire.

It is indeed a painful discovery to feel the effect of this prospective change. The Editor has not discussed Union because all the facts were not in, and it is never profitable to discuss with only a partial list of them in hand. He has been unable to say what will happen in any particular case where there will be any change and we are beginning to suspect that the silence on the part of those who were expected to speak with authority is hurting. Take the Herald, as an example, although the last annual conference voted to continue it through this year, many whose subscriptions are expiring are wanting to know what is going to happen to it this fall. The Editor has to say he does not know, and so each week we see a decrease in our income. The Herald is suffering because of this and the annual conference projects are likewise suffering. If the proposed change in our church contemplated a change of its doctrine, a disavowal of its ecleasiastical heritage as well as a change of its policy, there might be just cause for great unrest, even fear. But the local church is to remain in its present status except where and when its members shall decide to change, that is, to merge with another Methodist Church. So then, its gains, its property will be conserved and it may go on as heretofore. Likewise our institutions; whatever change is made in them must of necessity come slowly and with the consent of the members of the various boards who directed their activities. And if the Methodist Protestant Herald shall be needed to help conserve those interests which were ours, after the union is legally formed, those who want it enough to subscribe for it can have it. There will be no law against it. But if the next annual conference should vote to discontinue it, every subscriber will have his unexpired subscription taken care as is usually the case with extinct periodicals. But it would be useless to unite with any other church if we are to lose our interest in our projects because the name of the church is about to be changed. This proposed union should be an occasion for much prayer, patience and perserverance. It is certainly no time for any who are interested in the extension of Christ's kingdom to cease to labor, to believe and to trust.

To Our Herald Agents and Pastors

Every week we publish the Herald with the present income we are running deeper into "the red." As stated before, it takes upon an average of $80.00 a week to pay printer, mailing, and for bookkeeping. If you total our receipts of last week and this you will see how we are slipping. We are two hundred subscriptions behind our receipts of last year for the second week in March. We hope those who appreciate their church will not forsake its official organ in these trying times.

Notice to Correspondents

We seem to have to remind our correspondents that we go to press Thursday each week; if your communication is not mailed before Wednesday it most likely will reach us too late for publication that week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Rev. O. L. Easter

PETER DELIVERED FROM PRISON

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, March 12

Lesson Text—Acts 12:5-17.

Golden Text—Prayer was made earnestly of the church unto God for him.—Acts 12:5.

There are several very interesting angles to this lesson which shed light upon the life and struggles of the early Christians. First, when we find James being slain by Herod and Peter cast into prison we come to learn of the early persecutions against Christianity and the vital part they played in the spreading of the gospel.

To one of any degree of spiritual insight it is not surprising that persecution and violent opposition should come to those who preach the principles of Christ. Jesus fully expected His cross and tried to prepare His disciples for its coming. The cross is a true symbol of Christianity. It suggests the crossing of two lines which results in a conflict of lines. Christ came bringing a course of principle and action that was adverse to the course of principles and actions found in the world, and if He were to pursue His appointed course of action based on heavenly truths then He must expect a conflict where His course crosses that of the world. Christ said to His disciples that they need not fear when men in their sin persecuted or slew them, but rather they should consider it a blessed reality. Did Christ here suggest to them that they should go out and court persecution and martydom? Not at all, for He Himself side-stepped it several times. What He had in mind was that under the present sinful condition of the world it was a sure sign of their fidelity to His principles when such conflict was evident. Peter, no doubt, here in prison was not condemning himself for being under arrest but perhaps reproached himself for having escaped it so long. The reason that he escaped arrest there around the enemy fire was that he had compromised his stand for Christ and let himself run parallel with the opposing forces of sin, thus averting the conflict which resulted in the cross for his Master. A modern counterpart of Peter in prison is the imprisonment of Dr. Martin Niemoller, pastor of the Evangelical Church located in the suburb of Berlin. In obeying what he considered the commands of God rather than those of man he came into violent conflict with the will of the state and for being true to his conviction he has been kept in a concentration camp for over a year. One day a fellow minister of his church visiting him in his prison asked Niemoller why he was there. Niemoller turned the tables on him and asked him to explain why it was that he was *not* there. To take up His cross daily means purely and simply to take up the Commandments and the law of Christ daily in our lives and to march with them across the laws and commandments of the "world, the flesh, and the Devil." This of necessity creates a conflict, but Christ would have us forever know that:

> "We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts not breaths;
> In feelings, not figures on a dial. He most lives
> Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."

Let us know with sure faith that whether we be set free from this earthly conflict like Peter by the Angel of Prayer or like James by the Angel of Death that we are free indeed and that our fidelity is fostering the progress of righteousness in the world.

The second angle that this incident brings to mind is the superior power of the early Christians over the power of pagan forces. Peter outlived Herod a great many years; during the first three centuries after Christ, the Christians suffered no less than ten fierce and bloody persecutions, sanctioned and carried on by the imperial authority of the mighty Roman empire, and yet as no other force Christianity conquered the Roman empire and has lived beyond it to conquer more worlds that she ever dreamed of to conquer. Proud emperors with power to sway sceptres over more people and more wealth than was ever had by any other of earth's rulers were rendered powerless against the chosen of God. So far as this writer can see the greatest factor of this power lay in the superiority of their weapon and their resource. Their weapon was prayer and their resources were spiritual powers reaching into heaven. History admits with the poet that

> "More things are wrought by prayer
> Than this world dreams of."

Prayer is the means that God has of releasing his power into the world in his conflict with sin. He is saying to men everywhere that "If *they* will ask—*He* will do." When the Christian in his struggles with sin and its forces will give himself to prayer it offers to God a landing field for Him to send His expeditionary forces to our aid. Herod with his army and his prison walls were at a disadvantage in dealing with Peter for these could not prevent him from praying nor could they prevent the angel of that great prayer meeting from entering that prison and delivering Peter free — "if ye will ask *then* I can do," says God. To every Christian to whom this lesson shall be taught there should come one clarion call of its truth—that what the church of today needs more than anything else in its conflict with unholy powers is to pray. We have great preachers, great rulers, great freedom, but we are professly weak because we lack great prayers. Lord, teach us to pray, even as persecution taught the early church to pray and thus to win.

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With the failing strength and the disappointed hopes that belong to the encroachment of age men grow weary and despair. They mistake the evening of their own lives for the afternoon of the world. They seem to forget that God's hair has not yet turned white. He still has something to do with the world. The mistake all such make is to pine by the way side instead of getting a new grip on God who remains the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.—*North Carolina Christian Advocate.*

WITH THE POETS

Elizabeth Vera Idol

THE DEATH OF THE HIRED MAN

By ROBERT FROST

The Death of the Hired Man is perhaps the finest piece of genre painting ever attempted in poetry. In the very simplicity of its homely unrimed free verse and in the dialogue by which he tells the story Robert Frost has created a piece as dramatic as an old folk ballad or a one-act tragedy. There is no description of Warren or Mary, but each is revealed more clearly by his or her actions and attitudes than by any descriptive passages the poet might have used. Silas, the old worn-out incompetent is not only a migratory hired man, drifting from farm to farm in New England, but Frost has made him the prototype for a character such that a reader in any part of the world might say of him, "I have known him."

The story opens with the simplicity of a one-act play:

"Mary sat musing on the lamp-flame at the table
Waiting for Warren. When she heard his step,
She ran on tip-toe down the darkened passage
To meet him in the doorway with the news
And put him on his guard. 'Silas is back.'
She pushed him outward with her through the door
And shut it after her. 'Be kind,' she said.
She took the market things from Warren's arms
And set them on the porch, then drew him down
To sit beside her on the wooden steps."

Since Warren has not seen Silas we more easily forgive his impatience, for he remembers that every year some one tolls Silas away during the busiest season with a promise of fixed wages, and every year he turns up with some new scheme to make himself useful. But Mary has seen the change in him; she knows that this time he is done for.

"I tried to make him talk about his travels.
Nothing would do: he just kept nodding off."

But when Warren insisted, Mary had to admit that he had come back with a plan for ditching the meadow:

"Surely you wouldn't grudge the poor old man
Some humble way to save his self-respect."

Silas kept running on about young Harold Wilson, the college boy who helped last haying season, and whose ability as a farmer he recognized, though he found him "daft on education," and he cannot comprehend

. . . "Harold's saying
He studied Latin like the violin
Because he liked it."

The climax of his scorn for all education revealed his folklore:

"He said he couldn't make the boy believe
He could find water with a hazel prong—
Which showed how much good school had ever done him."

One not an artist would not have chosen such seemingly unimportant details to show indecision:

"Warren leaned out and took a step or two,
Picked up a little stick, and brought it back
And broke it in his hand and tossed it by"

as he expressed his skeptical doubt as to why Silas should come to them rather than to go on "thirteen little miles" up the road to where his rich brother lived, a brother who is "a somebody—a director in the bank." But Mary understood, as practical, phlegmatic Warren could not:

. . . "I can tell you.
Silas is what he is—we wouldn't mind him—
But just the kind that kinsfolk can't abide."

Frost has been called epigrammatic and some of the short, terse statements in this poem seem to bear that out. The sentences are short, almost laconic, but they stir the imagination. "How some things linger!" Mary cries, and we think of many seemingly trivial, unimportant things that later return to awaken long, long thoughts. Or this:

. . . "I know just how it feels
To think of the right thing to say too late."

Could anything show Warren's stolid, unimaginative acceptance of the fact of home itself, and his inability to see into the deeper meaning behind the fact, more conclusively than this description of home:

"Home is the place where, when you have to go there,
They have to take you in."

Contrast this with Mary's appreciation of its deep, though inexpressible value:

"I should have called it
Something you somehow haven't to deserve."

Some have tried to say that Frost's poetry is prosaic, that he is never lyrical. Such an one cannot have read these lines:

"Part of a moon was falling down the west,
Dragging the whole sky with it to the hills.
Its light poured softly in her lap. She saw
And spread her apron to it. She put out her hand
Among the harp-like morning-glory strings,
Taut with the dew from garden bed to eaves,
As if she played unheard the tenderness
That wrought on him beside her in the night"

or watched with Mary as she finally sent Warren to speak himself to Silas. This is not only great nature description; it is a masterpiece of lyric dramatic suspense:

"I'll sit and see if that small sailing cloud
Will hit or miss the moon."

. . . It hit the moon.
Then there were three there, making a dim row,
The room, the little silver cloud, and she."

The poem ends with dramatic suddenness and the high note of tragic simplicity that leaves no weakening of the effect by explanatory sentences. The play is ended: the curtain goes down: we accept the artistic inevitability of its close:

"Warren returned—too soon, it seemed to her.
Slipped to her side, caught up her hand and waited.
'Warren,' she questioned.
'Dead,' was all he answered."

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OUR CHURCH—HER PAST

By REV. J. ELWOOD CARROLL

(*Continued from Last Week*)

Our church solved the question of the power of the bishop and the General Conference by a threefold process: First, it refused to have a bishop. Secondly, it distributed the governing power of the Church over the three Conferences—General, Annual, and Quarterly; and finally, selected laymen in a great majority for membership in the Quarterly Conference, and in equal number with the ministers in the Annual and General Conferences.

5. *Granting of Lay Representation in the Governing Bodies* of the Church. Lay representation proved to be the main issue advocated by the Reformers, and some of our ardent unionists today would make you think it were the ONLY issue! Lay representation had been suggested as early as 1794, but became an issue only after 1822 when William S. Stockton said, "A legislative body when properly constituted is limited by the mutual consent of the constituents and the representatives. The constituent agrees to obey laws which do not abridge his inalienable rights, and the representative agrees to enact no laws which shall abridge those rights." (Wesleyan Repository, I, 369). By 1824 the Reformers had agreed that lay representation in the annual and General Conferences was the right which they should demand. The General Conference of that same year rejected the request of a petition that lay representation be granted.

Full lay representation was recognized in our First General Conference and is to be a basis factor in the Methodist Church. Our day has come and the words of Nicholas Snethen, of 1834, are realized: "The point of controversy is reduced to a unit—a pure, unmixed question of representation. If we are true to it, if we are not ashamed of it, if we glory in it, it must finally prevail, and proselyte every Methodist in the United States. They may, indeed remain Episcopal Methodists, but so sure as we are not moved away from our high calling, the whole lump will be leavened into Representation Methodists. . . . The doctrine of representation is just as true as the results of two and two. It will finally convince millions, as well as thousands; it wlil, indeed convince all the world." (Meth. Prot., 1.5).

We Are A Church

While, in a sense, biding our time for the full realization in American Methodism the ideals of the Reformers, we have grown into a fullfledged church and have prospered. One reason for voting for Methodist union is not that we are to be taken in from a storm, or from our own failures, but rather that we shall render a larger service to Christ and Christendom.

1. Our early growth was marked by the formation of more than 23 annual conferences during the twenty years following the first General Conference of 1834. "The spirit of progress," says Dr. Lyman E. Davis, "was so much abroad, indeed, and the polity adopted by the founded of our Church was so manifestly in harmony with the genius of America, that within the first twenty years of our history as a denomination some thirty annual conferences had already been organized, beginning with the North Carolina, December 19, 1828, followed at brief intervals by the Maryland, the Ohio, the New York, the Genesee, the Virginia, the Georgia, the West Virginia, the Tennessee, the Alabama, the South Carolina, the Mississippi, the New Jersey, the Pittsburgh, the Muckingum, the Indiana, the Michigan, the Illinois, the North Illinois, the Iowa, the South Illinois, the North Indiana, and others still toward the farther northwest and southwest." (PP. 62f).

2. Along with other rights, we are the first Methodists to recognize woman's right to the ministry. For on October 12, 1880, Anna Howard Shaw was ordained as an elder in our church. She was a fine teacher and an outstanding leader for woman's rights in political and professional life. Following close behind her in time were Rev. Dr. Lee Anna Starr, Rev, Eugenia St. John, and others.

3. Our Church was born amidst a flood of circulars and has grown by the use of invaluable periodicals. 1). Our great *Methodist Protestant Recorder* is the oldest American Methodist paper enjoying a continuous publication. It is today successor of several previous papers, the two greatest being *The Methodist Protestant* (January 7, 1831-1929) and *The Methodist Recorder*, 1854-1929. Back of the *Methodist Protestant* are the forerunners the *Wesleyan Repository* (April 12, 1821-1824) published by William S. Stockton, first in Trenton, N. J., then in Philadelphia; the *Mutual Rights* (August 1824-July 1828); and the *Mutual Right and Christian Intelligencer* (September 1828-January 1, 1831). Back of the *Methodist Recorder*, which was created by order of the General Conference of 1854, to serve the western section of our church, are the *Methodist Protestant Letter-Press, Methodist Correspondent*, and the *Western Recorder*, published originally near Zanesville, Ohio, by Rev. Cornelius Springer and later by Dr. Ancel H. Bassett. By order of the General Conference of 1928 these two great papers were combined into our present *Methodist Protestant-Recorder*.

2). Another national organ is the *Missionary Record*, in its earlier days called the *Methodist Missionary* and the *Methodist Protestant Missionary*, began under the auspices of the Foreign Missionary Society, and continues under the supervision of the women of our Church. For eighteen years this paper was edited by Mrs. J. F. McCulloch, a member of Grace Church, and published for more than ten years by Dr. J. F. McCulloch. (Davis, P. 95).

3). Within the N. C. Annual Conference we have that invaluable asset, the METHODIST PROTESTANT HERALD, which has been published as a weekly since 1893. This excellent paper was founded, edited and published by the talented Dr. J. F. McCulloch, of Greensboro. Upon his death the paper was purchased in 1934 by the N. C. Annual Conference and since has been edited by Dr. J. E. Pritchard (1934-36) and Dr. R. M. Andrews (1937-).

4). We have a Sunday school literature adequate for our day. Our literature began as part of the two great papers previously mentioned, but in 1894 it became a separate literary department with Dr. John F. Cowan, as editor. He was succeeded by Dr. C. E. Wilbur, then Dr. C. S. Johnson.

4. We have a world church. Our total mission program is under the direction of the Board of Missions (since 1928) with work in America, Japan, China, and India. Our Board of Missions is the combined forces of the Board of Foreign Missions, created by the first General Conference of 1934; the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, organized in First Church, Pittsburgh, February 14, 1879; the Board of Home Missions, organized at Grafton, W. Va., July 24, 1888; and the Home Missionary Society.

5. We have educational institutions sufficient for our people. 1). Pine Ridge School is operated by the Board of Missions in the mountains of Kentucky and is rendering a real service to those children of Wolf County. 2). The Children's Home at High Point provides care under Christian environment for more than 115 children and is also under the supervision of the Board of Missions, though originated by women of our State and yet supported more than $11,000—about half of its annual budget—by the Sunday schools of North Carolina. 3). Two Homes for the Aged exist, one supported by the entire denomination at West Lafayette, Ohio, and the other by the Maryland Annual Conference at Westminster. 4). We have four colleges located at strategic points in our denomination: Westminster, at Tehuacana, Texas; Adrian, at Adrian, Michigan; Western Maryland, at Westminster, Maryland; and High Point, at High Point, North Carolina, each a story in itself. 5). And for the preparation of Methodist Protestant ministers for the Methodist Protestant Church, we have Westminster Theological Seminary, located at Westminster, Maryland, with Dr. C. E. Forlines, of Burlington, N. C., as president.

6. We are serving our young people with an attractive program. This program originated in earnest in 1908 with the establishment of the Board of Young People's Work with Dr. Charles H. Hubbell, secretary. Upon his death in 1914, Dr. Harlan L. Feeman served as secretary until 1917, when our own Dr. A. G. Dixon took up the work. Upon his election to the presidency of the N. C. Annual Conference, the work was performed by Dr. E. A. Sexsmith until he returned to the pastorate in the Maryland Conference, and Rev. Lawrence C. Little was called from the associate pastorate of Grace Church to fill the position. Since 1932 Rev. F. L. Gibbs, also of the N. C. Conference, has served as secretary in a most acceptable manner.

7. We are laboring to take care of our superannuated ministers. Many of the annual conferences have superannuate funds for annual distribution to retired ministers or their wives. In addition recently the general church has accumulated a fund of $100,000, interest from which is being distributed to these veterans of the cross.

8. Our Church has ever stood for cooperation and has on several occasions striven for various organic unions. We are participating member of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, the American Bible Society, the International Council of Religious Education, and perhaps other international organizations. After the Civil War, during which we were split into north and south as a church, we reunited in 1877, thus putting our own house in order. We labored for a union of our church with the United Brethren Church but failed in the venture because of their bishops failing to call for the vote. We also voted union with the Wesleyan Methodist Church, but because of their lack of cooperation that venture also failed. We have voted union with the M. E. and the M. E. Church, South, and stand ready for a greater Church. We bring to this day a well rounded church, with full functions in every area of our life. We come to a new day in democratic Methodism and the full realization of our great cardinal principle—lay representation!

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LENTEN TOPICS

"Christ And the Way"

Of the Way—Acts 9:2.

Jesus made His decision and throughout His life steadfastly followed it. He chose the way of self-denial and self-giving, knowing full well what it would cost. Time and again His soul was tried to the breaking point but He did not waver or compromise. Witness the struggles on the Mount of Transfiguration, in Gethesemane and on Golgotha. There was always grace sufficient. It is entirely probable that He passed through similar trying experiences, less tense and more fleeting, it may be, but testing and tempting just the same. In some cases He was alone, at others friends were with Him. It is clear that solace and comfort came in the companionship of trusted disciples, even when they misunderstood or did not comprehend. In moments of great need He either took them with Him or sought their company. Like all of us, He too needed friends. The best should be our choice.

"Companions By the Way"

Jesus came and joined them. Luke 24:15.

Scripture: Luke 24:13-25.

Jesus invited certain apparently unpromising individuals to become His intimate companions and friends. What satisfaction could He find in men so rude, so illiterate, uncultured, poor and unimportant? Human wisdom would never have hazzarded any great enterprise on such uncertain material. Worshipping the god of "efficiency" they would have turned contemptuously away and looked for men of wealth, "brains," position and special training. They would want men of power!

Only God can look beneath the surface and into the depths of our souls. And only God can see the future as well as the present and know unerringly what promise there is in human personality. His judgment is true and righteous. In Peter, James, John and others Jesus saw hidden worth and marvelous possibilities. Here were men unfettered by prejudices, conceit or ambition, men who would respond to His teachings, grow in knowledge and grace, be spiritually quickened by His presence, refined by the trials experienced and ulitmately become effective leaders in building the Kingdom.

Equally important, they would become congenial and helpful associates. They needed Him, it is true, but He needed them also. He would find comfort, encouragement and strength in their companionship. He could face the task with greater confidence and peace. All of which meant He would be a blessing to them and they would be a help to Him.

In the life and work of the church we find a fellowship satisfyingly helpful. Fellowship with men and women of like experiences, interests, aspirations and purposes. A fellowship very dear to us in fact, because it gives us also the high privilege of intimate, personal refreshing communion with our living and ever present Lord. In service to others, in Christian associates, in varied experiences, and in the holy exercise of worship we know His presence and are endued with His power. He is indeed the best of all companions for the Way.

All praise to our redeeming Lord,
Who joins us by His grace,
And bids us, each to each restored,
Together seek His face.

And if our fellowship below
In Jesus be so sweet,
What heighth of rapture shall we know
When round His throne we meet.
—*Charles Wesley.*

Prayer: Father in Heaven. We thank Thee for Christian friends and the comfort and encouragement they bring. Especially do we thank Thee for the Church where "the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above." In the service of the Church we experience the presence and power of Thy son, our Lord, to the salvation of our souls. Amen.

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WHY I GO TO CHURCH

Do you go to church? If so, why? Why not go for a joy ride in "God's great out-of-doors?" Why not stroll into the woods and fields and find God in nature? Why not stay at home and get a sermon over the radio?

These things in themselves are not bad, but they are no substitute for the church. Listen to Edgar A. Guest in the *American Magazine* as he tell why he goes to church.

"I go to church because I want my children to go to church. I want them to know something more of this life than business, sport and selfish amusement. I know only one institution that will teach them that they are divine. The church will interfere with their pleasures at times, but their mother and I sometimes have to do that, and we hope that they will love us none the less because of it. The church will mystify and puzzle them and seem irksome to them now and then. But all things worthwhile demand something of us in sacrifice. I believe that the church and the things it stands for are necessary to our well being."

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The preacher's task is to cry, as did John the Baptist, "Behold the Lamb of God," and not to attract attention to himself to gather a clique around himself.—*Erling C. Olsen.*

High Lights of Appreciation Year Campaign

For the next few weeks the Appreciation Year committee hopes to run under the above caption the name of the charges which report to the President of the Conference that they have gone "over the top" in the campaign. We want to give each week the most outstanding plans for raising this fund. If you have a plan which will be a thriller, please send it at once to the President of the conference who is also the chairman of the Appreciation Year committee.

Liberty.
Siler City.
Piney Grove, Siler City Charge.
Pleasant Grove.

By vote of the committee which met Monday of this week the outstanding plan of the week is that of Rev. D. I. Garner of Mebane who went and found fifty people who would give one dollar a week for eight weeks.

Now send in the name of your charge just as soon as you pay your apportionment and send any good plan you have worked as may be worked for raising this fund.

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ADDITIONAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY REPORTS

North Carolina Conference

Central M. P. Church, Asheboro, Dr. S. W. Taylor, pastor.—Excellent services. Offering $26.56.

Shiloh Charge, Rev. C. E. Ridge, pastor.—Enthusiastic service. Offering $103.00.

Rev. J. E. Garlington, pastor.—Spring Church, $6.00, Lebanon Church, $10.00; Pleasant Hill Church, $6.35; Total $22.35. All services were very good, with good attendance.

Liberty-Siler City, Rev. Aubert M. Smith, pastor.—The day was observed in three churches. Offering $83.00.

Richland Charge, Rev. C. L. Grant, pastor.—"Shrines" presented very effectively. Program was impressive in the church and Sunday school service. Offering $4.27.

Pleasant Grove Charge, Rev. F. R. Love, pastor. Offering $113.00

Cleveland Charge, Rev. T. G. Madison, pastor.—The day observed successfully in all six churches. Offering $37.16.

Glen Raven Charge, Rev. Joseph Coble, pastor.—Young People's Day materials were very helpful this year. Especially "Shrines—Our Religious Heritage in Chancel Drama." Successful service observed in the following churches, with offerings: Fair View, $9.00; Glen Raven, $9.25; Haw River, $3.60. Total $21.85.

F. L. GIBBS.

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Henry Ward Beecher once was asked how he managed to get through so much work in a day. He replied: "By never doing anything twice. I never anticipate my work and never worry about it. When the time comes to do a thing I do it, and that's the end of it."

MISSIONARY COLUMN

MRS. R. M. ANDREWS, Editor
607 Guilford Avenue
Greensboro, N. C.

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Amount previously reported	$848.06
Mt. Pleasant, Cleveland	1.48
Oak Grove, Cleveland	1.15
Liberty	10.00
Gibsonville	5.00
Concord	17.50
Thomasville Community church	10.00
"Love Gift," Thomasville	11.60
Winston-Salem	5.00
Spring Valley, Vance	3.00
Calvary	15.00
Union Grove, Orange	1.00
Pinnacle	2.00
Thomasville Community, J. W. Boyles	5.00
Siler City	5.00
Welch Memorial	3.00
Shiloh Christian Endeavor	10.00
"Love Gift," Thomasville First	15.00
West End, Thomasville	5.00
"Love Gift," Chestnut Ridge, Orange	1.00
Hope	5.00
Total collected to date	$980.79

MRS. C. L. KEARNS, Treas.,
N. C. Branch Women's Work.

THANK-OFFERINGS

Amount previously reported	$856.40	
Reidsville	18.00	
Jan. 31—Total November Thank-offering		$874.00
Hebron, Orange (Nov.)	$ 4.35	
Flat Rock, Vance	3.80	
Maple Springs	8.10	
Winston-Salem	25.00	
Union Grove, Orange	6.40	
Whitakers	25.00	
Mt. Lebanon, Randleman	20.00	
Reidsville	6.92	
Friendship, Shiloh	4.50	
Thomasville, First church	61.00	
Spring Church Circuit	10.00	
Rehobeth, Granville	12.00	
Mt. Hermon, M. H.	8.30	
Canaan, Denton	8.00	
Grace	30.53	
Graham	20.00	
Henderson	19.05	
West End, Thomasville	4.00	
High Point	28.17	
February Thank-Offering received to date		305.12
Total Thank-Offering for year		$1,179.52

MRS. C. L. KEARNS, Treas.,
N. C. Branch Women's Work.

NOTICE TO ALL AUXILIARIES

At the annual meeting to be held in First church, High Point, April 12-13, we hope to have an interesting and helpful exhibit. Since the state organization does not have a great deal of material to put on display, quite naturally the size and interest of this exhibit will depend upon the contributions made by the individual societies. We are asking every auxiliary, therefore, to bring some poster or other material which portrays some interesting phase of its own program, and which might be interesting and helpful to others. Any oriental costumes or similar materials privately owned would also be appreciated.

There will be plenty of room and we hope that every auxiliary will have some part in the exhibit.

If I could get hold of these materials, or at least know what to expect, a few days before the Branch meeting opens, I would appreciate it.

MRS. J. C. MADISON,
Secretary of Exhibits.

THANK-OFFERING SERVICES BEING OBSERVED IN MANY CHURCHES

While many of our churches and auxiliaries have observed thank-offering services, there are others which have been delayed from unavoidable causes. The amount raised to date for February thank-offering is $305.12; total amount for the year, $1,179.52. The goal for the year is $2,000. There is a balance yet to raise of $820.48.

If 20 churches or auxiliaries will raise $20.00 each, or if 30 auxiliaries or churches will raise $10.00 each, or if 40 auxiliaries or churches will raise $5.00 each, we can win the goal of $2,000; and this will not only be the means of North Carolina reaching its Branch apportionment, but each auxiliary and church will have credit on World Service during this Appreciation Year campaign. Literature may be secured by applying to me, and the assurance of your willingness to cooperate by sending a postal card will be appreciated. The women of our church are asked to participate in Appreciation Year, and this is an opportune time and way to do it. Women and preachers all, let us show our appreciation of what our beloved church has done during its 11 years' existence by "Giving for Gratitude" and in celebration of the beginning of the Women's Work sixty years ago.

MRS. WM. C. HAMMER,
Secretary Thank-Offering.

LOGS FOR FLOWER BOXES

One winter I went to our nearby woods and selected some hollow dogwood trees. Later I visited a neighbor whose husband is a blacksmith and had our ax sharpened. Then at one of the rare times I found my busy husband with nothing special to do, we went to the woods and cut the logs. He hewed out the side of each hollow log and plugged the ends with stones. We carried them to the house and he fastened two to the sides of the front porch and one across my back window.

Early in the spring I filled my log flower boxes with a mixture of chicken manure and garden dirt. I sowed petunias and enjoyed a profusion of bloom from spring until Thanksgiving. Water was all they needed. I cut off the seed pods and the plants kept blooming.

I was especially pleased with the flowers at my kitchen window which opens inward on hinges. With the window open there was, in addition to the multi-colored petunias, their reflection to double their beauty while I cooked and washed dishes. Seems to me the whole family fared better by having the simple litle box of petunias at the kitchen window. So I mean to have it every year. Do you have flowers outside your kitchen window for the humming bird to visit? Do. It's worth the trouble.

MRS. E. D. MILLAWAY.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Welch Memorial S. S., High Point	$ 8.23
Oak Grove S. S., Cleveland	2.66
Hope S. S., Siler City	1.00
Mt. Carmel S. S., Forsyth	8.37
Union Chapel, Granville	9.94
Canaan S. S., N. Davidson	3.50
Ebenezer S. S., Greenville	2.00
Mrs. H. L. Stone, Pinnacle	10.00
Hickory Grove S. S., Guilford	6.40
C. E. Society, Glen Raven, clothing child	5.00
N. C. Branch, Woman's Auxiliary, by the Treasurer	102.91
A Friend, Pfafftown	1.00
Central S. S., Asheboro	40.00
China Grove S. S.	3.00
Caroleen S. S.	3.36
Mt. Zion S. S., Pinnacle-Mt. Zion, Jan. and Feb.	7.00
Friendship, Fallston	6.00
Moriah S. S.	4.50
Kistler's Union, Cleveland	3.52
Ladies' Aid society, Elwood, Ind., feeding child	5.00
Pine Grove S. S., Siler City, first qtr.	2.00
Clark's Chapel S. S. Weaverville	1.00
Baraca class, Gibsonville, clothing child	5.00
Mitchell's Grove S. S., Guilford	9.82
Welch Memorial S. S., High Point	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Smith, personal, Greensboro	5.00
Bellmont S. S., Mt. Hermon	7.79
Bethel, Alamance	6.20
Bess Chapel S. S.	2.16
Harmony S. S., Yarboroughs	2.00
Mr. John Thompson, personal, Graham	5.00
Graham S. S.	7.22
Harmony Grove, W. Forsyth	1.10
Rehobeth, Granville	10.00

Clothing and Other Gifts

A bundle of clothing from West End, Greensboro, one dress, skirt, a waist and coupons.

Our Annual March Letter

The following letter went out last week to pastors, Sunday school superintendents, and Children's Home secretaries. It is published here that others may join in the good work. Our list of secretaries was not revised at last conference, so if these letters did not go to the right ones in the local churches, please let us know, giving name and address of the proper one, and also name of the church.

The letter reads as follows:

Our Dear Friends:

You gave us the finest Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings this year that the Home has ever had, and with that we paid off the $3,800 deficit which we reported to conference. That, together with the regular offerings, enabled us to balance our budget as of January 1, 1939. But the regular offerings have been so low for January and February, so we are asking you to give us a special boost in your regular offerings for March and April.

A goodly number of Sunday schools and churches did not send us any offerings at all during the past two months, and you can readily see how that would decrease our income. So we are especially asking these to make that up during the next two months. We thank you.

The most of our very best offerings come from those Sunday schools which have set monthly goals, which they send us rain or shine. This helps wonderfully. We are glad to report that quite a number of Sunday schools have substantially increased their goals for this year. Can't you get your Sunday school to do likewise?

Appreciation Year is on, and we are hoping that every church in the conference will do well by that. Yes, so well that every dollar of the World Service budget will be raised by April 30. It ought to be done.

The Children's Home is one of our regulars, so we must not let the Home slip back into debt while we endeavor to lift other boards and institutions out of debt. We predict that those who do the best by the Appreciation budget will also do the best by the Children's Home.

This is not going to be an easy year to run the Children's Home because of the many other things which are pressing upon us for attention; but if every Sunday school in the conference will give us a good lift during March and April, we can easily have a balanced budget on May 1. We are anxious to go into Methodist Union free of debt, and it can be done if each Sunday school will help.

With 118 children to support, we are depending upon you to give us special help during March and April. We thank you.

Also, please plan with your women to take as many fruit jars as possible this summer, and let us know at an early date so that they may be delivered as there is passing. An early reply will save us anxiety and also save us gasoline. Thank you so much for your hearty cooperation.

Yours in His service,
A. G. DIXON, Supt.

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CHILDREN'S HOME HISTORY

We come to you again asking you to make another effort to sell the booklets you have. We appreciate so much the help you have given, and we were delighted when expenses were all paid, but unless we can collect on the rest, the Home will be the loser.

We hope, however, that the interest created by this work in this state and others, may mean more than we will ever know.

The articles Dr. Dixon gives me credit for were paid out of this fund. Besides the money turned in to Dr. Dixon, we have put two ironing boards, one tea kettle, one wall can opener, and nine pairs of curtains in the Home recently. Won't you help us do some more of these small things?

MABEL RUSSELL.
1915 N. Main St., High Point, N. C.

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Miami University medical authorities report a decrease of more than 50 per cent in the number, severity and duration of colds contracted by students as a result of cold vaccine injections.

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New Hampshire's largest inland body of salt water, Great Bay, will be the object of intensive research and writing by University of New Hampshire undergraduates this winter.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

By REV. JOSEPH COBLE

I WOULD BE TRUE

Topic for March 19, 1939

Daily Bible Readings:

Monday, March 13—True to her duty. Esther 4:12-5:2.
Tuesday, March 14—Respect for parents. Eph. 6:1-3.
Wednesday, March 15—True friendship. John 12:1-8.
Thursday, March 16—Hearing and doing. Jas. 1:22-25.
Friday, March 17—Love and good works. Rom. 12:9-16.
Saturday, March 18—True to God's will. Acts 4:18-21.

The Text: Deut. 5:19, 20; I Sam. 18:1-4; Ruth 1:16-18.

One of the hymns that thrills youth today and leads to a richer, nobler Christian experience is that poem by Howard A. Walter:

I would be true, for there are those who trust me;
I would be pure, for these are those who care;
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;
I would be brave, for there is much to dare.

I would be friend of all, the foe, the friendless;
I would be giving, and forget the gift;
I would be humble, for I know my weakness;
I would look up, and laugh, and love, and lift.

Youth itself demands loyalty today and youth is living in an age that demands loyalty. Youth thinks and reads over and over again the two greatest love stories of history. The story of the devotion of Jonathan to his friend, David, even though he was aware of the fact that he might bring upon himself the wrath of his father, should lead any modern young man to desire such a friendship above all else in the world.

Ruth set an example that thrills the heart of every present-day young woman, when in her speech to her mother-in-law, Naomi, she said: "Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God; where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried; the Lord do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me."

With such examples of loyalty before us we cannot do other than follow—than sing, and preach, and practice: "I would be true, for there are those who trust me."

We must be true to our inspirations—to our ideals. Any modern person can do this, but it is so much easier for the Christian. He has an example of honesty, loyalty, and devotion in his Master, Jesus.

The Christian must be loyal to Christ, and to His way of life. If we as young people today are loyal to Christ, we will strive to live the kind of life that He wants us to. We will tell others about Him and try to lead our friends to know this Master who lived and taught loyalty to the highest ideals that the world has ever known. If we follow Him we will be faithful not only to the big things that demand our attention, but to the little things as well—to those who hate us as well as our friends.

There is perhaps nothing that shows a man's character as much as his loyalty to his friends. Some of us just haven't learned to be true to our friends. Cervantes, in Don Quixote says: "An honest man's word is as good as his bond." How many of us can be trusted completely by our friends? Do they know that we will speak well of them in their absence? Can they confide in us their secrets and know that they will remain secret? Are we the person to whom they will come in time of trouble for encouragement and assistance? An unreserved confidence will be the fruit of our complete loyalty to friendship.

Our homes demand our loyalty. The best friends that we have in the world are within our homes, and they deserve our honesty and loyalty. There must be understanding and a willingness to help each other even though we must sacrifice other things, if there is to be true fellowship and a fulfillment of ideals in the home.

Then to ourselves we must be true, for unless we are true to ourselves we will not be true to any other loyalty in the world. Shakespeare has Polonius advise his son Laertes:

"This above all: to thine own self be true,
And it must follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man."

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OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

Some time ago Mrs. Mabel Russell, who is very deeply interested in the welfare of the Home, and who has worked in the Home and for the Home, had an article in the Herald about building a gymnasium at the Home in memory of Mr. H. A. Garrett, which I think all right and proper for something to be done. Mr. Garrett did much for the Home in so many ways. Some of you may not know, as I do, of his faithful work. He did much to teach the children to economize. We all were told that we must save. Children and workers had to make good. If we left on lights not necessary or left them on nights through neglect, Mr. Garrett walked over the building often from cellar to attic to see what was going on. Yes, we need to appreciate his great work. He said we in the Home are spending other people's money, so we must be real careful and saving. He taught the children what they saved was what they made. Then Mrs. H. A. Garrett was one among the greatest women that has ever been at the Home. She and Mr. Garrett did much in the laying of a sure foundation of a great work. And Mrs. Fannie Page Luck and Miss Millie Bowman and others did much in the starting of the work. I wonder sometimes, had it not been for some teaching economy, and as it was taught in the beginning, would the Home ever have remained a place for orphan children. There never was anyone in the Home who taught economy more than Mr. and Mrs. Garrett, Miss Millie Bowman and Mrs. Fannie Page Luck, so we as a whole have much to be grateful for that we have had such good workers as they were and many others also who have been good.

Now back to the gymnasium. I may see things very different from many of you, but I feel the most needed thing at present is more help in the Home to teach and build Christian character. It seems to us we need more workers in the Home. Our Children's Home is home missionary work. We need women and girls who have had Christian experience and are ready and willing to work, regardless of prices. Then we feel we would be doing something worthwhile in the world. Why not start a fund separate and apart from all other collections to employ more workers, and that, it seems, would be much better than to build any kind of recreation building. I say this in all due respect to what has been said by Mrs. Russell, and hope we may pray over this and do the way we can do the most good. I would suggest we add one worker at first and as we would get the people interested and get sufficient funds, add more workers. We need workers like Miss Laura Braswell, and surely we can find good Christian people to work in the Home if we will support them.

Sincerely,
MARTHA PARSONS.

"US"

When we're feeling mean and ugly,
And we want to claw and fight,
When we blame the "other fellow,"
And it's "us" that's always right—
Then it's time for us to ponder,
Time to change our point of view,
"See ourselves as others see us,"
Stubborn—yes, and hateful, too!

If we want folks to be friendly,
We ourselves must friendly be;
Chances are that many others
Have more troubles than have we.
What's the use of sadly sighing,
Fretting, crying all the day?
Let us all be "up and doing,"
Driving all the gloom away!

This world may be full of trouble,
Most of us have had our share,
None of us are free from trials,
All have burdens we must bear.
But there is no use in grumbling,
Better far a crooked grin—
When we open up the windows
Of our hearts the sun shines in.

—Publisher Unknown.

DR. C. E. FORLINES TO VISIT SPRING CHURCH CHARGE

On Sunday, March 12, Rev. J. E. Garlington will have as his guest Dr. C. E. Forlines, president of Westminster Theological Seminary. Dr. Forlines will preach at all three churches. He will be at Spring Church for the morning service, at Lebanon in the afternoon, and at Pleasant Hill at night.

We feel we are indeed fortunate in having him in our homes and churches. We extend an invitation to all to attend these services and hear Dr. Forlines' messages.

MRS. R. M. ROBINSON.

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Washington and Lee University has a special student credit committee that can fine students or have them dismissed from school for pasing "rubber" checks.

REV. C. B. WAY

REV. C. B. WAY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF KERNERSVILLE MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION

(The following news article appeared in the Kernersville News, issue of February 15, 1939.)

The ministers of Kernersville and surrounding communities met at the Kernersville Methodist Episcopal church, South, Monday morning at 10 o'clock and formed an organization. The meeting was presided over by Rev. C. B. Way, of the Methodist Protestant church, who was made temporary chairman of the meeting. Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., of Walkertown, was chosen temporary secretary. Rev. Walser Allen, pastor of the Kernersville Moravian church, delivered an extemporaneous address to the gathering of ministers.

The question of forming an organization was discussed at length, each minister present taking part in the discussion. It was decided to organize and hold meetings quarterly. The following officers were elected: Rev. C. B. Way, president; Rev. Walser Allen, vice-president; Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., of Walkertown, secretary. The officers will constitute the executive committee, which will consider matters of importance during the period between the meetings.

Active pastors were present from Kernersville, Walkertown, Colfax, and Oak Ridge. Five different denominations were represented in the meeting. Decision was made to meet again May 9, 1939, at the Kernersville Methodist church. The purpose of the organization is for fellowship and for the consideration of questions affecting the morals of the people in the area represented by the ministers in the association.

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Eduard Benes, former president of Czechoslovakia, has accepted an invitation to lecture at the University of Chicago.

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Oregon State College has areas painted on its sidewalks to indicate where students may light cigarettes, where they may throw them away.

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A co-educational community college has been opened in Utica, N. Y.

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR DECEASED MINISTERS

At the recent quarterly assembly held in Grace church it was recommended that memorial services be conducted at the graves of our deceased ministers each year at or near the national Memorial Day. The recommendation carried with it the suggestion that the pastors of churches where ministers are buried should see to it that such services be conducted; and in case there should be a grave of one of these ministers that does not have a marker, that some move be made to secure a suitable marker. A committee consisting of J. W. Braxton, Geo. L. Curry and R. A. Hunter was appointed to encourage the suggestion, and to do whatever is possible to create interest. As chairman of this committee, without consulting other members, I am venturing a few suggestions.

Since a great many of our churches have certain days set for memorial services, in case there is a grave of a minister at such church, let the pastor see to it that a floral wreath or some design be placed upon the grave. Special mention should be made of it from the pulpit, and following the service would be a good time to suggest that the people gather at such grave and that someone place the flowers. Should there be a minister present who was a special friend to the deceased, or was of the same age, it would be very appropriate that this brother be asked to place the floral design. A brief scripture and prayer or song would add to the service. All this can be worked out by the pastor.

On the regular national Memorial Day, May 30, a Christian or Conquest flag should be placed on each of these graves. As the flag of the Stars and Bars is placed upon the grave of the Confederate soldier, or the flag of the Stars and Stripes is placed upon the United States soldier's grave, let the Christian flag be placed upon the Soldier of the Cross. These flags cost very little, and it might be a move in the proper direction that a small fund be created to provide such flags in numbers, and let them be in the hands of someone to send out each year to certain ones designated to place them upon the graves of our deceased ministers. If some one who reads this should feel moved to make a contribution to such a fund and will send such contribution to the undersigned, it will be used for the purpose herein suggested. Who will be the first to respond?

Then if anyone knows of a minister's grave not marked, I would greatly appreciate it if the case be reported to me. Something must be done about it.

I appeal to our people to respond to this idea and let us see to it that every grave of our deceased ministers be properly decorated this year.

GEO. L. CURRY.

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Food statisticians have estimated that University of Minnesota freshmen, at their annual bean feed, will consume 95,000 beans, 900 frankfurters.

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Pennsylvania State College graduates of 1932 have given their alma mater $4,500 for murals for the college administration building.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Caroleen, Rev. Herbert D. Garmon, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointments here Sunday. He brought fine messages. At the evening service the message was "Life Met Death."

Our Sunday school attendance is still great, with several new members and visitors each Sunday. The young ladies are working hard; they have won the banner twice out of the past three Sundays, and tied the young men's class for it the other Sunday. This class has class meeting each Saturday night at the different homes of the members. They met at the home of their teacher, Ruth Reinhardt, last Saturday night for a social. Many interesting games were played and everyone present reported a fine time. Our pastor and superintendent were visitors at the social.

The C. E.'s are still doing good in both work and attendance. One of our former leaders, Mr. G. W. Wilson, who is leaving us, made a very interesting talk in our meeting Sunday. We are always proud to have our older members with us.

We want to continue in our work, and stand by our pastor.

LOIS HOLLIFIELD, Reporter.

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Mt. Pleasant Church, Mt. Pleasant Charge, Rev. J. W. Braxton, Pastor.—On the first Sunday our attendance at Sunday school was 173, with 11 visitors. During the church hour Prof. T. E. Stough of Gibsonville brought us the morning message on Christian Stewardship, using as scripture reading Genesis 28:22 and Malachi 3:8-12. He told us some people feel like the church is so honored by their presence that they do not need to give of their money. Tithing is the way of graceful love, grateful love, friendly love and wholesome love. Rev. Mr. Braxton has been bringing us messages on tithing for several Sundays and Mr. Stough's message was very timely. We were glad to have Mrs. Stough and daughter worship with us.

The second quarterly conference met at Pleasant Union church Sunday afternoon, March 5. Mr. Everett Stafford and Mr. J. C. Causey were elected nominees for delegate to the annual conference.

Plans are under way for a water system to be installed at the parsonage.

Mrs. Mary Roberson entertained her Sunday school class at a Valentine party at the Alamance club house. The evening was spent playing Bingo and checkers in which Katrine Murray and James Linens were winners.

On Friday night, February 24, a Martha Washington party was held in the recreation rooms of the church. Games were enjoyed and Rev. Mr. Braxton read a paper on the life of George Washington. Several were dressed in Colonial costumes. Refreshments were served, an evening of good, clean fun was enjoyed by all.

The Business Girls' Circle met with Mrs. Carl Curtis on Saturday night, February 25. An interesting program was given by Mrs. Trixie Suits and Mrs. Carl Clapp. During the business session final plans were made for a chicken supper to be given at the church the second Saturday night in March.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held after the Sunday school on the fourth Sunday.

Mrs. Tom Garrett and Mr. J. T. Shoffner have returned home from Piedmont Memorial hospital.

The Helping Hand class, in cooperation with the Woman's Auxiliary, is sponsoring a chicken stew at the church on Saturday night, March 11.

Another body has been laid to rest at Mt. Pleasant. Oscar Eugene Bowman, 31 years old. He was a resident of High Point, but had been making his home with his sister, Mrs. G. O. Fogleman, Burlington R. 1, for some time. He is survived by his father, Madison Bowman, of High Point; one brother, Ervin Bowman, of High Point, and one sister, Mrs. Fogleman. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Braxton on Saturday, March 4.

MRS. CARL CURTIS, Reporter.

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Shady Grove Church, Connelly Springs Charge.—We are glad to say our church work is still progressing, with 128 scholars and 5 teachers present in Sunday school yesterday, March 5. We think this is fine for a little country church, and just thank the Lord for it all. Preaching followed Sunday school by the pastor, and one new member was received into the church.

The cottage prayer meetings are still good. Many souls have been saved in these meetings, and we trust there will be many more to take Jesus as their Savior in the near future.

The interest is still good in the Ladies' Aid society. We still want Mrs. J. L. Love to know that we appreciate what she did by organizing this little band of women several years ago, and feel sure the Lord is still blessing her for it.

We ask the prayers of the Christian people for all our work, and especially the Evangelistic Club, a number of men and boys who have recently banded themselves together for the purpose of winning souls for the Lord.

MRS. RUTH AIKEN.

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Asheville.—Our February thank-offering service was held last Sunday morning with Mrs. E. A. Bolick in charge. Dr. Bethea gave a brief historical sketch of a familiar missionary hymn, and Mrs. L. S. Neville, president of the Woman's Auxiliary, spoke on "India's Religion." Miss Frances Cunningham told something of the lives and works of Rev. and Mrs. Minnis in India, and described the new church at Dhulia and its dedication. Mrs. H. L. Hanner discussed the purpose and distribution of the offering for World Service, after which representatives from all the Sunday school classes and the auxiliary presented the offering from their groups. The beautiful music of the choir, with Miss Fannie Miller as soloist, added greatly to the service.

At the last auxiliary meeting, held at the home of Mrs. L. S. Neville, all the present officers were elected for the coming year. They are: Mrs. L. S. Neville, president; Mrs. J. S. Williams, vice-president; Mrs. H. L. Hanner, treasurer; and Mrs. E. A. Bolick, secretary. These ladies have all done splendid work during the past year, and we are glad to have them for our executives another year. At the auxiliary meeting we were glad to welcome Mrs. Lowe as a new member. The study book, "Star of India," was discussed by Miss Frances Cunningham. Mrs. G. P. Younginer conducted the devotional service of the meeting.

The Sunday school attendance is improving somewhat and all classes are working well. Valentine parties were recently enjoyed by the Young People's class at the church and the Baraca-Philathea class at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Heller.

At the afternoon worship hour last Sunday Dr. Bethea gave the first of a series of sermons on the Cross. The message was most inspiring and we are looking forward to hearing the remainder of this series of helpful sermons.

FRANCES CUNNINGHAM, Reporter.

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Palestine, Flat Rock Charge.—Our pastor has filled all his appointments since my last report, each time with a new and more interesting message, so plain, so simple, that even the young children can understand and get a lasting joy out of it. If there are members that can and do not attend services they do not know what they are missing.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tucker's children, Peggy and Gordon, have had measles, but are able to return to school. Little Miss Marion Tucker has had measles, but is also able to be back in school. Miss Attie Walker, who was so seriously sick with an operation in a Greensboro hospital, has gotten able to return to school. J. C. Tucker has been confined to his bed a week or more suffering with a rising on the tonsil. If there is other sickness I have not heard.

GRACE R. TUCKER, Reporter.

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Littleton and Chase City Charges.—"The harvest truly is great" on this charge. The work is moving along at an increasing rate. One must keep his head up and keep moving to keep in sight of the needs on this work.

When we came here there was one auxiliary on the two charges, namely, the one at College Street church in Littleton. This society is doing splendid work. There was a need and desire for two other organizations, and so two other organizations have been formed, one at Hawkins Chapel and the auxiliary at Weaver's Chapel. They are entering their work enthusiastically. Chase City is anxious for an auxiliary and we are hoping to form one there soon.

There are five Sunday schools on the two charges and all are doing good work with fair attendance.

There is much interest on the charges in regard to building and repairing. Hawkins Chapel has six Sunday school rooms ready for the roof to be put on. They are using the pay-as-you-go plan. We hope to have the roof on this week.

Vaughn has done quite a bit of repairing on their church and hope to do more.

Chase City has repaired and painted the inside of their church. Plans are being made to install new light fixtures and paint the outside of the church.

College Street church is improving the grounds and putting out shrubbery.

Corinth church is purchasing new lights for the church, and Weaver's Chapel is planning to show us something new in their church in the near future.

The attendance at church services has been good.

There is a flu epidemic among our people which has kept many of our regular attenders away from church recently. We hope for these a speedy recovery.

We are fortunate this year in not having lost any of our members. We are sorry to lose from the membership of Corinth Brother Ike Porter and his family. However, they are not lost from the charge, as they were transferred to Vaughn. We are fortunate in having one of our superannuated ministers, Rev. H. S. B. Thompson, and his family to move their membership also to Vaughn from Spring Church charge.

D. D. BROOME.

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Flag Spring Church, Why Not Charge, Rev. C. H. Hill, Pastor.—We are glad to report that our Sunday school and church work is moving along nicely. Our pastor has been able to fill all appointments this new year and has delivered some very fine sermons.

An Appreciation Year Rally was held at our church Sunday, March 5, at 2:30 p.m. for all the churches on this charge. Dr. S. W. Taylor and Mrs. W. C. Hammer of Asheboro were the main speakers. The service was well attended and every one seemed to enjoy it.

We are planning to give an Easter program. The time and place will be announced later.

The Ladies' Aid society met with Miss Olive Bailey at her home near Ulah on March 3 at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Raeford Williams had charge of the devotions. Miss Verna Lee King read the scripture and Mrs. C. T. Luck led in prayer. Mrs. E. C. Cox presided over the business meeting. At the close of the meeting the society gave the president, Mrs. E. C. Cox, and the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Paul Cox, a linen shower in appreciation for the splendid year's work they have just completed. After the presents had been opened the hostess served refreshments to the ten members present. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Clarence Cox on April 7th at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. M. P. Spincer is to conduct the devotion.

The women of our church and aid society have decided to bake cakes or cookies to send to the childrens home on March 19th to be used in packing the children's lunches for school.

MRS. CLARENCE COX asst. reporter.

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Lebanon Church, High Point, O. L. Easter, Pastor.—Our pastor continues to bring to us inspiring and uplifting messages which are very heart-searching to his listeners. Our services are well attended considering the number of our people who are on the sick list. Some have been quite sick but so far as I know all are better now, we are thankful to say.

Interest is being shown in all branches of the work. Mr. and Mrs. Easter sure have the church at heart and are continually availing themselves of every opportunity to make the work a success in every way. They have endeared themselves to the hearts and lives of both old and young as they go in and out among us.

We had a funeral service at our church week before last, a brother of one of our members, Mrs. E. B. Barnes. Our hearts go out in sympathy for her in her hour of sorrow. Young People's Day was observed on the fifth Sunday in January throughout the day in all the services with a very impressive program at the evening service. The Ladies' Aid continues on the job with many fine local projects under way. Just now they are having the altar furniture rebuilt for more beauty and comfort. The church is getting the new hymnals in the near future.

The Woman's Auxiliary held its thank-offering service on the fourth Sunday night in February. "The Lighted Highway" was presented very effectively. The service was presented in the form of a candle light service celebrating the 60th birthday of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. All the 60 candles on the cake were lighted with three extra candles indicating some amount of money given. This collection amounted to the sum of $56.76. As a whole it was a very beautiful and inspiirng program. We are looking forward to raising our Appreciation Year budget in full.

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Roberta, Rev. H. W. Bell, Pastor, March 7, 1939.—Our attendance has been off some on account of bad weather, but you can tell who stands by the church and pastor.

Rev. Mr. Bell's wife has been in the Cabarrus hospital for treatment, but has returned home for a while to see if an operation is necessary, which we hope will come out for the best.

We have lots of sick folks that are improving—Mr. Starnes, J. R. Blackwelder, and more we don't know of.

Our pastor brought us a very interesting sermon Sunday morning, the subject being, "I have opened my mouth unto the Lord, and can't turn back."

The Pastors' Federation was very successful, and all enjoyed the day very much. The ladies served dinner at 12:30 o'clock.

REPORTER.

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Matthews Chapel, Greensville Charge, J. M. Morgan, Pastor, March 6.—Our church activities have been progressing successfully since our last report.

On the afternoon of March 5 Rev. J. M. Morgan filled his regular appointment; he preached an inspiring sermon to a large crowd.

Our Sunday school is moving along nicely, with a fairly good attendance; although there are many in the community whom we would be gald to have join us.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will meet Saturday, March 11, at 2:30, in the church, with Mrs. William Clarke as leader. The Auxiliary is planning to have an entertainment at Powelton school Saturday night, March 11, for the benefit of the organization.

The Christian Endeavor will hold its regular meeting Sunday night, March 12, at 7:30 with Mrs. Lawrence Clary as leader. The topic for discussion will be "Joy and Thanksgiving." Everybody is invited to attend.

The last quarterly meeting was held at Matthews Chapel February 21. Further plans were made for the building of a new parsonage.

Several of our good members are kept from church at the present time because of sickness. We hope they will soon be better.

Our church feels very deeply the loss of a member, Mrs. J. W. Edwards, who died on the morning of February 11. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor on Sunday afternoon. Her body was laid to rest in the family cemetery. Our sympathy goes to her husband and other members of the family.

Our sympathy goes to the family of Mr. Lonnie Edwards, who was found dead Sunday morning, March 5.

Our church asks the prayers of all, and our prayers are for all.

CAROLYN TAYLOR, Reporter.

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Canaan, North Davidson Charge, Rev. O. B. Williams, Pastor.—Here we come with a report from our Ladies' Aid. Since I did not report last month, I will try to give a brief summary of both.

The February meeting was held at the home of Mrs. A. L. Berrier. The March meeting was with Mrs. Robah Smith, having 18 members present. Mrs. J. D. Smith read a part of 119 Psalms, after which Mrs. Williams led in prayer. Mrs. Leroy Miller read meditation, followed by readigns from other members. There have been 232 sick calls and 32 flowers sent. It seems that we have had right much sickness hovering over us, but am glad to say that all are improving, with some back at usual health.

Our Ladies' Aid has got the quarter box rolling, as was suggested in our January meeting. We are still planning ways to raise funds. There were several plans presented at the meeting, but no definite action taken.

Young People's Day was observed at our church the fourth Sunday night in February, using the "Shrine" drama; collection being $5.13.

Our pastor, Rev. Mr. Williams, passed another milestone February 24th. Mrs. Williams gave him a bountiful dinner, having as her guests Rev. J. C. Auman and wife from Thomasville, and Rev. R. A. Hunter and wife from Winston-Salem, N. C.

Just a word about the thank-offering service. We are planning to have this the fourth Sunday night in this month. Everybody is invited to come worship with us.

May we still increase our knowledge and ability to know the better things of life and what it holds in stake for us. Let there be peace and love in our hearts.

MRS. CARL W. CLODFELTER.

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North Davidson Charge.—We have a Herald Reporter at each church; but some times I want to say a few things that they forget to say. Our church attendance at Sunday school and church services has been real good all the time since we have been here; we have had fine weather and our roads are good so it has been quite easy to get to all services. We have had fine Young Peoples Day Services at all the churches; and the special offerings that were recieved; sent to conference treasurer J. H. Allen. We are enjoying the work here, we are kept busy trying to find just where 636 members live, and to visit them in their homes; our sick list has been small considering such a large membership; all the sick are improving at this writing; Mrs. Bailey of Canaan church is in the City Memorial hospital Winston Salem, an operation is expected soon; please join us in prayer for her.

The people on this charge are exceedingly kind to their pastor and his family; each church on this charge has an entertaining committee, and by this arrangement we eat Sunday dinner every Sunday away from the parsonage; as well as other times by special invitation; we greatly appreciate this plan. The two auxiliaries and two Ladies' Aid societies are fine working organizations; these women are loyal to their church and conference.

A District Rally of the 10th District on Appreciation Year plans was held at Spring Hill church last Sunday afternoon; the speakers were Rev. J. C. Auman and Rev. C. E. Ridge. Rev. Fred Love, Rev. J. C. Bowman, and Rev. J. R. Hutton were present, as well as committees from their respective churches. It was a helpful meeting. The Women's Work was represented by Mrs. J. H. Ragan and Mrs. H. C. Nicholson.

North Davidson charge hopes to raise the World Service budget in full.

O. B. WILLIAMS.

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Mt. Hermon Church, Mt. Hermon Charge.—Our work at the present time is moving along nicely. Our pastor filled his appointment Sunday evening with a fairly good number present. Our next first Sunday evening service will be at 7:30 o'clock instead of 7 o'clock.

Our choir is still having its weekly practices and we think it is doing some good work.

The Auxiliary work is still progressing. The February thank-offering service was held the fourth Sunday morning. The offering amounted to $8.30.

Circle No. 1 is having a fish supper at Eureka schoolhouse Saturday night, March 11, at 6:00 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to come and enjoy the evening and help this work carry on.

MRS. PAGE JUSTICE, Reporter.

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Rockingham Charge, R. L. Vickery, Pastor.—Rev. Mr. Demmit, of the M. E. church at Rockingham, united in marriage our pastor, R. L. Vickery, to Miss Martha McCaskil, on Saturday, February 25. Mrs. Vickery is one of the most loyal and most spiritual young women in our church. We wish for them a long life of happiness together.

Our Sunday school attendance is not as good as we would like it to be. We have an average attendance of about 100. We hope our attendance will increase both in number and in spirituality.

The C. E. society and mid-week prayer meetings are attended very well. We want to see more people attend these services, nevertheless.

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The Ladies' Aid held a weiner and hamburger supper at the pastor's home last Friday night. The ladies are to be commended for their loyalty to their society. We also wish to express our gratitude on the part of the public's cooperation toward the things that we have tried to do.

The official members, and others who wish to come, have begun to hold "fellowship" meetings the first Sunday evening of each month. We discuss ways of improving the conditions of the church, both financially and spiritually. These meetings have been very inspiring to us all.

Our revival meeting will soon begin. We desire your prayers that our meeting will be a success and that many lost souls will be born into the Kingdom of God.

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Bethel Church, Flat Rock Charge, Rev. J. A. Burgess, Pastor.—The pastor filled his regular appointment last Sunday. We had a very good congregation, and the service was enjoyed by all present.

Our Sunday school is coming along very nicely. We have over a hundred on roll, and we are having very good attendance for the weather to be as rough as it has been. We hope to have better attendance later on.

The Ladies' Aid society is still working. Our society is about 2½ years old. During this time we have painted the church inside, benches and floor included, waxed the floor, got carpet for the aisles and pulpit, and painted and repaired the roof; all of which cost approximately $300. To make this money we have made quilts for sale, had lawn parties, gave programs, and various other things.. At the present time we are selling scouring pads. If the society from any other church knows of any better ways to make money, please pass it on to us.

There has been some sickness among the members of the church, but most of them are able to be out again, and we hope all will soon be well again.

MINNIE PEARMAN, Reporter.

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Liberty Hill, Anderson Charge, Dr. T. M. Johnson, Pastor.—We were happy indeed to have Dr. Johnosn with us on last Sunday for his regular appointment. Our pastor was not able to be with us on his appointment prior to last Sunday. This was because of a brief illness.

Our pastor's text for Sunday morning was taken from Proverbs concerning "Wisdom." In this sermon Wisdom was connected with the liquor traffic. A striking sermon was delivered on this subject. It is up to the Christian people to try to do what they can against liquor and all that it stands for.

Preparations are being made for a Bible school class here. There will be two classes, one for the older people, dealing with the study of the writing of the Old Testament. This is to be taught by our pastor, Dr. Johnson. The other class, for the yonger people, is "The Stewardship of Life." Mrs. Bennett Wilson will conduct this class. These classes are to be held in March. They will meet Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday following Sunday, March 19. The remaining two study periods will be held Monday and Tuesday following Sunday, March 26. We hope a large crowd will attend. We feel they will be heped by the study and discussion of these subjects.

The Willing Workers class will meet on March 7. All members are urged to attend and come with some plan or idea to help advance the class.

The Ladies' Aid society met for their monthly meeting last Sunday night. A number of members were present and Dr. Johnson helped discuss their subject used for this meeting.

The regular mid-week prayer meeting is still in progress. It is conducted every Wednesday night, at the church, by some member of this prayer band.

Mr. H. R. McClimon is on the sick list for this week. We are sorry to hear of his illenss and wish for him a speedy recuperation. If there are others who are ill at this time we have failed to mention, we hope they will soon be well again.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Compton and son, Billy Joe, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Compton, parents of Mr. Fred Compton.

As spring approaches may we find a new grasp on life. Let us make our lives count for all that is good and righteous. Let us ever look to Jesus and find in Him the strength we need to live for Him.

MRS. HORTENSE SMITH, Reporter.

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Surviving Mrs. Patty Fesmire are two daughters, Mrs. W. A. Sumner of the home, Mrs. Rufus Moore of Bear Creek, Rt. 2; four grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Since early childhood she had been a member of the Hope Methodist Protestant church, Bonlee, N. C. The life of this stalwart character was strengthened by a rich knowledge of her Bible, an appreciation of her church, and a love for her family. Truly here was a heroic woman.

AUBERT M. SMITH, Pastor.

Cox

The funeral for Mr. Earl D. Cox, age 34 years, was held at Cedar Falls M. P. church on Sunday afternoon, February 26, the writer being in charge. He professed faith in Christ in early manhood and lived a Christian until death, his church affiliation being with the Methodist Protestant church. His wife, who before marriage was Miss Lucy Julian, survives—also a number of children.

May grace be multiplied to all who feel the loss most keenly, and may the Lord keep them for His own service.

H. L. ISLEY.

Resolutions of Respect

Whereas, our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call to her heavenly home one of our beloved members, Mrs. James Walker, we, the members of Seagrove Methodist Protestant church wish to express our appreciation of her Christian life and influence in our church and community.

Therefore, be it resolved: First, that it is with deep sorrow that we record her passing. She will be greatly missed, not only by her devoted husband and children but by all of her relatives and friends. Her labors on earth are over but her influence will live on in her home and community.

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MRS. A. C. HARRIS,
MRS. W. E. TUCKER,
MRS. J. M. GREEN,
MRS. D. J. JOHNSON,
MRS. B. R. KING.

Presnell

Miss Louzena Presnell, age 66 years, passed away from this life to live in that mansion not made with hands, on February 6, at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. John B. Presnell, Asheboro, route 3.

Miss Presnell had been in ill helath only a short while. Her death came so sudddenly that her many friends were shocked at her passing. Miss Presnell was a whole-hearted Christian woman. She was a member of New Hope M. P. church until about three years ago when she moved her membership to Flag Springs M. P. church, where she was an active member at the time of her death. She held three offices in the church.

She is survived by her brothers, Henry T. Presnell, of Asheboro, and D. E. Presnell, of Asheboro, route 1, and two sisters, Mrs. Herbert McGee, Greensboro, route 1, and Mrs. W. R. Wiillams, Asheboro, route 1.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 8, at 2:00 o'clock from the Cedar Falls M. P. church by her pastor, Rev. C. H. Hill, assisted by Rev. Joel B. Trogdon. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

MRS. H. L. RICHARDSON.

Jones

Mrs. Lucy Bell Jones passed away suddenly at her home near Climax on February 4, 1939, having reached the age of 64 years. Her husband, Mr. Thomas Jones, preceded her to the grave only about three weeks, making it very shocking to the 7 daughters and one son who survive. One sister and one brother also survive, Mrs. Marion Trogdon and Mr. Shelton Lineberry. For a long period of years Mrs. Jones was a member of Gray's Chapel M. P. church, where the funeral was conducted by the pastor and Rev. A. O. Lindley on Febraury 5, burial taking place in the church cemetery.

H. L. ISLEY.

Weaver

William Henry Weaver, son of the late Edward and Gillie Weaver, was born September 18, 1878, and died at his home near Winston-Salem, January 15, 1939, at the age of 60 years, three months and 28 days.

He was married to Della Blanche Shouse on April 14, 1907. This union was blessed with six children, three of whom preceded their father in death.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Virginia and Bettie Ann, of the homeplace, and one son, Spencer, of Winston-Salem; also one brother, John F. Weaver, Rural Hall, route 1, and one sister, Mrs. D. C. Slate, Rural Hall, route 1.

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Early in life Brother Weaver united with Hickory Ridge M. P. church, of which he remained a member until his death. When the summons came he was superintendent of the Sunday school and a member of the board of stewards. He supported the church with his time and with his money; thus the church sustained a great loss in his going.

Funeral services were conducted from the home and from Hickory Ridge church, by his pastor, assisted by Rev. Mr. Crews of the Baptist church, and interment was in the church graveyard. A large congregation attended the services and the floral offerings were large and beautiful.

REV. R. A. HUNTER, Pastor.

Fannie Louvester Tucker-Kearns

Fannie Louvester Tucker, the daughter of the late Jonathon Tucker and his wife Rinda Tucker, was born in Randolph county July 27, 1877 and died in Greensboro, N. C., November 4, 1938. At her death her age was 61 years, 3 months and 7 days.

On December 5, 1895, she was married to Early Gibson who preceded her in death a number of years ago. To this marriage was born one daughter, Mrs. G. W. Crouse of Greensboro, N. C.

Her second marriage was to Erastus Kearns who preceded her in death a number of years.

Besides the aged mother who survives, there are of the original family three sisters and two brothers who survive. The sisters are Mrs. Sanannah Sexton, Mrs. Lindlay Sikes and Mrs. Earl Varner all of Denton, N. C. The two brothers are Julius and Perry Tucker both of High Point, N. C. A sister and a brother died a number of years ago.

At an early age Mrs. Kearns accepted Christ as her savior and joined Mt. Ebal Methodist Protestant church where she remained a consistant member until she was called to the Better Land.

For a number of years Mrs. Kearns was in very poor health and could not be active in church work but she loved her church and her God and was patient through her years of afflictions. She was a good woman. While our Heavenly Father allows death to come into our midst and take from us our loved ones he also in his wise providence lifts up the souls of these loved ones from this world

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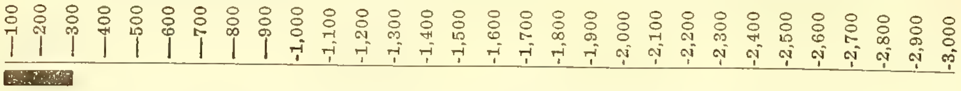

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of sorrow, sickness and grief to the land where there is no sickness, no sorrow, no tear dimmed eyes and where we never grow old.

"I cannot think of them as dead
Who walk with me no more;
Along the path of life I tread
They have but gone before.

Their loves are made forever mine;
What they to me have been
Hath left henceforth its seal and sign
Engraven deep within."

On December 5, the funeral was conducted in the Denton Methodist Protestant church with large numbers attending. The pastor was assisted by Rev. Arthur C. Kennedy, a neighboring pastor. The body was then laid to rest in the Denton cemetery under a large number of floral contributions which were the tokens of love from many who had known and had learned to love.

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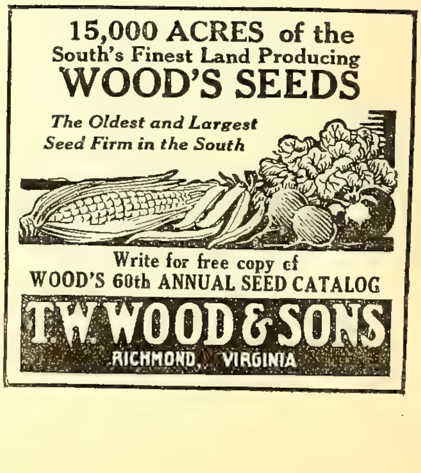
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The Credentials of Discipleship

By Dr. Thomas Hamilton Lewis

"If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you." There is the secret of power. We go limping on our way, not strong enough to fight, not strong enough to endure, not able even to run the race set before us, and we wonder at our limitations. Why should we expect to have power when we treat God's word as a closed book, or as a Sunday book? All power is of God, and all God's power for the disciple is in His word. The power of truth is there, for by abiding in it we come to know the truth. The power of faith is there, for "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." The power of prayer is there, for "if My words abide in you, ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." The power of the Holy Spirit is there, for "He shall take of the things of Mine and show them unto you."

And hear Him again, "if ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love." There is the secret of the sweetness and joy of the spiritual life. We cheat ourselves out of these precious gifts of God with the idea that they are some form of mysterious blessing given on special occasions and to special saints. It is not so, "but whoso keepeth his word, in him verily hath the love of God been perfected." Oh, if we would only stop trying to lift ourselves into the rarified atmosphere of emotional fancies and plant our feet on the solid ground of God's blessed word, how much more swift and certain would be our progress in divine life. If we expect to fall in love with Jesus, or be caught up in ecstatic self-surrender to Jesus, we must first get acquainted with him, and there is but one way to do that. Hearing sermons won't do it. Hearing others tell about Jesus won't do it. We must hear Jesus ourselves, and to hear Him, we must abide in His word.

If we have no realization of the vitality and power and joy of the Scriptures, it can only be because we do not abide there. We visit them occasionally, but we do not live there. Preaching about the Bible, or worshipping the Bible, as a magical book, or buying it in costly bindings, or defying its enemies to take it away from us—oh, how many are our frenzied substitutes for the simple privilege and joy of just learning it by heart. Let me beseech you to try this way. If you want religion to be power to you and not simply creed or custom; if you want Jesus to be a real, actual Friend and Companion to you and not simply a Christmas or an Easter story; if you want discipleship to be righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost to you every day you live, try the plan of living in the word. Give it the place in your leisure now occupied by the newspaper or the novel. Study it as you study your cash account. Follow it as you follow your chosen leader. Abide in the word, and a great transformation will break over your experience and you will begin to bear such fruit as you have never dreamed of and cannot now even understand. "If ye abide in My word *then* shall ye be truly *My* disciples. *And* if ye be truly My disciples *then* shall ye know the truth. *And* if ye know the truth *then* ye shall be *free.*"

—From *The Divine Credentials of the Bible.*

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

New Ritual Being Prepared

There came into my hands last week a copy of the new ritual which will be submitted to the Uniting Conference for adoption as the official ritual for the Methodist Church. Those who are contemplating buying the new Methodist Hymnals will do well to wait until the new ritual is substituted for the ones now in use. In as much as the rituals of the three denominations are different it is not expected that either of these would be adopted for the new church but that a new one would be made embodying the best in the three now in use.

Delegates' Expenses Again

Attention is again called to the importance of raising delegates' expenses to the Uniting Conference. Several charges have already raised this and others are making plans to do so. Please raise it as quickly as possible and send it to Treasurer Allen not later than April 10th. Not many of the delegates will feel that they are able to finance the trip to Kansas City without the help of the conference.

Pre-Easter Evangelism

While we people here in the South do not make as much of the pre-Easter season as they do in some sections, it is becoming a custom for churches to enter into this much more than formerly. Whether we have done this in the past or not it is a wonderful opportunity to deepen the devotional life of church members and to receive new people into the church and kingdom. I trust all of our pastors and churches will be busy trying to save the lost.

A Sunday Morning At Albemarle

Last Sunday morning was spent with the Albemarle church, Rev. C. G. Isley, pastor. This church is so well-known to a lot of our people that it is hardly worthwhile to describe it, in that two sessions of our Annual Conference have been held there, namely, 1930 and 1936. Our people there have a building which they can be proud of. While the debt has been somewhat of a burden to them, yet they are handling it splendidly and some of these times it will be paid for. There was a fine attendance in Sunday school last Sunday, three classes being present a hundred per cent. There was also a good congregation present for church services. A vested choir furnished good music and the congregation entered into the worship service as enthusiastically as any I have seen. Fortunately for this church they have not yet bought the new hymnals for when they do buy them they will get the official ritual of the new church. The pastor reports considerable progress along all lines.

A Sunday Afternoon At Pine Bluff

Last Sunday afternoon was spent with the Pine Bluff church, Rev. C. G. Isley, pastor. This church is a station within itself but is served by the pastor of the Albemarle church. It is something like a mile to the north of the Albemarle-Charlotte highway some twenty miles out from Albemarle. The church has the proper name for it is on a knoll and on the north side and at the west end a pine forest comes right up near the church. The wind singing through the pines makes sweet music. The building consists of an auditorium and two Sunday school rooms at the rear, these being built during the pastorate of Rev. J. H. Trollinger some five years ago. This is the home church of Rev. L. E. Mabry of our First church, Lexington and Mrs. D. I. Garner, the wife of our pastor at Mebane. It was a pleasure to be there and to hear of the good work being done. Brother Isley is a good worker and gets things done. His mother also gives herself without stint to the work.

Pastors' Reports

Davidson, Rev. W. H. Neese, pastor.—Met all appointments except one, received one member by letter, paid expenses of delegates in full, observed Young People's Day in four churches with offering taken, held two Christmas services, sent 12 subscriptions to HERALD (hurrah for Davidson, President).

First Church, Burlington, Dr. F. W. Paschall, pastor.—Three members received, attendance at church and Sunday school good, two very active C. E. societies, church budget paid to date. Best Young People's Day services and offering since began observing the day.

Haw River Charge, Dr. C. W. Bates, pastor.—Congregations the best during the present pastorate, making effort to raise all of A. C. Budget, Friendship church half way out, observing A. C. B. day at all the churches, Young People's Day being observed with sermon in the morning and pageant at night, total offerings a little better than last year, Sunday school attendance good, Woman's Auxiliary and circles making good progress, considering new church building at Friendship.

Denton Charge, Rev. G. L. Curry, pastor.—Fnances a little better than last year, planning to raise Appreciation Year Fund, had good Young People's Day services with offering better than last year; improvements made at parsonage.

Roberta, Rev. H. W. Bell, pastor.—Salary paid to date, part of World Service was accepted; all other budgets to be paid in full, $37.00 sent to Treasurer Allen, three members received, all services very well attended, good spirit among people, plans are underway to cover the church this spring; ladies have organized a Ladies' Aid Society and doing good work.

Shady Grove, Rev. Charles Sharpe, pastor.—Things running about as usual, nothing much to report, good or bad.

Chatham Charge, Rev. Charles Sharpe, pastor.—Sunday school rooms to be built at Hickory Grove and money being raised for that purpose.

Appointments

Sunday, March 19th, 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Enfield.

Sunday, March 19th, 3:00 p. m. Eden on the Halifax charge.

Sunday, March 26th, Vance charge, 11:00 a. m. Gillburgh; 3:00 p. m. Harris Chapel.

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Message In Verse

"Rise up, O man of God!
Have done with lesser things,
Give heart, and soul, and mind, and strength
To serve the King of Kings.

"Rise up, O man of God!
His kingdom tarries long,
Bring in the day of brotherhood
And end the night of wrong.

"Lift high the cross of Christ;
Tread where His feet have trod.
As brothers of the San of Man,
Rise up, O man of God!"
—*William P. Merrill.*

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Pastor Neese writes that Davidson has paid the A. C. expense budget in full. Brother Spencer, Herald Agent for First Church, High Point, tops the list this week with the largest amount on subscriptions. We appreciate this very much, W. J. A little more work like that by a few others and the Herald will be breaking even again.

Please, Please

We would greatly appreciate it if our correspondents would try to condense their reports and articles into smaller compass. We do not have the time to rewrite any articles sent us; but if the writers will put their thoughts in more condensed form what they write will more likely have a wider circle of readers, and there will be more space for other contributions. Our readers want the news from the churches, not a comment on the news. Most of us are now aware that all of our pastors preach "wonderful sermons" so that might be omitted. We believe most pastors would prefer that no attempt be made to give a synopsis of the sermons preached; this is rather a difficult task too. Just give the Herald in in spritely manner an account of those things which are vital to the progress of the cause of Christ, and leave it to the editor to do the rest.

Are We At War With China?

An American physician recently said, "The Chinese could save hteir country and their freedom if only against Japan, but it is very doubtful if they can against Japan and America." That may sound rather strange to some who do not know what America has been doing to China. It is stated that America has shipped $300,000,000 worth of war materials to the Japanese since the war began. The scrap iron is made into shrapnel to maim and to kill the Chinese. Hundred of airplanes made in this country carry the bombs which destroy women and children, even American property there. Poison gas made from American furnished chemicals snuff the life out of thousands of Chinese. Hundreds of automobiles and motor vehicles out-maneuver the Chinese in battle—the motor vehicles are made here and with all the rest of war materials furnished Japan we are building up a menace to our own safety and freedom because some business concerns over here made profit out of these transactions.

Character Counts

The most valuable crop any country produces comes out of its homes, not from the bowels of the earth or from the soil or factories. The character of a people must stand back of and underneath everything—the machine, the goods, the poem, the sermon; without character none of them are worth so much. And big business wants men of character, our government needs men of character, the church must have men of character to direct its affairs. The idols of the heart are seen in the conduct of the worshipper; the ideals of a people shine in the faces of the people who hold them, and the character of the workman is seen in the product of his hands. It is not a matter as to how much natural wealth a nation lives on the top of, nor does it matter so much as to how fast the breed increases; it does matter, though, as to what sort of men and women are there. Character counts.

Living With Oneself

The other day I saw a man with an empty sleeve and an artificial limb hobbling down the street talking to himself. I wondered what that poor fellow could tell himself that was new that day. For did he not have to live daily with that empty sleeve and be conscious of his dependence upon the artificial limb? Then I thought of another cripple who was trying to make his way on the sidewalk through the crowd, both legs off above his knees, with two blocks of wood in his hands he was moving slowly and painfully along, I thought of the trying experiences which were his living with that self, knowing that he could never overcome his handicap. Daily I see the dirty bum on the highway plodding along while the world rushes indifferently by him. He is going just to another place. But whether he thumbs a ride or wearily walks the road, he knows that he is classed as a nobody. The would has learned to do without him and his passing out of life will not cause a single tear to fall. Yes, he is living with a dirty, defeated self.

And there are tens of thousands upon whom the mark of Cain rests who dwell behind prison bars with a life sentence separating them from freedom and an opportunity to change their lives. Daily and nightly they must live with a self that the public fears, whose name just pronounced brings terror to helpless women and dependent children. These know that the door of hope is closed to them, that they are companionless and must live with a self no one else would risk himself with alone. Yes, the world has its millions who for some cause realize that they must live a lonely life with themselves.

And so the truth comes home with an ever increasing emphasis that all should so live each day that he is not ashamed of himself, does not loathe himself when he is alone to hear conscience speak without hesitation its judgment of him.

Then I thought of that great host whose daily lives are so clean, unselfish, noble, useful, upon whom the God of heaven smiles. They might live alone with themselves and be happy. They also know that they are not required to do this because there are others, loved ones, friends, just acquaintances who delight in their associations, whose joy it is to share their tasks, their sorrows and their sickness and defeats. It is a privilege so to live that one can live happily with the empty sleeve, the artificial limb, trudging along with the blocks of wood for feet. For such may be doing their best. But not so with the host of others in idleness and crime.

The Prospectus of the Discipline of the Methodist Church is in our hands. We have been eager to see it and to read it carefully. We have seen it, it contains 342 pages, but we have not yet read it. Of course, we know that this is as the name implies, a prospectus, it remains for the nine hundred delegates to the Uniting Conference to take the material in it and shape a Discipline of the new Church. And believe me, this will be a most difficult task. Glancing through the paragraphs we are aware of the intent of the formers of this *prospectus* that many of the proposed changes and the operation of much of the machinery herein described will hardly become effective before the first General Conference of the united church. There should, therefore, be ample time to prepare for such changes as the united church may require.

I'M DISAPPOINTED

Not the first time, of course. I learned a long time ago not to be too confident of getting every thing I wanted. But I did think the brethren would respond a little better to my appeal for Journal money. Those who did respond made it possible for me to send Brother Reiner $134.00. (I got another $100 from the Conference Treasurer, which made it $234.00). But thirty-two pastors haven't sent in their Journal money yet. That much more would have helped a lot. It's too late now to count on Brother Reiner's books for this year—February 28, was the last day for that. But I do want to close the account so far as our bill is concerned. So won't you send in your money? Thanks.

C. W. Bates, *Secretary.*

The exercise of patience involves a continual practice of the presence of God; for we may be come upon at any moment for an almost heroic display of good temper, and it is a short road to unselfishness, for nothing is left to self; all that seems to belong most intimately to self, to be self's private property, such as time, home, and rest, are invaded by these continual trials of patience. The family is full of such opportunities. —*F. W. Faber.*

Sunday School Lesson

By Rev. O. L. Easter

PETER EXHORTS TO CHRISTIAN LIVING

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, March 19

Lesson Text—I Peter 3:8-18.

Golden Text—Like as he who called you is holy, be ye yourselves also holy in all manner of living. I Peter 1:15.

Persecution and conflict are falling heavy upon this little band of Christian soldiers. They are still a small group of foreign legionnaires who by all human calculations seem destined to be overwhelmed by the vast numbers of their pagan foes, and the writer of First Peter is sounding a desperate command for every soldier to be at his post to man the guns of God's army. He commands that they shall sanctify Christ in their hearts so as to be ready at all times to give answer to every man that asketh them the reason for the faith that is theirs. Peter is saying to the Church that if they are to have victory over these hostile forces they must use the weapons and the armor of Him who has met and conquered these same forces—"as he is holy, be ye also holy in all manner of living."

Christian strength and protection comes from within and not from without, and as long as we safeguard that inner fortitude nothing can defeat our cause. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous in heart; who will harm you if ye be zealous of that which is good? The deep-sea diver can go to great depths in water which ordinarily is very hostile to the life and safety of man because he is protected by his diving suit and helmet. These serve to keep out the forces of the sea which would chock him and by his life-line from the boat above he breathes the air of his own realm of life. Peter is pleading with the Christians in Asia Minor to look well to this protective apparatus for in it is their safety and the churches chance of success.

If we would seek to know how these early Christian made such great progress against such terrific odds we find the answer in the fact of their Christian living. They practiced the virtues of love, honesty, humbleness brotherhood in a world that had grown weary of the results of the opposites of these virtues. They rendered instead of evil for evil good for evil and thus, as Christ has said, overcome evil with good. Nothing is so destructive to the power of sin as the power of righteousness and wherever a person chooses good in his heart evil is dislodged and righteousness is entrenched. Christ had possessed the lives of these early disciples and there was no stopping of their power so long as they remainded like Him. Look at the power of just one Christian like Peter. With his good conscience (when on day of Penticost he was spoken against) he was able to put to shame thousands of his enemies and led three thousand souls over to the Lord's side.

"See how far that little candle throws its light.
So shines a good deed in a naughty world."

Christian history has revealed, too, that its power to overcome evil by good has no earthly limitations so far as conditions like climate, race, language, geography are concerned. Paul went to Rome as a prisoner and because he was holy in all manner of living as Christ was holy it was not long until he was writing back to Philippi with these words:

"All the saints (at Rome) salute you. Chiefly they that are of Caesar's household." Philippians 4:22.

Just think of it, Paul in chains able to win Christian converts in the very household of Caesar. David Livingston went to the dark continent of Africa where all that the benighted savages knew of the white man was that he was a dangerous enemy that must be killed. He went there with no verbal language at first to make himself and his purpose understood, but he took with him the language of a life completely surrendered to the ways of Christ and soon he was acclaimed by these native as the Good Doctor.

Christianity is not only a world religion by proclamation but also by its very nature. Christ did issue the command to his followers to go into all the world and take this gospel but the greatest argument for its world program is in the fact that it works in all the world. The Hebrew had learned to look upon the Gentile as a sinner and an outcast from him because he did not have the eyes of Jehovah upon him. The publican within the Hebrew race was looked upon as a sinner not so much for his actual sins but because of the fact that his work and station in life did not allow him time to know the law; then if the law save him how could he be saved. But not so with the Christian faith; wherever men would receive the spirit of Jesus to be like-minded, compassionate, loving as brothers, tender-hearted, humble-minded, not rendering evil for evil they should receive the blessing of God whether they be Jew or Greek, bond or free.

"LOOSE THE GOSPEL UPON THE WORLD"

"I heard Woodrow Wilson," says Stanley Jones, "end a speech with this climactic sentence: 'We must loose American business upon the world.' I inwardly commented, 'We must loose the gospel upon the world.' But we shut it within our hearts, afraid. 'I was afraid, and went and hid my talent,' said the man in the parable. Fear had paralyzed him. He remained an undeveloped spiritual being because his spiritual life was unshared. Our churches are filled with spiritual dwarfs for the same reason. We call it reticence; its real name is barrenness. We need nothing so much as a passionate personal evangelism that will take men out from behind closed doors and impel "each one to reach one."

"Nothing will be more tragic to the church," Jones continues, "and to the world than for the church to close itself up, encase itself in its own inner activities, while the great stream of the world's life flows past it and the church is not at its center. Our one problem is to loose our gospel upon the world."

Sin is not a momentary retrogression to animalism. A decent animal would not do in the dark some things that degraded humans stoop to do.—*Dr. Harry Rimmer.*

WITH THE POETS

Elizabeth Vera Idol

SPRING ECSTASY

By Lizette Woodworth Reese

And

LOVELIEST OF TREES

By A. E. Housman

When Poe wrote in his essay *The Poetic Principle* that a long poem does not exist and gave as his reason that a poem deserve its title only inasmuch as it excites, by elevating the soul, he went to the heart of the reason for the shortness of most poems that have sought to express in words the fleeting beauty of spring. Almost unawares we awake some morning to the rapturous discovery that spring is here; that golden daffodils are fluttering in the breeze on every side, that multicolored crocuses brighten the dull drabness of wintry yards, and that trees that only yesterday appeared lifeless and dead are visions of loveliness in the delicate pink and white of innumerable blossoms. Yet how quickly such beauty fades. Almost as we catch our breaths with the rapture of it the air becomes full of the snow of drifting petals, and in an unbelievably short time the edges of the daffodils begin to wither and turn brown, and before we know it the delicate, evanescent loveliness of spring has given place to the more voluptuous beauty of summer.

This ecstasy of soul awakened by spring becomes almost articulate in these two brief poems. *Spring Ecstasy,* written by Lizette Woodworth Reese, out of the breath-taking beauty of white clouds, white lilacs, and white thorn, as she saw them each spring in her native Maryland countryside, and *Loveliest of Trees,* the even more lyric expression of A. E. Housman, as he wandered through the lanes of his own beloved Shropshire in England, are much the same in spirit and mood simply because Maryland is very much like rural England, and the souls of these two poets respond alike to the beauty around them.

Miss Reese gave a subtle response to every kind of experience that came her way, and in a fresh, clear, pictorial lyricism that will make a small handful of her brief poems live on far beyond her day she made articulate the rapture of her soul, and sounds a note that has been dominant in all English pastoral poetry from Wordsworth to Housman.

"Oh, let me run and hide,
Let me run straight to God;
The weather is so mad with white
For sky down to the clod!

If but one thing were so,
Lilac, or thorn out there,
It would not be, indeed,
So hard to bear.

The weather has gone mad with white;
The cloud, the highway touch.
White lilac is enough;
White thorn is too much!"

While Miss Reese is the author of only a few poems that will live, A. E. Housman has written two volumes that contain some of the finest lyrics in English poetry. In their condensation, their poignancy, their skillful simplicity, his songs are incomparable. Though many of his poems sound a note of sadness, almost of pessimism, this mood becomes half-careless, half-heroic, and the provocative truth contained in them is so everlasting that they bear comparison more nearly with the songs of Heine than with those of any other poet. Therefore, in some of his lyrics so short as to be almost epigrammatic, he has created a set of almost flawless songs, as nearly approaching lyric perfection as any in the English language. Such a poem is *Loveliest of Trees.*

"Loveliest of trees, the cherry now
Is hung with bloom along the bough,
And stands about the woodland ride
Wearing white for Eastertide.

Now, of my threescore years and ten,
Twenty will not come again,
And take from seventy springs a score,
It only leaves me fifty more.

And since to look at things in bloom
Fifty springs are little room,
About the woodlands I will go
To see the cherry hung with snow."

"CHRIST AND THE WAY"

By F. W. STEVENSON, D.D.

Of the Way.—Acts 9:2.

Apparently risking the future of His movement upon an assortment of unimportant personalities, Jesus enters upon His ministry. If there was an uncertainty in His own mind because of the character of those invited to share in the undertaking, there is no evidence of it in anything He said or did. Without delay or hesitation He preaches doctrines hard to proclaim, namely, repentence, discipleship and the Kingdom. Instead of using the powers God had given for base and selfish purposes He used them to bring physical and spiritual health, happiness and peace to sorely affilicted mortals. Such courage and conviction, such loving kindness, such tenderness and sympathy were marvels the like of which men had never known. It is little wonder people were drawn to Him. Here was One who satisfied their deepest longings and who met their greatest needs. However, it must be remembered, that the Wilderness victory made all this possible.

"Adventures By The Way"

They dropped their nets.—Mark 1:18.

Scripture: Mark 4:17-25.

Jesus' ministry was indeed an adventure, involving as it did grave uncertainties and equally grave risks. It was almost as much so to these humble fishermen. He knew well what awaited Him, but they did not. But one experience was common to all. Each divorced himself from the world with all its allurements, vanities and empty promises. And so it is. Those who would follow the Way, live the kind of life God requires, and those who would be endued with the power He alone can give, must separate themselves from everything that would weaken, qualify or destroy. It is basic in the Kingdom that we can not serve two masters.

Preaching was Jesus' first adventure by the way. Preaching is always a great adventure. What shall we preach about? What doctrines shall we stress? What are the needs of those to whom we preach? What is our motive? Our purpose? Shall we indeed preach with an eye single to God's glory, or shall we preach as men pleasers? Shall we preach human theories or divine truth? Shall we consider personal consequences or the consequences in the lives of those who listen? To the true minister of Christ there is only one answer. We must obey God rather than men.

Always, always it must be remembered, that good sermons depend upon good men. The quality of the preaching depends very much upon the quality of the preacher. Men can not impart the knowledge of God to others, if they themselves do not have that knowledge. We can not give what we do not have.

Three mighty words flash from this passage of Scripture. "Teaching," "preaching" and "healing." Actually they mean but one thing, that Jesus, following His epochal decision in the Wilderness, went to work immediately. Mark's "straight-way" emphasize the urgency the Master felt. There was no time to be lost. The King's business demanded haste. Consideration of personal convenience or security were put aside. Truly, He was among men as one who served, not Himself but others. He might not be able to save Himself, but he did and does save others.

What greater service can He render sin enslaved humanity Physical, civic and mental freedom are important, but spiritual freedom is more important. To share in bringing this freedom to others is life's greatest adventure.

The voice of God is calling
Its summons unto men;
As once He spake in Zion,
So now He speaks again.
—*J. H. Holmes.*

Prayer: Dear Lord. Temptations daily entice us. The attractions of the world would wean us from Thy side. The call of selfish desire would silence Thy tender voice. In our extremity pour out Thy Spirit upon us that we may have grace in every time of need. Help us to walk humbly and faithfully in the Way, whatever the risk or dangers we may face. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

MINISTERS MEET

The Piedmont Ministers will meet at Grace Church, Greensboro, on Monday, March 20, at 10:30 o'clock to hear Rev. J. Madison speak on "The Methodist Protestant Church Is Neither Dead nor Dying."

J. ELWOOD CARROLL, *Secretary.*

High Lights of Appreciation Year Campaign

Two churches report that they are over the top this week in the Appreciation Year Campaign, namely, Mt. Pleasant on the Cleveland charge, Rev. T. G. Madison, pastor and Julian on the Tabernacle charge, Rev, Eugene A. Lamb, pastor. Both of these pastors say that the money is in hand and will be sent in right away. Good for these two churches and these two pastors! Now who will be next? Brother pastor, please write the president of the conference just as soon as your church goes over the top. Remember we are giving recognition to individual churches on circuits.

Liberty.
Siler City.
Piney Grove, Siler City Charge.
Pleasant Grove.
Mt. Pleasant, Cleveland Charge.
Julian, Tabernacle Charge.

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UNITING CONFERENCE NEWS

Youth Day at Kansas City, April 29, 1939

One of the most enthusiastic days of the Uniting Conference will be Youth Day. Mr. Donald Barss of Coshocton, Ohio, will represent Methodist Protestant Youth on the program with an address, and Miss Marjory Wingett of Kansas City, Missouri, will preside a part of the time.

It is expected that thousands of young people from the Kansas City area and from distant points will attend the afternoon conferences and evening rally.

The program follows:

2:00 P. M.—Seminars for Youth and Youth leaders.
4:00 P. M.—Evangelistic Service—being planned in cooperation with the Commission on Evangelism.
7:30 P. M.—United Youth Rally in the Area.
Three youth chairmen — one from each church.
Three youth speakers—one from each church.
Address—Dr. Harold Case.
"Calling All Youth"—a dramatic presentation, by Harold Ehrensperger.
Special music.

The committee in charge:

Edward D. Staples, Chairman.
Carl C. Seitter.
F. L. Gibbs.
Walter Towner.
Harvey Brown.
Heil D. Bollinger.

—F. L. Gibbs.

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You do not need more of God so much as that God needs more of you. He would possess you so that you may possess your possessions.—*Col. F. J. Miles, England.*

DELEGATES EXPENSES AGAIN

Dr. Brown stated, through the Herald of last week, that he, Mr. M. A. Coble, and myself, had been appointed by President Pritchard to boost the raising of allotment for expenses incurred by delegates in attending the Uniting Conference. His appeal was to the point and forceful. As a member of this committee I most heartily second all that he said. Our 14 delegates will go to Kansas City on important business for the church. They should not be allow to do this at their own expense. And, of course, the church does not expect that they should. It is the purpose of every charge to raise the small allotment laid for this cause. The chief danger is that we will let April slip up on us before we get around to this. When the time comes these delegates will have to go, whether the money to defray their expenses is in hand or not. We certainly do not want to put them in the position of having to provide it themselves. The essential thing is to take time by the forelock, and raise this small amount now. Some charges have done that already. Different pastors have said to me that they are busy on their "allotment for delegates expense," and that part, or all, is paid already. It is hardly possible that the $3 per diem allowed our delegates by our conference, will take care of their expenses, even with the most economical living. The committee on entertainment stated to the Jackson meeting that a per diem of $4 would be necessary. But by conference action, $3 is the allowance for our delegates. Let us have every dollar of it in the hands of Brother Allen in time for distribution before our delegates leave for Kansas City. Asheboro will be in line with her $40. Let's make it 100 per cent, and just as soon as your charge pays, report it through the Herald. It will be stimulating to the rest of us. Let's get on the march, now, brethren, for every dollar of this expense allotment.

S. W. Taylor.

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COURAGE

Say not, the struggle naught availeth,
The labor and the wounds are vain;
The enemy faints not nor faileth,
And as things have been they remain.

If hopes were dupes, fears may be liars;
It may be, in yon smoke concealed,
Your comrades chase e'en now the fliers,
And, but for you, possess the field.

For while the tired waves, vainly breaking,
Seem here no painful inch to gain,
Far back, through creeks and inlets making,
Comes silent, flooding in, the main.

And now by eastern winds only,
When daylight comes, comes in the light;
In front, the sun climbs slow, how slowly!
But westward, look, the land is bright!

—*Arthur Hugh Clough.*

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This age that does not want the blood of Calvary is an age of murderers above all other ages.—*Dr. Will H. Houghton.*

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

By REV. JOSEPH COBLE

"I WOULD BE PURE"

Topic for March 26, 1939

Daily Bible Readings:

Monday, March 20—Purity of God's law. Ps. 19:7-10.

Tuesday, March 21—Purified lips. Isa. 6:1-8.

Wednesday, March 22—Purity of thought. Phil. 4:8, 9.

Thursday, March 23—Purity in conversation and conduct. Eph. 4:17-29.

Friday, March 24—Purity in living. Tit. 1:15, 16.

Saturday, March 25—Purity as of Christ. 1 John 3:1-3.

The Text: Matt. 23:23-28; Dan. 1:8-16.

"I would be pure for there are those who care," should be of deepest concern to both the christian and the non-christian. Purity pays big dividends whether it be physical, mental, or spiritual purity. From our story of Daniel we get a true story of what obedience to God's laws and to the laws of health can lead too. Daniel and his friends proved that purity of body and mind makes its mark even in the material and physical world. Of course we must remember that Daniel obeyed certain laws, not for a physical reason, but because they were the laws of God.

The good Jew of the day of Jesus believed that one could be pure only by refusing to associate with certain things that were unclean. Jesus the perfect example of purity came into the world teaching that it is not that which a man comes in contact with on the outside that makes him unclean, but rather that which is on the inside of him. "Blessed are the pure in heart:" says Jesus, and thus not necessarily those who are ceremonially clean.

We must be pure in body, mind, and heart. Nothing else will suffice. There is a lot of argument about a double standard. Magazine articles have been written about what men or women think about this subject. There is no problem here at all. What will leave a woman unchaste and impure will leave a man unchaste and unclean. The trouble is that too often in our country—even in our churches—men and women alike do not live up to the standards of purity that Jesus expects of his followers. We continually do things that permanently injure our bodies, and often we exchange one hour of physical pleasure for a lifetime of physical suffering.

Doctors tell us that more people suffer from mental illness than from any physical disorder. Like the physical, most of this we bring upon ourselves. The literature we read, the pictures we see, the conversations we have, and the thoughts we think breed mental disorder. And yet it is hard to ever convince such persons that it is they themselves that have place them in such a situation. If we are suffering from some physical disease and the doctor recommends that we refrain from eating certain kinds of food, we usually obey orders. When we are mentally sick and the doctor or minister suggests what we change the kind of literature we read or the kind of conversations we participate in, we become insulted. One of the boys who was in college with the writer became physically ill. He suffered a great deal until he consulted a doctor who only suggested that he change some of his thoughts and some of his conversations. Pure thoughts govern a pure physical body: Impure thoughts lead to sickness and death.

Before we have the strength to live a physically clean life, or to clean up our dirty, warped, impure minds, we must have pure hearts. A pure heart can come only by following the example and living according to the teachings of the Master who taught that purity is one of the greatest assets of mankind. The wise men of the Old Testament set a precedent for this when they said: "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

Father, lead me day by day,
Ever in Thine own right way;
Teach me to be pure and true;
Show me what I ought to do.
When in danger, make me brave,
Make me know that Thou canst save;
Keep me safe by Thy dear side;
Let me in Thy love abide.
When I'm tempted to do wrong,
Make me steadfast, wise and strong;
And when all alone I stand,
Shield me with Thy mighty hand.

—JOHN P. HOPPS.

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THE CHILDREN'S HOME AND COUPONS FOR 1939

Dear Friends:

The Coupon Company makes us a new and unusual offer for the year 1939. They will give us a credit for three extra coupons for each coupon from Octagon Toilet Soap, Rumford Baking Powder, Luzianne Coffee, and Obelisk Flour, when the coupon from each of these articles is attached to a designated circular. Through this offer 1,000 coupons would be allowed for 250 coupons. Isn't that great?

We have the circulars, and to save mailing we will attached the coupons as you send them to us. So please work earnestly and send us all the coupons you can get. Clip this so as to be sure to remember the articles for which we get quadruple value.

And that is not all of the good news. Listen! Each coupon from Octagon Granulated Soap counts double during 1939. As individuals you cannot get these values, nor can you get cash for your coupons; but your Children's Home can. Then, too, the company tells us that only about 33% of the coupons are ever sent in. So there is a harvest of coupons right about you for us, if you will just help us to get them. Won't you help us in these two ways: first, send us your coupons; and second, get your neighbors and friends to let you have theirs and send them. Coupons from all other Octagon and Kirkman products count as usual.

The Sunday school children will gladly help gather the coupons if you will interest and encourage them.

The $5 prize for the Auxiliary sending in the largest number of coupons during the last half of 1938 went to the Haw River Circuit Auxiliary, N. C. Branch.

We thank you for your continued interest and help.

MRS. A. G. DIXON.

High Point, N. C.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Bethel S. S., Flat Rock	$ 1.94
Reidsville S. S.	10.00
First church S. S., Winston-Salem	7.00
Grace S. S., Greensboro	12.00
Flat Rock S. S., Flat Rock	2.00
Friendship S. S., Friendship-Love's G.	5.78
Baraca class, Mebane	1.72
Mt. Pleasant S. S., Mt. Pleasant	8.00
Whitaker's Chapel, Enfield, Dec.-March	20.00
Glen Raven S. S.	4.84
Glen Raven, additional T. O.	5.84
Concord S. S., Saxapahaw	3.65
Mt. Lebanon S. S., Randleman	5.79
State Street S. S., Lexington	3.48
Fairfield S. S., Guilford	3.00
Kannapolis S. S.	9.00
Baraca class, Community ch'ch, Thomasville, clothing boy	5.00
First church S. S., Lexington	3.30
Worthville S. S., Randleman	8.80
Level Cross S. S., Randleman	1.02
Matthews Chapel S. S., Greensville	1.50
Sapling Ridge S. S., Alamance	2.90
Denton S. S.	6.25
Oak Grove S. S., Cleveland	1.51
Concord S. S.	20.00
Mitchell's S. S., Guilford	4.37
Spring Hill S. S., N. Davidson	3.44
Bethel S. S., Randolph	5.40
Bethel S. S., Mocksville	3.00
Gideon's Grove, Flat Rock	3.00
Mr. C. C. Robbins, Spruce Pine, helping support child	25.00

Clothing and Other Gifts

Mrs. Mabel Russell, 9 pair window curtains, 2 scrubbing brooms, and help to make other window curtains.

West End Woman's Auxiliary, Greensboro, 6 new dresses for Easter.

Ever Disappointed?

Well, look at the above list following a first Sunday in March, and with several offerings already in for the second Sunday. The shortest list we have reported in a long time following a first Sunday, and showing that just a few gave heed to our urgent request to increase the regular offerings. For several weeks we have asked all our Sunday schools to double their regular offerings in March, and many have gladly done it. This time because of the many other calls, we only asked for an increase in the regular offerings during March and April. Please heed our request or the Children's Home will suffer.

It is going to take a strong, steady pull all together to carry the Children's Home through 1939 and come up to our very last annual conference free from debt. Please help us to do it. A regular monthly offering from every Sunday school in the conference, with a worthy monthly goal, will do it.

Almost any well organized church can take care of one orphan child in the Home, if it will. We have 118 chcildren, and according to our last Journal we have 224 churches.

We thank all of you who contributed to the above report, and especially those who either increased their offering, or paid up to date.

A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

MISSIONARY COLUMN

MRS. R. M. ANDREWS, Editor
607 Guilford Avenue
Greensboro, N. C.

MISS GRACE ARMSTRONG

Miss Grace Armstrong has been "accepted for consecration as a missionary by the regular authorities of the Woman's Missionary Council and Board of Missions of the M. E. Church, South. She has made a good record at Scarritt. Her appointment is to China. We presume that she was consecrated for that work at the Council meeting in Asheville, Sunday, March 12.

Knowing the unquenchable zeal of Miss Armstrong in the face of her disappointment when our own Board felt that it was not safe for her to go to China, we rejoice that the way seems to have been opened by God in answer to her prayer and persistent efforts. We are sure that such consistency of devotion will bring forth much fruit in the field to which God has called her. Her acceptance and the possibility of her going are other indications of the need of Methodist Union which will make possible work that could not be done with our limited resources.

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Dear Mrs. Andrews:

I really think when the books close all the Minnis Fund will be in.

Pleasant Grove has sent in $16.00 this week. Thanks to them and lets hear from more right away. I am hoping to hear from a large group for next weeks paper.

Mrs. H. C. N.—Minnis Fund Booster.

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GIVING FOR GRATITUDE

That is what we are emphasizing this year in our Thank-offering and it is a beautiful way to give.

Give your offering in honor of some one who has meant much to you. Pay a tribute in words of appreciation as you place your offering on the alter.

If you have not held your Thank-Offering Service, do it yet. Let's do our part to reach the goal for North Carolina's Appreciation Year. Remember that your Thank-Offering and your contribution to the Minnis' Salary are both credits on your quota for Appreciation Year.

The time is short, but we can if we will put our church on the Honor Roll, with the entire World Service Budget paid.

MRS. C. W. BATES,
Chairman of Districts.

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TO SECRETARIES OF BENEVOLENCES AND STEWARDSHIP

Dear Friends:

In your Auxiliary you have been given a report blank for the local work in the Department of Benevolences and Stewardship. Sometimes we do not get a report. I know of some mighty good work having been done, and I do urge you, please tell us about it on that blank. The basis of my own report to the Branch is taken from your local reports. Please answer each question fully.

Unless you report gifts made to our Home Mission causes; whether your church has raised her assessment for the Superannuate Fund and contributed to the American Bible Society; also what kind of program has been presented on Stewardship in your Auxiliary, I will have a most incomplete annual report. We shall greatly appreciate a report from each Auxiliary Secretary of Benevolences and Stewardship with the name of church and charge written somewhere on it.

Let's pass on the good news and thus encourage others.

MRS. J. M. STONE,
Sec. Benevolences and Stewardship.

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THANK-OFFERING

Amount previously reported—Fall		$ 874.00
Amt. previously reported for February	$ 305.12	
Moriah	12.00	
Hickory Ridge	10.43	
Lebanon	54.55	
Pleasant Grove, Davidson, Mrs. Neese	2.63	
Pleasant Grove, Thos. Rt.	50.00	
Enfield	15.00	
Fountain Place	13.51	
Rankin Memorial	15.00	
Gillburg, Vance	3.50	
Love Gift, Lineberry, Davidson charge	4.21	
Denton	25.00	
Total Feb. Thank-Offering		510.95
Total to date		$1,384.95

MRS. C. L. KEARNS, Treasurer,
N. C. Branch Women's Work.
March 10, 1939.

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MINNIS FUND

Amount previously reported	$ 980.79
Mrs. E. L. Douglas, Louisville, Ky.	5.00
"Love Gift," Pleasant Grove, Davidson charge	3.00
Mt. Carmel, Forsyth	5.00
"Love Gift," Union Grove, U. G.	1.00
"Love Gift," Pleasant Grove, Thos.	16.00
"Love Gift," West End, Greensboro Philathea class	10.00
Rankin Memorial	5.00
Total collected to date	$1,025.79

MRS. C. L. KEARNS, Treas.
March 10, 1939.

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AUXILIARIES PLEASE NOTE

Last week I mailed two annual report blanks and an efficiency chart to each local auxiliary. Please fill out one report blank and the efficiency chart and return to me at first class postage rate. The other blank is to be kept in your Auxiliary for reference during the year.

Now on your efficiency chart and the blank you fill out and return to me be sure to write the name of your auxiliary, church and charge. Please see that these reports reach me before or by April 1st.

Won't you be responsible for seeing that your report is filled out and returned. Some were mailed to auxiliary presidents and some to corresponding secretaries. Inquire and see if your auxiliary has received a blank and if you have not, please notify me at once. I have a few more and will be glad to send them to you.

Let's have a report from every auxiliary in our branch. If you do not have an auxiliary and received a blank, won't you please send me a card stating that you do not have an auxiliary. This will help to keep records straight.

MRS. JAMES T. BOWMAN,
Corresponding Secretary, N. C. Branch
of Women's Work.

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APPRECIATION YEAR

The last of our five A. Y. Rallies for the 8th district was held at Gray's Chapel last Sunday afternoon, at 3 P. M. Pastor Isley and Mrs. Isley got in just as we were closing. A funeral detained them. Considering the rainy weather, the rally was well attended. Our A. Y. Rallies for this district have been held in the following order: Randleman, Bowers, Fairgrove, Flag Springs, and Gray's Chapel. A leading layman remarked, as he left the rally at Randleman, "This will do good." I am sure that what he said of the rally there appplies in every case. Increased interest has been created, and good results are sure to follow. Pastor Isley is confident that his charge will pay their $470 budget in full. Shiloh lacks only $35 of being out. Gray's Chapel has $100 provided for, and plans are working to provide the balance. Bethany has paid some, and Bethel is expecting to pay in full. The womens' work has been well represented in each of these rallies. Mrs. D. A. Henley was with us last Sunday. Mrs. W. C. Hammer spoke in each of the other meetings. We are grateful for the assitance, too, of Dr. G. I. Humphreys, Dr. F. W. Stephenson, and Brothers Curry, Auman, and Harrison. And certainly the pastors in each case. Their full co-operation has been very helpful.

On last Tuesday night, March 7th, a most enthusiastic A. Y. meeting was held in Community church, Thomasville. Brother Auman, Chairman of the district, arranged for it. I believe that it was worth $500 to A. Y. But Brother Auman will no doubt, tell about it.

From the Grace church rally, Brother Gibbs and I went south to attend rallies in Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi. In each of these states we found a most pleasing attitude toward A. Y., and a most hopeful anticipation of results. The Georgia conference expects to pay in full. Their budget is $1,500. A leading layman of that conference, and a prominent busines man of Atlanta, remarked that he had never seen the Georgia conference so enthusiastic over any thing as they are over this program. Much will be done in Alabama too. That conference reduced its A. C. budget in favor of A. Y. Brother Eddins, the President, is requesting that A. Y. be given the right of way until after April 30. We were pleased with the good prospects in Alabama. We have a divided house in Mississippi, because of Union. However, we had a good rally at Clara, Mississippi, and there is purpose and hope on the part of different churches to raise the A. Y. budget. Brother Herrington, pastor at Clara, raised $50 in a very few minutes after the preaching service Sunday morning. There is every reason to justify the hope of worthwhile results in Mississippi.

Appreciation Year is definitely on the march in the Southeastern Area. And I want to pay tribute to our women. They are definitely with the movement every where, and are rendering invaluable service.

S. W. TAYLOR.

CONFERENCE COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

T. J. WHITEHEAD, President
Henderson, N. C.

EASTER OBSERVANCE FOR CHILDREN

Children's Division
Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll, Supt.

Several leaders in the field of religious education were asked what they considered the essential teachings of Easter. All of them mentioned the awakening life in the world about us and the belief in immortality. One quoted these words from the Gospel of John, "Let not your heart be troubled. . . . In my Father's house are many mansions. . . . I go to prepare a place for you. . . . Where I am there ye may be also," and called attention to the feeling of the presence of the living Christ that dominated the early church.

As these thoughts were discussed it was discovered that appreciation for the new life in spring helps build up an awareness of the orderliness in nature and gives a feeling of confidence and security, an assurance that God's care is "round about us" wherever we may be. With the idea of immortality they associated the ongoing quality of life and the feeling that those who earnestly seek to do the right gain a new sense of confidence and power from the realization of their fellowship with Jesus. The idea of immortality brings added confidence in God's care and a reserve strength growing out of the thought that his love will be about us and those we love even after death. All of these interpretations lead us to rejoice as those early followers did in the assurance that Jesus lives. But if, to us, Easter is only an emotional experience, we have not appreciated its full significance. On that first Easter day there was rejoicing; but those who rejoiced went forth in his strength to do his will. They forgot self and sought only to help others and to build the kingdom of God on earth. Those who wish truly to celebrate Easter will seek some part in making a better and happier world.

After having decided upon the religious significance of Easter for ourselves, we are ready to think of the children we teach and plan how to interpret to them the message of this great Christian festival. With all groups in the children's division the joy of Easter may be associated with God's care and with the beauty and wonder of the new life about us. Care should be taken to develop a feeling of security and confidence in God's love rather than to dwell on the details of the crucifixion and resurrection. The teacher's earnest prayer will be that the children's lives may be touched by the transforming power of the spirit of Christ, so that they will find new interest and joy in bringing happiness to others.

In the nursery group the attention will be given to the very present happenings, since the little child's memory is short. We cannot expect small children to remember how dead and lifeless the bulb was last fall or even to have a clear picture of how the twigs looked the last wintry day, but we can see that they have the joy of looking at new grass, smelling buds, tiny new leaves, and beautiful flowers. Perhaps the children may plant seeds and watch them grow. They may use some of the flowers in their room to make someone else happy. If there are signs of spring the children may be on a walk to discover some of them. As they examine a beautiful flower or watch a seed pushing its first leaves through the ground, someone may sing the "Wonder Song" or the "Glad Song," and in this way help little children associate wonder and beauty and care wtih God. As they help to plant seed and water and care for the growing plants and as they are kind to pets and friends, they will be given a basis in actual living for appreciating the loving care of God. Since the grown-ups in the family will be speaking of "Easter," the word may be given enriched meaning for the child by associating with it the happy experiences with spring and the joy of sharing something beautiful with others.

The beginners are more developed but they will also find their best interpretation of Easter through associating it with the awakening of life in spring. The beginner worker may plan for outdoor trips to look at new leaves and flowers and to enjoy the warm sunlight. Perhaps the children may plant some paper-white narcissus bulbs. Reliable florists now have these bulbs that have been especially prepared so that they will bloom at Easter if planted two weeks beforehand. The children may take home seed to plant, or they may be given a small plant to take home and care for. Many four- and five-year-old children will be given a young chicken or duck or rabbit at Easter. To help the child know how to treat his pet and to provide an actual experience in caring for it, the leader may bring to the department a young chicken or rabbit. Before the pet is brought in the children may plan what they will do for it, the leader guiding them to see that too much handling may make the animal sick. This is one way in which they may help God in caring for a pet. The joy that comes from looking for beautiful things out of doors or watching the rain fall or sharing flowers with friends or caring for a pet may be associated with God, as the leader sings, "O Who Can Make a Flower?" or "I Am Glad for Friends." Again and again there will be opportunity for the leader to repeat:

> "The winter is past:
> The flowers appear on the earth:
> The time of the singing of birds is come."

If the children mention the "Easter rabbit," the leader may help them think of this custom as a kind of make-believe that helps us in planning happy surprises for others. It but adds to the child's confusion to relate the Easter rabbit myth to real rabbits.

Perhaps the most worth-while climax to the Easter activities of beginner children is a short visit to the church auditorium during the church-school hour on Easter morning. In some places the children merely walk about in front of the altar and look at the flowers, and pause a few minutes to listen as the organist plays some joyous music suggestive of spring or to hear the leader sing "O Who Can Make a Flower?" The leader may take this opportunity when the group is still with wonder to offer a short prayer of thanks for flowers and the happy Easter day. The visit will mean even more if the children have brought flowers to help in making the church beautiful.

In the primary department Easter will be associated with happy trips to watch growing things out of doors, with sharing with others, and with many beautiful songs of gladness. Being more fully developed than the beginners, they may be caring for bulbs which they planted last fall. If so, the gift of one of their own flowers to someone else will be a most valuable experience in real consideration for others. Perhaps the most wonderful nature experience for this group is to watch a moth emerge from a cocoon. This will bring the children face to face with one of nature's greatest miracles. We would not expect children of this age to reason that the change in the moth is typical of the change that takes place at death; but an experience of this kind will cause them to wonder at the marvelous plans of God and grow in their confidence in his care. This appreciation of God's care will be deepened as they work with him in caring for flowers and as they help him by sharing some of their good gifts with others. They may take flowers to a shut-in and sing some of their Easter songs. One primary group planned a beautiful Easter worship service which they shared with an elderly couple near the church to whom they had brought some flowers.

The wise leader will plan carefully the stories of Easter to be used with primary children. Guide them in recalling the many kind and helpful things that Jesus did when on earth and tell of the joy the friends of Jesus felt as they discovered that Jesus' love was always with them and realized that he could help them as they tried to carry out his teachings.

Junior boys and girls will have a wider experience on which to base their understanding of Easter. They should have associated God's love and care with many mysteries in the world about them. These experiences may be enriched by fresh contacts with awakening life. They may also be led to see more clearly the orderliness and dependableness of God's plans. Music, pictures, and poems may give a fuller meaning to their experiences. The poem, "Talking in Their Sleep," from Course IV, Part 3 of the Closely Graded Courses, and the songs, "The World Itself Keeps Easter" and "Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers," are especially suitable for use with juniors. These boys and girls will read the Easter story from the Bible. They may be led to see that the great historical fact about Easter is the way in which the friends of Jesus realized that he was helping them even though they could not see or hear him talk. It is important that they be helped to think of something to do to show their appreciation for Jesus. They may be guided in recalling some of his teachings and led to think of some person or group to whom they may bring happiness at Easter. They may select Bible passages, and songs which they may use to bring the Easter message to some shut-in, write an Easter litany, share in making the church beautiful, or

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FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Baltimore Church, West Forsyth Charge.—Our pastor, Rev. G. B. Ferree, preached a very good sermon last Sunday to a very attentive congregation. He chose for his text Phil. 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." His topic "The Life that knows no Defeat." A French warrior is credited with saying. "Impossible is not a French word." Ought it not to be true that the Christian should omit the word from his or her vocabulary? The Christian is assured the strength in proportion to his faith, and he is assured strength equal to the most difficult duties to which he is called. This strenght is in Christ who strengthens by the Spirit.

Do this and know that all things can be done through Christ who strengthens us.

Our hearts were saddened Monday February 6, when we heard of the death of Mr. T. L. Long, one of our faithful members. He had been critically ill for the past week. All was done that faithful physicians and loved ones could do, and many prayers were offered in his behalf, yet God knew best and called him home. There is a vacancy in our hearts, in our community, and in our church that never can be filled. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family, and may they be comforted by our Heavenly Father.

Our Sunday school seems to be increasing We are hoping with faith in God our church work not only ours but all others will be successful in the future.

The ladies Auxiliary held its last meeting with Mrs. J. W. Long, a very interesting program was held. The attendance was very good.

JOSEPHINE PHILLIPS, Reporter.

Midway Church, Paul Hamilton, Pastor.—This is the first report from our Sunday school and church for the new year, but we have definitely begun with a good start.

Our progress in our Sunday school is remarkable. Our record attendance was broken the second Sunday in February and since that time, the attendance has been steadly increasing. The children, as well as the adults are coming in droves to hear the teachings of God. May God bless us in the future as he has in the past.

May I say a word about our new pastor? He is a fine young man from High Point College and has made a very fine impression on the people of the church and community, through his fine sermons and contact with the people. Let a share of the attendance of the church be credited to him

There has been a marked attendance in our Christian Endeavor Society also. Mrs. Hubert Fruitt was elected again to serve as our president and she is a good one. Our meetings have been interesting and are looked forward to each week by the young people. The fellowship in our society has been entertaining. Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Fruitt were host to the group early in the year and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Walters entertained in the hut last week.

A Junior C. E. Society was organized by the teachers of the respective classes last Sunday evening and we are praying that this work will be a success in as much as the children will be stronger workers for Christ.

Young People's Day was observed on Sunday night February 11th. It was one of the most beautiful and impressive services that our congregation has ever witnessed. This was accomplished through the leadership of Mrs. Everett Walters and the C. E. Society.

We wish to extend our heartiest welcome to our new members; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde York and Mrs. Daisy Hiatt and through their presence and leadership, may we grow.

Mrs. Bill Hiatt was hostess to the Ladies' Class and honored guests, the officers of the Sunday school and the pastor, at a dinner in the church hut last week. The Woman's Auxiliary held its regular monthly meeting with Mrs. Uke Anthony last Tuesday. Their Project for the month is to ceil the church hut.

Mrs. Everett, teacher of the Ladies' Class, has gone to New York City to receive professional training in Girl Scout work. She will be away for the entire month.

HUNT PINNIX, Reporter.

Glen Raven Church.—Our church is progressing this year in many ways. We have been rather negligent in our reports but the work has been going on.

We are indeed happy to have Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Coble as our leaders this year. They are doing a grand piece of work and we appreciate everything that they are doing.

Our Sunday school is increasing in attendance and much more interest is being shown. All the classes seem to be hard at work and much good is being done. The Sunday school is keeping up its monthly offering to the Childrens' Home.

The church services have been most inspirational. We have been having a short Junior church just before the regular church service and veen we older members have found these services to be very helpful.

The Christian Endeavor seems to be makservice and even we older members have about fifteen each Sunday night. We have decided to have charge of one night service each month and to have one Sunday night devoted to Bible study. We are hoping that this will help our meetings. We are still giving our support to "our girl" at the Childrens' Home. We held our regular business meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dean on Saturday night. We always enjoy being in their home so much. The social committee is planning a campfire breakfast for Easter Monday morning. The society has recently joined the Alamance County C. E. Union and we are thoroughly enjoying the meetings. The next meeting, which will be held in May, is to be at our church. We are looking forward to this with much anticipation.

The Young People's Day was obsreved on the third Sunday in February. Our morning service was dedicated to the Young People and the sermon was most beneficial to both young and old. In the evening the Young People presented the pageant, "Shrines."

The Ladies' Auxiliary is still doing the good work that it has always done. They are still paying on the furnace and I understand there is only a small balance due. Our hats go off to these women.

During the winter months we have been having our weekly prayer services in the different homes. We have enjoyed the fellowship this has brought.

So many in our community have been sick and quite a few are still sick. We are wishing them a speedy recovery.

REPORTER.

First M. P. Church, Danville, Va., Rev. G. L. Reynolds, Pastor.—We certainly were proud to hear 50 per cent of the 60 present 4 years ago, at our organization date, respond to the roll call last Sunday. There was one sad moment of the day—when our Sunday school superintendent asked us to bow in silence in memory of Mrs. R. L. Victory, who passed away last April. We are happy to know though that she is in a far better place now. Sunday was one of the most enjoyable days in the history of the church. Several charter members rendered musical selections including the Rice family, and Eutha Mae and Annabelle Searce. We were also glad to have Mr. Will Fort make a talk during the opening Sunday school exercises.

Sunday night the Ladies' Auxiliary presented a pageant, "If I Be His Disciple." Although it rained and rained and rained, we had almost a church full to witness the play. The Auxiliary is a small organization within the church, but the church would be more than crippled without this group of earnest workers. Before the play was over, we were wondering if Miss Electa Jarvis weren't really the missionary she pretended to be. Everyone did enjoy the play and also the other special features of the day. We couldn't wish for more on our 5th anniversary date than a new church in which to worship, and we look forward to the beginning of the new building after Easter with great anticipation.

The Christian Endeavor Society sponsored Youth Day throughout the service Sunday a week ago. One of the Endeavor representatives, Miss Elizabeth Thomas, took charge of the Sunday school devotional period; and had as her guest speaker, Mr. Oscar Guinn, Jr., a young leader of the Riverside Mission. Mr. Guinn gave a fine talk on "Youth in Gratitude," which offered a challenge to both young and old. In appreciation of all that adults have meant to us, the Christian Endeavor Society selected as a channel through which to express their thanks, Mr. G. H. Sides, associate C. E. member, choir member, Sunday school teacher, and our present school superintendent, and presented him with a small gift. The pageant, "Shrines," was presented at the evening service and an offering of $2.25 taken for World Service.

Evangelistic services are to begin Sunday, March 19, throughout the Danville churches in preparation of the approaching Easter season. We are very happy to have Rev. A. D. Shelton, of Greensboro, conduct services at our church, and to have him in the homes during his stay here. Let us be constantly reminded of the great pain Jesus bore for us on the cross some 1900 years ago, and pray that we may lead others to realize what Christ should mean to everyone, especially at this time, during the revival and the pre-Easter season.

What a pleasant surprise we received when Mrs. Georgia Turner, one of our most faithful members, walked in church last Sunday night. We have been missing her in the choir, at Sunday school, and in all the services since she moved to South Carolina, but we were certainly tickled to see her again, even though for so short a time. There were many visitors present during the day.

Besides celebrating the birthday of the church, we helped celebrate several other birthdays too. Little Curtis Levi Sides couldn't keep up with the church in years, but he did drop his first penny in the box. Mrs. Lillian Elliott, or Miss Virginia Fowler one, loaded the box down with a 50 years offering. Since both participants went up at the same time, we don't know which to put the age on, so we'll just have to split the difference.

We humbly ask an interest in your prayers as we start out with our new undertakings, even as you shall ever be remembered in ours.

ELEANOR TANNER, Reporter.

Mill Grove Church, Rev. Earl A. Cook, Pastor.—Sunday was a small congregation. There was some sick and some out because of carelessness. Some did not want to come. We had a fine sermon, the subject was the sin against the Holy Ghost, he made the sinner very plain. We are in the midst of a perilious time. The people are more interested in other things rather than their souls.

I am very sorry that the young folk are so careless as to not see their folly of following the worldly lusts. We hope that something will come into their ivles to make them realize the importance of serving their Heavenly Father.

They will have to take over sooner or later if our places are filled.

We ask an interest in the prayers of all those who want to see the Lord's work prosper. We wish Brother Andrews and the Herald much success.

CHAS. W. MISENHEIMER, Reporter.

First Methodist Protestant Church, High Point, N. C.—Recently a Youth's Council, made up of the members of all the Young People's organizations in the church, was organized. The purpose is to unify the young people's work in the church to encourage more activity among them. Sunday night the Council sponsored the evening service, with approximately sixty young people participating. The subject was "The House of the Lord." Talks were made by Glenn Payne, Tressie Caudle, William Troxler, and Margaret Burnside. There were two choirs, one occupying the usual seats for the adult choir, and the other, the balcony. Edith Vance, president of the Council, presided, and the devotionals were conducted by Jack Lee. There was a large attendance and much interest is being manifest by both the young people and the adults.

The stewards are making a drive for the Building Fund and two Sundays ago over six hundred dollars was subscribed in a meeting at the end of the regular service. They are very optimistic about the response they seem to be getting.

Our pre-Easter services seem to be very worthwhile. Attendance seems to be growing at the regular prayer services at the church each Wednesday night. The Junior church conducts its own prayer services in the homes of the boys and girls each Monday evening at 5 o'clock. Their attendance is good. They also had a Visitation Week, as the seniors did, carrying their Self-Denial banks to present to the children they visited. We have every reason to be proud of the splendid work being done for the children and younger people of our church.

A city-wide Christian Endeavor banquet was held at the church last Friday night. Bill Wall acted as toastmaster and Mr. Luther Medlin, field-secretary, spoke. About one hundred persons enjoyed the affair.

Many readers of the Herald will regret hearing of the death of Mr. J. M. Sechrest. He was one of the oldest citizens of the town, being ninety years old at his death. Our deepest sympathy goes to his bereaved ones, particularly the three grandchildren who are members of our church, Mrs. T. R. Pollard, Mrs. Oliver Poindexter, and Mr. Darrell Bulla.

MRS. ROBERT DAVIS, Reporter.

Liberty Hill, Anderson Charge, T. M. Johnson, Pastor.—We are indeed sorry to report that our good pastor could not be with us Sunday to fill his regular appointments on account of a relative of his dying in North Carolina.

We were indeed glad to see H. R. McClimon back at Sunday school Sunday after being ill for some time.

The Willing Workers class held their regular meeting at the home of Miss Elaine Harrison, Tuesday night, March 7. Several different plans were made for the class and each one reported a very nice time.

As we didn't have preaching Sunday our kind superintendent read scripture and made a very inspiring talk and had the congregation to sing "Uncloudy Day." We do appreciate Mr. Waddell for his work, kindness and loyalty toward our Sundy school and church work. He is always so faithful and willing to help at any time.

May the Lord open our eyes, cure our blindness, that we may see past the tall buildings of cities and perceive the souls thereof; past the dark material into luminous spiritual, past the hard things visible unto fluid eternal things invisible. Let us see beyond the quick satisfaction of hate to the long joy of forgiveness. Let us see beyond appetite to the pleasure of self-control. Let us see beyond greed to the luxury of giving, past gold to the treasures of contentment, and give us largeness of heart. Let us see past revenge unto the strength and wisdom of forgiveness. Let us see beyond blinding pride to sunny healthfulness of humility. Let us see past profiit to usefulness, past success to self-approval. Take our lives out of the narrow pit and set us upon a high mountain, so we may see and not forever be a prisoner of prejudice, a bat of blind custom, a mote of ignorance, a convict in the penitentiary of fear. Let us see beyond past the night to the dawning day: past gloom to glory; past death to eternal life; past the finite to the infinite; past men and things and events to God.

The Willing Worker class is still progressing in the contest they started in January. The Ford V-8 side is still in the lead. We ask the prayers of all for our class that we may accomplish lots in striving to win souls to come to Sunday school.

Our Gracious Father, grant to all the spirit that we may love others as Thou hast loved us. Keep our hearts today from all selfishness and pride, and enable us to comfort some broken heart and lead some lost soul into the light. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MRS. JOHN D. McCLIMON, Reporter.

Cedar Cliff Church, Rev. J. R. Anderson, Pastor.—We were privileged to listen to one of the most beautiful sermons in years brought to us by our pastor Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour. Our scripture lesson was taken from the Book of Ruth, the first chapter and 16th verse. We were very glad to learn that our pastor's health is very much improved. We thank God for our pastor, and for what his teaching and his life has meant to us during his years with us. May we all seek to cooperate with him in his work to help save a lost and dying world.

Mrs. Mary Rumley who recently underwent an operation at a Greensboro hospital is reported as doing nicely. Mrs. Rumley is a member of our church, and we wish for her a speedy recovery.

Now with spring coming on we hope to improve our church attendance very much. And we feel this can be done by constant united prayer and righteous living will God help us to work together in this move to improve our church.

Hawkins Chapel Church, Littleton Charge, Pastor, D. D. Broome. — Second Sunday morning, Brother Broome's sermon was highly praised. His text, Numbers 13:30, "And Caleb stilled the people before Moses and said, Let us go up at once and possess it, for we are well able to overcome it."

Our Sunday school has decreased some, on account of colds.

Ladies' Aids will meet Wednesday evening, March 15, with Mrs. Ambrose Pittard. They have started several projects of raising money.

Mr. Broome, and son, Mrs. M. J. Morris, were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hawkins Sunday.

Our church paper brought us news. Our former pastor, Mr. Vickery is married. We wish for them a long and happy life.

MRS. CLAUDE HAWKINS, Reporter.

Davidson Charge, W. H. Neese, Pastor.—
The Lineberry Auxiliary met with Mesdames W. A. Frank and Garvin Elliott Saturday, March 11 at 2 p. m. There were eight members and 2 visitors present. The society was glad to have Mrs. B. K. Taylor as a new member. Mrs. Whitt Wood was program leader and the following ladies had part on the program: Mesdames Whitt Wood, W. A. Frank, W. H. Neese, Van B. Wood, Garvin Elliott, I. C. Taylor, Miss Pallie Brown Wood, a visitor rendered a piano solo and also a recitation. Officers for the New Year were elected as follows: President, Miss Bruce Smith, Vice-President, Mrs. Vernon Hall, Secretary, Mrs. Garvin Elliott, Treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Taylor, Reporter, Mrs. W. H. Neese, Flower committee, Mesdames Whitt Wood, Van B. Wood, Vernon Hall and J. P. Elliott, Sick committee, Mrs. Marshall Skeen, Social com-

mittee, Mrs. Whitt Wood and Mrs. W. A. Frank, Spiritual Life Secretary, Mrs. B. K. Taylor. The other secretaries will be appointed later.

Delegates to branch meetings are Miss Bruce Smith, Mrs Garvin Elliott, Mrs. J. C. Taylor and Mrs. W. H. Neese. The society enjoyed the delicious refreshments served by the joint hostesses.

The society made a Love Gift at this time for Mr. Minnis. Thank Offering Services have been held at Lineberry, Pleasant Grove, Alleghany and Pine Hill churches with good results. Next Sunday Chapel Hill and Liberty churches will observe Thank Offering.

The following people have recently contributed to our comfort: Mrs. A. C. Harris, Mrs. Witt Wood, Mrs. Van B. Wood, Mrs. J. C. Taylor, Edward Harris, Mrs. Metta Wood, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Frank, Rev. and Mrs. G. L. Curry, Mrs. Edd Morris. Mrs. P. C. Reid. Paul Reid and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Payne. To all we say thank you.

Quite a few of our members are sick. Mr. Nelson Smith of Lineberry church is seriously ill. We ask the prayers of Herald readers for his recovery also for all our sick.

MRS. W. H. NEESE.

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Gray's Chapel, Randolph Charge, H. L. Isley, Pastor.—Our church activities are moving along nicely. The attendance at Sunday school and church is fine despite much sickness and inclement weather.

We are well pleased with our pastor who is taking such a sincere interest in the church work. We enjoy so much his and Mrs. Isley's visits among the members, especially in time of sickness.

We had our Appreciation Year Rally at Gray's Chapel Sunday afternoon. There was a good attendance considering the weather. Much interest was shown in raising the full amount of our allotment. Dr. Taylor explained the Appreciation Year plan so plainly and enthusiastically that no one could help being interested. Mrs. Henley from Asheboro gave a short talk on "Thank-Offering."

We are still planning to build Sunday school rooms in the near future.

I am sorry to report that Mrs. Jack Pugh is in the hospital, but am glad that she is doing nicely.

MRS. BRUCE PUGH, Reporter.

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Union Ridge, Forsyth Charge, Rev. R. A. Hunter, Pastor.—Our pastor has filled all his regular appointments since my last report, each time with a new and more interesting message, so plain, so simple, that even the young children can understand and get a lasting joy out of it.

Miss Lea Joyner of High Point College spent the weekend with Miss Dorothy Miller. Held service Sunday night. All present enjoyed the service.

The Willing Workers class and the Christion Endeavor society of our church met at the home of Roy Cranford. The meeting was called to order by Miss Helen Willard, president of the C. E. A song was sung by the group after which S. E. Kinnamon led in prayer. A letter was read by Miss Ann Tesh from Miss Helen Bailey, missionary to China. The Auxiliary met with Mrs. W. E. Marby for the February meeting. Mrs. C. A. Willard, president, had charge of the program. The March meeting will be held with Mrs. C. A. Cranford.

We are having an epidemic of measles and flu at this time which is keeping many from church. Hope they will soon be back with us. We were glad to have back with us Mr. J. F. Snider, chairman of the board of stewards, who has been ill for some time. Mrs. W. G. White who has been ill for some time was back at church Sunday. We are sorry to report at this time that Mrs. S. L. Tesh, one of our faithful members, has been ill, but is improving now. We hope she soon will be back with us.

The second quarterly conference will be held at our church the fourth Sunday in March, at 2:30 o'clock. We hope to have a good attendance.

A good many of our young people attended the Christian Endeavor meeting at Thomasville Sunday. All enjoyed the meeting very much.

H. L. MILLER, Reporter.

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Haw River Circuit.—We are glad to report the charge out on Annual Conference Expense and United Conference Delegates' Expense. Midway finished paying out the latter item yesterday. We finished the other item some time ago.

From now until the last Sunday in April we shall major on the World Service "Appreciation Year." A considerable amount has already been turned in; but nothing to blow our horn about. We may do a bit of tooting later.

At long last—I believe that's the latest way to put it—we are about to get something started in the way of improvements at Friendship. A plan has been drawn for a Sunday school addition. It is proposed to move the present church building up the hill some 150 feet and add the Sunday school rooms, at the same time making some improvements in the present church auditorium. This will give us an adequate church plant, and with the building moved, give a splendid space for additional cemetery lots. A vote will be taken Sunday at Friendship to determine the wishes of the congregation with respect to these improvements.

Rev. W. F. Ashburn, a former pastor, preached at Friendship Sunday morning. A goodly number were out to hear him, and they were helped by his sermon. The preacher-pastor was at the other two appointments, holding his own services, so had to miss the opportunity of being with and hearing Brother Ashburn.

While the pastor has been preaching at his appointments, the good wife has been holding thank-offerings services in connection with the Sunday school services at the other churches. She has one more such service to hold—this coming Sunday at Fair Grove. She is delighted with the response thus far.

C. W. BATES, Pastor.

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West End, Greensboro, R. M. Anrdews, Pastor.—Spring itself was depicted in the playlet presented by the Beginners department Sunday morning at 10:30. "The Yellow Poppy" was the title and the dozen or more tots who took part wore costumes of bright crepe paper and charmed the audience with the portrayal of their parts.

The Philathea class met with Mrs. Lois Newman, Winston road, for their February business and social meeting. More than 20 were present and at the close of the business session a handkerchief shower was presented to Mrs. J. R. Holden, teacher, whose birthday comes in February.

The Woman's Auxiliary held the second thank-offering service for the year on Sunday evening, March 12. "If I Be His Disciple" was given by an able cast of characters and an appreciative audience enjoyed the presentation.

Circle meetings were held on last Monday and Tuesday evenings. Good attendance, high interest, and activity was noted in all in closing the year and looking forward to further achievement in the new missionary year.

The District meeting was held at West End on March 5th. Following the ministers' discussions, Mrs. Bates spoke to the group on "Appreciation Year," and Mrs. Trogdon, of Tabernacle church, reviewed the foreign study book in a very interesting and instructive manner. Reports were heard from all auxiliaries represented.

Sunday evening, March 19. Dr. Andrews is
Sunad yevening, March 19. Dr. Andrews is asking several former pastors to speak during this month. A full attendance of members is asked to as many of the church services as possible, during March, our Loyalty Campaign month.

MILDRED STAPLETON, Reporter.

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Mt. Pleasant Auxiliary, North Davidson Charge.—We have met twice since I last reported, both February and March.

The February meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Virgil Morris, and as usual our attendance was good. We also gained two new members at this time, Mrs. J. C. Plummer and Mrs. O. B. Williams. Mrs. Della Ball had charge of the devotionals, with various members taking a part. Mrs. Williams offered prayer. A special feature was a duet by Mrs. Alfred R. Craven and Mrs. Paul Green. Mr. Williams gave a splendid talk on Mr. Minnis and his work at this time. Several members subscribed for the Missionary Record during this meeting, so we could use them in our work more. Our members are very good to visit the sick and carry trays, each meeting showing a good report.

The social hour was in charge of Miss Dorothy Hilton. Mrs. Paul Green and Mrs. Della Ball were the winners.

The hostess served a delicious tray of refreshments, after which we adjourned to meet the first Thursday in March.

The March meeting was held in the home of Mrs. W. D. Payne, finding all members except three present. All members were thrilled this afternoon, since it snowed all that day and it was lots of fun going and coming in the beautiful snow.

Miss Treva Reid had charge of the devotionals at this time, with all members helping, since our scripture was the 119th Psalm and each member could read a portion. Mrs. O. B. Williams and Mrs. Paul Green very graciously sang "Have Thine Own Way, Lord." Then we were all thrilled and eager for each word and vision as Mr. Williams portrayed the life of Dr. Forlines from a small ad in the Belmont Mill up to the present time. We so much enjoy Mr. Williams' talk each month.

During the business session we voted to send $4 to the Minnises as a love gift, having already sent $1, which gives us $5 for them. Plans were also made for the young ladies' Sunday school class to sell crosses for the Auxiliary. The junior boys and girls are to sell some crosses and help with the foot of nickles. Mr. and Mrs. Williams had charge of the social hour. Mrs. Paul Green excelled.

The hostess served delicious ice cream and cake, also coffee for those that cared for it.

Our thank-offering program will be given Sunday evening, March 19, at the church, beginning at 7 o'clock. There will be a religious pageant presented at this time by various members of the Auxiliary and church. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Payne have the leading parts. It will be very good. The public is cordially invited.

Our Easter program will be given Easter Sunday night.

MRS. ALFRED R. CRAVEN, Cor. Sec.

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Rehoboth Church, Creswell Charge.—We are still moving on with the few we have. I really wish we had some children, but not a one; but the few grown folks enjoy being together and singing the good old hymns we used to sing. Then the lessons are so instructive, they never grow old or lose their interest, no matter how many times we review the same. We have not been having night services for some time, the weather has been bad so often; but Brother Wagoner has filled his morning services. We enjoy the services, and everyone does that hears him.

I read with interest Dr. Andrews' article in last week's paper, "A Word of Caution." I pray our people here may be more reconciled to the Union; for my part I am a Methodist, and don't ever expect to be anything else. Next month I shall renew my subscription to our church paper, not asking whether we will have the paper another year or not.

Mrs. Henry Swain has not been so well, but is some better; also Brother C. V. White is able to be out again. I was not at church Sunday; circumstances were so I could not get there.

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Mt. Pleasant Church, Mt. Pleasant Charge, Rev. J. W. Braxton, Pastor.—An evening of good fellowship was enjoyed Saturday night, March 11, when the "Helping Hands" class and the Woman's Auxiliary sponsored a chicken stew at the church. A large crowd was present and enjoyed the program, which featured the Isley quartet under the direction of Miss Lulu Riddle.

Plans are under way for the play, "The Lost Church," to be given at Mt. Pleasant March 31. Plan to come and see this impressive play.

The installing of the water system in the parsonage is well under way.

Mrs. Albia Neese Reitzel was laid to rest at Pleasant Union church. She had been seriously ill for some time, and died at Wesley Long hospital at Greensboro. She was loved by all who knew her, and was known by many for her love of flowers. She made flowers her hobby, and the home and yard was a bass of lovely blooms.

She is survived by her husband, Neese Reitzel; two step-children, Ray Reitzel of Burlington, and Madia Reitzel of Florida; one brother, J. T. Neese of Pleasant Union community, and one niece and four nephews. Rosa Huffines, Thomas Neese and Homer Neese, all of Greensboro, and Ford and Otis Neese of the community.

Mr. J. T. Shoffner remains about the same at this writing. Miss Daisy Richardson, of Nathanael Greene school faculty, is ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. C. Causey. There has been lots of sickness in our community.

Our delegates to branch meeting are Sallie and Lalah Amick and Nannie Lowdermilk. We were told Sunday that our budget lacked about $6 being paid for the year.

MRS. CARL CURTIS.

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Bellemont Church, Mt. Hermon Charge, Rev. J. R. Anderson, Pastor. — Our pastor continues to bring us inspiring and uplifting messages. At our last evening service he used as his subject "Decision." He was encouraged by the larger attendance at the evening service, which has been changed from 7 o'clock until 7:30 o'clock. A visiting men's chorus brought us several beautiful selections which everyone seemed to enjoy.

Every quarterly conference member on Mt. Hermon charge is urged to be present at its next meeting, which will be held at Bellemont church on Saturday evening before the first Sunday in April at 7:30 o'clock.

During the last few weeks mid-week prayer services have been held. The service this week will be held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lowe on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Sidney Russell, our Auxiliary president, urged everyone to be present at the meeting to be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of reorganization.

Mrs. Grady Fogleman and Mrs. John Sharpe entertained their Sunday school class Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. Fogleman. A delightful time was enjoyed by all.

Rev. and Mrs. K. G. Holt and daughter, Mary, of Mocksville, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clay W. Holt last Thursday.

REPORTER.

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Efland, Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, Pastor, March 13.—"Time to wake up" is a motto on a well known radio program, and it suits some Herald reporters mighty well too. Even though we haven't been heard from, we have been having good sermons and very good attendance at services. Special days have been observed and things in general are progressing.

The candlelight communion service on Young People's day was a very impressive service. Mr. Chang from Korea, now a student at Duke University, was our guest speaker for our February thank-offering service.

The Homer Casto circle of our Auxiliary has planted shrubbey around our church building and the church is endeavoring to purchase 100 new Methodist hymnals for use by Easter. These projects will add to the beauty and make our services more impressive. Quite a number of hymnals are being given in honor of or in memory of some friend and this adds much to the value of the gift.

Pastor Morris called a special meeting of the parsonage trustees last week. We have no report from this meeting, but from rumors we believe they have something on their minds. More about this later.

We are glad to report that M. Ivey Crutchfield who is at home taking a rest sure is improving. Quite a few others of our members are sick, but all so far as we know are improving.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Crutchfield of Louisburg announce the birth of a son, Joseph Thomas, on Friday, March 10. Mr. Crutchfield is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Crutchfield of our church. Mrs. Crutchfield was the former Pauline Chappell of Creedmore.

PATTYE J. CRUTCHFIELD, Reporter.

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Albemarle, C. G. Isley, Pastor.—We were pleased to see 184 present at Sunday school Sunday. We are hoping to have 200 by next Sunday.

We were glad to have with us Sunday, March 12, Dr. J. E. Pritchard, for our morning worship service, who delivered a very inspiring sermon on the church. We are always glad to have our President.

The Workers' Council will meet at the church Thursday night, March 16. This council is doing some splendid work for the Sunday school and church services.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will meet at the church Monday night, March 10.

Since our last report we were glad to receive in our church William Helms, who is a very promising young man, and he is a member of our church choir.

Mrs. Mazie Simpson, was able to be back with us Sunday after being very sick for several days. She is one of our loyal members.

We are glad to have our pastor and his mother, Mrs. Hattie Isley, back with us after a most enjoyable trip to Florida. They visited Miami and other interesting places.

MRS. COLAN MAULDIN, Reporter.

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furnish flowers for some small church. In planning an enterprise of this kind the boys and girls may be led to refer to the teachings of Jesus to discover how he would want his followers to act. In this way his presence may become very real to them. so that they will experience the real joy of Easter.—Una R. Smith, in "The Elementary Teacher," March, 1939.

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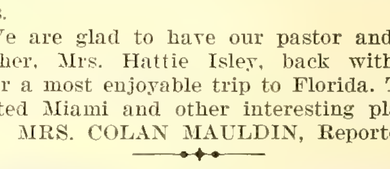

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IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Mrs. Queen Shoffner

Funeral service for Mrs. Queen Coble Shoffner, 80, who died at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, February 17, at Piedmont Memorial hospital, Greensboro, where she had been a patient about 10 days, were held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon February 19, at the home of Burt S. Eldridge, superintendent of mails at the Greensboro postoffice, and Mrs Eldridge, 109 Wilson street.

Dr. R. M. Andrews, pastor of West End Methodist Protestant church, and Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, pastor of Grace Methodist Protestant church, of which she was a member, officiated. Interment was in Green Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Shoffner, daughter of the late Dr. W. A. and Martha Elizabeth Adams Coble, was born near Low's church in Guilford county. She was the wife of the late James O. Shoffner, who died in 1916.

She had been living with her daughter and son-in-law on Wilson street since 1903. Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Mary Huffman, of Burlington, and Mrs. Nanny Coletrane, of Morganton; a brother, C. M. Coble, of Elon College; two daughters, Mrs. Burt S. Eldridge, of Greensboro, and Mrs. C. R. Edwards, of Durham; three grandchildren, Burt S. Eldridge, Jr., of Greensboro, and Misses Dorothy and Frances Edwards, of Durham, and ond great-grandson, B. Stratton Eldridge, 3rd.

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A. M. Watson

God in His mighty power saw fit to take from this world on February 25, 1939, one of Yarborough's Chapel faithful members, Mr. A. M. Watson, to live with Him on high.

Mr. Watson was born and reared at Cross Anchor, was an active member of Yarborough's Chapel M. P. Church, lived near Cross Anchor all his life, until a few weeks ago he moved to Spartanburg.

While his physical body is gone from us his love, his devotion, and his spirit remain in the lives of those who knew him.

He was faithful to his church and a noble servant of the Great Master. His passing is a great loss to us, but a great gain to him. We sorrow because of the parting but rejoice in the hope of reunion of our loved ones when the great day of our Lord shall come. The Christian home will miss this Christian father, and so will the church of which he was a part.

May the merciful Father comfort those bereaved and sustain them in these hours of sorrow, is our prayer.

Funeral service was conducted Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. C. B. Prince and Rev. T. H. Vickery, at Yarborough's Chapel Church.

Pallbearers were Porter, Leroy, and Ed Watson, Luther and Hugh Willard and Ed Hipp.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Hattie Elizabeth Watson; two sons, C. D. Watson of Spartanburg and the Rev. D. D. Watson of Spartanburg, Route 2; three daughters, Mrs. Walter Hyatt of Spartanburg, Route 1, Misses Mary Frances and Maureen Watson of Spartanburg, Route 2; one brother, C. D. Watson of Cross Anchor; one sister, Mrs. J. L. Poole of Columbia; and eight grandchildren.

LUCILLE GOSSETT, Reporter
of Yarborough's Chapel.

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Mrs. Henry W. Shoaf

Mrs. Ollie Lowe Shoaf Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William James was born February 19, 1887; departed this life February 12, 1939; age 51 years 11 months and 20 days. She was married to Henry W. Shoaf February 7, 1904. To this union were born two sons and six daughters: Odessa Mae, died when she was three months old. She leaves to mourn their loss her father, her husband, two sons namely J. Willie, and Henry J.: Five daughters; Mrs. Ray Michael of Danville Va., Mrs. Henry Hartley, Lexington, Route 3; Mrs. Foy Shoaf of Route 3, Misses Addie and Paige Shoaf at home. There are also eleven grandchildren, three sisters, Mrs. John Brown of Midway; Mrs. Jake Hill of Midway; Mrs. Artis Walser, Lexington, Route 4. She was converted when she was about 12 years of age, and united with Shiloh M. P. church. About 20 years ago she transferred her membership to Friendship M. P. church and has remained a faithful member until death.

She was a devoted mother, a faithful companion and a consecrated Christian. Mrs. Shoaf will be greatly missed in her church and her community, but she will be missed most in her home.

Her appreciation for the finest things in life, her winning personality and her cheerful smile which was so characteristic of her has won for her a place in the hearts of all of her many friends.

The funeral service was held at Friendship on Tuesday afternoon, February 14, by the writer, assisted by Dr. S. W. Taylor, Dr. O. B. Michael, and Mr. W. M. Byerly, and her body was laid to rest in the cemetery there beneath a blanket of beautiful flowers.

The bereaved ones have our symapthy.

C. E. RIDGE.

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Hughes

Mrs. Bertha Hughes, age 31, wife of Mr. Gurnie Hughes, departed this life February the 28th. The last rites were held from Pine Hill on the 29th. She leaves her husband and six children.

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Dorsett

In the quiet of the afternoon, on February 13, at 5:45 o'clock, God called Mrs. Elmira Dorsett to her eternal home. She suffered a stroke of paralysis early in the day and died in a local hospital. Her age was 44 years.

Mrs. Dorsett professed faith in Christ in early life and united with Flag Springs M. P. church, where she remained a faithful and active member until death. Her quiet Christian life won many friends who are deeply grieved to learn of her passing. Surviving are her father, D. E. Brown, Ulah; one sister, Mrs. Roscoe Coltrane, Ulah; four brothers, E. F. Brown, Asheboro, route 3; O. D. Brown, Climax; E. J. Brown, Seagrove, and G. P. Brown, Bynum, N. C.

Funeral services were conducted from Flag Springs M. P. church on Wednesday morning at 11:00 o'clock, February 15, by the pastor, Rev. C. H. Hill.

The body was laid to rest beside that of her husband in the church cemetery.

May God comfort the bereaved family.

MRS. H. L. RICHARDSON.

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Nance

Thomas Nance, age 78 years, passed on to his reward March the eighth. Mr. Nance was a long time member of Chapel Hill church, to which he was faithful until death. He leaves companion, four sons, five daughters and scores of other friends. A good man has gone on. Funeral service was held from Chapel Hill March the tenth.

Each of the foregoing services were held by the writer.

W. M. NEESE.

MARRIED

Shoaf-Everhart

Married at the North Davidson parsonage by the pastor, Rev. O. B. Williams, on February 18, Mr. John Oscar Everhart, Jr., of Lexington, Route 1; and Miss Mary Beatrice Shoaf of Lexington, Route 3. The witnesses to the happy event were: Mr. Garvey Everhart, Miss Lucile Crews; Mr. Noble Lohr and Miss Muriel Ragans.

Mrs. Everhart is the beautiful blonde daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Shoaf. Mr. Everhart is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Everhart, Sr. We wish for these fine young people, good health, happiness and prosperity, throughout life; they are active members of Bethesda Methodist Protestant church. They are at home at Lexington, Route 1.

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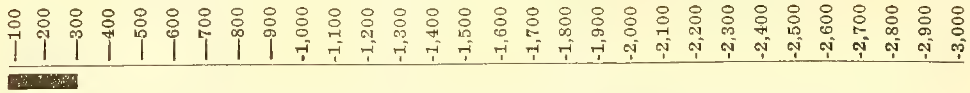

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The Springtide of God

By John Henry Jowett, D.D.

The apostles found in the Resurrection vitality enough to quicken all the dead, whether the corruption be in body or in soul. "In Christ all shall be made alive." And surely we have a wonderful symbolism of all this in the mystic movement of the Springtime. If anyone would be besieged by suggestions of the Resurrection let him look about in garden and in field and he will see the quickening glory. Spring is ever a gracious time to me. Never do I so intensely feel the pressure of the quickening Spirit as when I see the black hedgerows bursting with their flooding life into green and tender leaf. Never do I so realize the surging, incompassing energy of God's Resurrecting Presence. I can pray with more intimate and eager communion when the dominion of winter is breaking and the time of the singing of birds is come. I would have the Resurrection power flow into my dead affections, and make them bud into tender sympathies and gentle courtesies and all of the exquisite graces of the heart of my Lord. And I would have the Resurrection power pervade my dead conscience and make it act with hallowed sensitiveness, with fine scrupulous feeling of the sacred and the profane. And I would have the Resurrection power possess my mind, and make it fertile in noble ideas, in wholy purpose and in chivalrous resolution. Wherever there is death where there ought to be life let there come an Easter dawning and the Springtide of our God. And that possibility is just the apostolic evangel, and it is born in the light and the joy of the resurrection of our Lord. Again and again I would say: "In Christ all shall be made alive!" "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live."

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

A Sunday With the Enfield Church

Last Sunday was spent with the Enfield Church, Rev. D. R. Williams, pastor, in two services, morning and evening. On arriving at Enfield I found that an epidemic of flu had had the school closed for ten days or more. The Sunday school attendance was cut tremendously and the church congregations were reduced considerably. At the evening hour the services at the M. E. Church, South, were called off and several of that congregation and the pastor, Rev. W. L. Loy attended our services. Our Enfield church has had a long and honorable record and while it is said that the congregation is considerable reduced from a good many years ago, even yet they occupy a very important place in our conference life. Brother Williams who has been ill at the home of his daughter in Burlington returned home on Thursday of last week. He attended the services yesterday but is unable to exercise himself much yet. I hope he may have a comeback as remarkable as the one of last year. He and his wife are held in high esteem by their people.

An Afternoon On Halifax

Last Sunday afternoon I ran out to Eden church on the Halifax charge, Rev. W. M. Howard, pastor. Here the congregation was small, partly on account of the large number of people who are sick. But those who came were interested listeners and it was a pleasure to preach to them. This section of the state is considerably depressed because of finances, due to short crops and poor prices. While money is scarce I trust they may finish up better than they now think they will.

More Pastors' Reports

Kernersville-South Winston, Rev. C. B. Way, pastor.—Increase in attendance at Kernersville, fair response in HERALD campaign, new carpet placed at Kernersville at cost of $200.00; financial condition fairly good at part of churches.

Halifax Charge, Rev. W. M. Howard, pastor.—All regular services held with good interest, plans and money in hand for improvements at Bethesda church.

First church, Lexington and Mt. Carmel, Rev. L. E. Mabry, pastor.—Mt. Carmel: Church building and grounds in extra good condition, best attendance and interest during present pastorate, church building has been painted on outside, money in hand to carpet pulpit and to buy pulpit chairs, altar railing will be installed soon, spiritual condition of church is good, will raise more for budgets, especially W. S. than any other year during present pastorate. First Church: All organizations functioning normally, C. E. taking on new life, church in only fair condition spiritually with many delinquent members, but some of most loyal members to be found anywhere, the attendance at the service gratifying, soon a carpet for the pulpit will be laid, as soon as new hymnals are ready for the new church will buy them.

Why Not Charge, Rev. C. H. Hill, pastor.—Attendance at services good, lost six members by death, parsonage will soon be completed, salary not paid to date, Delegates' Expenses and A. C. budget being raised, effort to be made to raise W. S.

Pensacola Charge, Rev. W. C. Clark, pastor.—On account of sickness and bad weather pastor not able to render much service—rather long, dangerous drive from parsonage; as weather gets better work will pick up. Hoping for a good year.

Concord, Rev. E. O. Peeler, pastor.—Good spirit in the church, attendance good, accepted all budgets and expect to pay in full, W. S. will be paid by April 30th, observed Young People's Day with fair offering, plans being worked for excellent Easter service, revival services to be held right after Easter, new members being received every few weeks, good many visitors in the services, children of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Sides gave a set of chimes to church in memory of parents. Chimes are in church tower and have a lovely tone. All bills paid to date.

Moriah, Rev. Leo Pittard, pastor.—Church in better condition than usual, attendance good at all services, C. E. attendance about 30, members cooperate splendidly, all apportionments will be paid in full, $200.00 debt on parsonage paid in full.

Calvary Church, Rev. R. C. Stubbins, pastor.—Church and Sunday school in determined effort to pay World Service in full by April 30th, received eight new members, observed Young People's Day and Christian Endeavor Week; a pageant, Shrines was given with good effect, church honored in the election of one of its members, Burron Fleming as president of the Greensboro C. E. Union.

Orange Charge, Rev. C. P. Morris, pastor.—Charge accepted all of the W. S. apportionment and effort is being made to raise it by last of April. Appreciation Thermometer consisting of a large poster has been placed in each church to gauge Appreciation Year temperature; special days are being observed with special effort to get good offering. Efland has paid A. C. expenses and Delegates' expenses in full. Hebron has paid some on each of these items. Efland has paid pastor to date but other churches behind. Efland and Hebron churches buying new church hymnals—Efland 100 copies of the Methodist Hymnal and Hebron 100 copies of New Cokesbury hymnal. the auxiliaries have placed new washing machine in parsonage. Hebron has purchased new pulpit Bible, also is making some improvements on interior of auditorium. Also plan to improve church grounds in spring. All churches have Auxiliaries and Chestnut Ridge and Hebron have C. E. societies.

Weaverville Charge, Rev. W. C. Clark, pastor.—Have sold for cash the old parsonage property and soon will begin improvements on church building. Have launched the campaign to raise W. S. in full by April 30th. Sunday schools have increased their attendance. Finances are in very good shape.

Appointments

Sunday, March 26, Vance Charge, 11 a. m. Gillburg, 3 p. m. Harris Chapel; 7:30 p. m. Spring Valley.

Sunday, April 2, Saxapahaw Charge, 11 a. m. Concord; 2:30 p. m. Orange Chapel.

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A Message In Verse

In the still air the music lies unheard;
In the rough marble beauty lies unseen.
To wake the music and the beauty needs
The Master's touch, the sculptor's chisel keen.

Great Master, touch us with Thy skillful hand;
Let not the music that is in us die.
Great Sculptor, hew and polish us; nor let
Hidden and lost Thy form within us lie.

—*Horatius Bonar.*

We Are Not a Free People

Did you know that the people in North Carolina do not have the right to vote on the sale of beer in their community? This is exhibit number one of what happens when a state is dominated by the liquor interests. Our state legislators decided that the people in a local community were not competent to decide this issue; they decide it for them. And yet we still believe we live in the "land of the free."

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The young man with Elisha was most likely a fine youngster—a good ministerial student. He had a good sense of danger; it was quite evident to him that all the routes to freedom for Elisha were cut off. It was therefore useless for them to try to save themselves from the chariots and horsemen of the king of Syria. But the prophet knew better. He saw beyond horsemen and chariots of the enemy the flaming messengers from the Lord. How easy it is for very good people to live all their lives with the consciousness of human limitations, with no knowledge of the divine aid which is between them and all danger. "A thousand shall fall at thy side and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh thee" is not yet a part of their creed.

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There are many church folk who need to have the housetop vision in order to convince them that God is no respecter of persons. Hitler is not the only one who is trying to dictate to the Almighty how He should remake the human race. Their form of race prejudice is, however, not so rantankerously cruel as Hitler's race purge. It is not easy for those with the superiority complex to learn that they are not special appointees to "lord it over" any one who has less self-confidence.

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Recently we heard a pastor remark that he had some members of the church who appeared to think the Sunday school which they attended regularly every Sunday was of far more importance than the church services which followed. These church members had pledged their loyalty to the church, to attend the worship services, to contribute to the benevolent enterprises, etc; they had made no pledge to attend the Sunday school class other than expressing their willingness to join it. They failed to do what they pledged themselves to do, and were faithful to that to which they had made no pledge. It does appear rather an unusual attitude, but it is quite common, we understand, in many churches. Even teachers of classes who are members of the church are leading the van in the exodus from the church when the Sunday school classes are dismissed.

The Power of a Great Purpose

We read how a youth unknown in a great city thousands of years ago arose to power and fame. He purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself. That was the power that lifted him. The time came to him when he must choose whether he would comform and live like the other youth in the king's palace; accept the food and the drink the king offered, for it was intended to make him both fair and wise. The plea was indeed a good one. The king wants you to be fit to stand in his presence, none except the finest specimen of young men can do this. The king offers you the same menu he feeds upon; therefore conform. But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's food set before him. A great test, but his great purpose saved him.

Help! Please Help!!

Won't you help your neighbors in distress? True enough it is the boundary of our land hundreds of miles deep in the soil, that touches the bottom boundary of the land of India, but that makes them no less our neighbors. We are hiding our heads in the sand if we cannot see this. India is a land of depressed peoples.

The women of the N. C. Branch of Women's Work are in desperate need of $443.81 to complete the salary payment of the man who is preaching to, and showing our other-side-of-the-world-neighbors how to live.

Won't YOU help? Individuals, groups, churches, everybody? Help! Please Help!

But for misunderstanding surely the churches that are raising Appreciation Year funds would raise some of this amount toward payment of Mr. Minnis' salary. It counts just as much on World Service if designated for Minnis salary as if merely sent in for World Service undesignated.

In order for it to help the women finish their years' work right Minnis salary must be in the hands of Mrs. Coy L. Kearns, Denton, N. C., by March 31.

Please don't be confused by the fact that it is not Mr. Allen to whom you send this fund. It counts just as much with Mr. Staley when received through Mrs. Kearns' hands as Mr. Allen's.

Mrs. R. M. Andrews, *President of*
N. C. Branch of Women's Work.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Rev. O. L. Easter

PETER INTERPRETS CHRIST'S SUFFERING AND DEATH

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, March 26

By REV. O. L. EASTER

Lesson Text—1 Peter 1:17-23; 2:20-25.

Golden Text—Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God.—I Peter 3:18.

Peter here has made one great discovery concerning the unjust and cruel sufferings of his Master and that is vividly said in the words of our Golden Text; he submitted himself to these horrible sufferings of sin that He might bring us to God. Some perhaps were saying one thing and some another. Perhaps some were seeing in his death the cruelty and injustice of the bigoted Jews who put him to death and were using this as a weapon of rebuke and retaliation towards them. Others were saying that it was such a strange thing that this great prophet who was called the Son of God and who had truly done the things of such a person should have been vulnerable to such a death. But this Simon who has now so gloriously become Cephas is not halting in his interpretation of these matters. Once he too was baffled when Jesus refused to protect Himself from the on-coming cross, but not now. Peter is saying in eloquent words that Jesus suffered tremendously because of sins once, as the righteous for the unrighteous, but He did that in order that the supreme passion of His life might be fulfilled. And what was that ruling passion? The bringing of lost humanity back to God.

This is a timely message for us who would follow our Master through the coming Passion Week. It should be the burden of every lover of Christ to endeavor through every means possible to share with Him in His passion these days before Easter. Perhaps many of us have never quite gotten in our minds just what we mean when we seek to share in the followship of His suffering. Well, whatever else you attempt to effect by way of securing that fellowship do not miss this one central reason for Christ's strange suffering—that He might bring men to God. Let each heart do what it will to keep these lenten days and let him call them what he will, but let him keep them for the same reason that Christ endured them—to bring men to God. Let none suffer or bear hardship to be seen of men nor to merely ease your religious conscience, but rather let all be done that our sufferings be like unto His sufferings in that they serve to bring men to God the Father.

What a powerful message is preached by the stripes of Jesus whether seen upon His own physical back or upon the back of some lowly disciple in some far off dungeon of a sinful world. Recently a Catholic nun literally used Christian sufferings to bring a wayward girl from her sins to God. This girl had let loose her hold on self and was recklessly throwing herself away. Failing in verbal effort to save the precious soul from the damages of sin, this nun inflicted torture and suffering upon herself each day and let this girl know that while she was sinning her friend the nun was being tortured for those sins. The girl could not resist such a love as that. Every Christian who bears pain and suffering of physical affliction like a true soldier of the Cross is speaking volumes to those who visit them while on their beds of pain. There is in Christ a definite ministry for the sick but also there is in Christ a peace where the sick has a ministry for the well. Christ allowed Lazarus to taste of death and his sister to feel the bitter pains of sorrow in order that these should lead to the glory of God and the furtherance of winning men back to Him. This obsession of Christ to bring men to God took precedence over all else in His life. If you can know how much He loved Mary and Martha and how much it cost Him to see their sorrow then you can know something of how great was his passion for souls. Did He ever weep because of his own sufferings to bring us to Him? No, but when His beloved friends had to come in for a share in this process He wept warm tears of remorse.

"Oh, self-restraint, surpassing human thought,
To have all power, yet be as having none!
Oh, self-denying love that thought alone
For needs of others, never for its own!"

Thus we see that there is a vital work performed in Christ's suffering. In conclusion let it be said too that this pain had its anaesthetic. Christ easily forgot His bodily suffering when He saw that it was heailng men. On the cross those nails were forgotten when He heard the cry of that penitent thief and while hanging like a thief Christ talked like a God. Iet no one dare ask for a share in Christ's suffering without first sharing in His love for men. If you can love like Him then you can die like Him.

"For whether on the scaffold
Or in the battle's van,
The fittest place for man to die
Is where he dies for man."
M. F. BARRY.

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SILENT STEWARDSHIP PROMOTION

Any pastor, no matter how limited his resources, may now conduct a Five Weeks' Program of Tithing Education and Promotion without any interference with his other plans and activities.

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WITH THE POETS

Elizabeth Vera Idol

RENASCENCE

By Edna St. Vincent Millay

Edna St. Vincent Millay wrote *Renascence* as a girl of nineteen, and notwithstanding the fact that nearly a dozen volumes of poetry, three plays, and an opera, in the more than twenty-five years since this poem appeared, have lifted her into the foremost place among contemporary women poets and have placed her name among the half-dozen women of all time who are counted among the world's immortal poets, in nothing that she has written has she surpassed in lyric intensity and matchless beauty some of the passages of this poem. It is perhaps the most beautiful sky-poem of our generation and deserves comparison with the greatest of any age. Shelley's *Ode to the West Wind* does not reach greater lyric power than Miss Millay does in some of these lines. Louis Untermeyer says of it: "Beginning like a child's aimless rhyme, it proceeds with casual simplicity, to an amazing climax. It is as if a child had in a tone of unsuspected clairvoyance, uttered some elemental truth. The cumulative effect of this poem is surpassed only by its sense of revelation."

Simply enough it begins:

"All I could see from where I stood
Was three long mountains and a wood;
I turned and looked another way,
And saw three islands in a bay."

At first the author is overcome by the seeming smallness of everything and, as she imagines herself touching the sky, she

"Screamed, and—lo—Infinity
Came down and settled over me";

and a tremendous revelation breaks upon her:

"Until it seemed I must behold
Immensity made manifold."

She hears

"The gossiping of friendly spheres,
The creaking of the tented sky,
The ticking of Eternity."

Not only do the great elemental forces of the universe reveal themselves thus to her, but the equally great incarnation of all experiences of life—the

"How and why of all things past,
And present,"
"All sin was of my sinning, all
Atoning mine, and mine the gall
Of all regret."

So she moves through all the evils of all human beings, "every greed, every lust," to a divine understanding and a Christ-like assumption of life's tragedies:

"A man was starving in Capri;
He moved his eyes and looked at me;
I felt his gaze, I heard his moan,
And knew his hunger as my own."

Not content with taking upon her soul the individual suffering of one person, she feels the terrible and manifold suffering of a thousand shipwrecked victims as they sink into a watery grave, and so with the realization of all suffering, an ineffable compassion overwhelms her:

"All suffering mine, and mine its rod;
Mine, pity like the pity of God."

Thereupon her human soul is pressed downward and downward with the unbearable torture of the sorrows of all people until she finds herself "full six feet under ground," and is "gladly dead."

One who is so vitally alive, however, could not be held by dead, and with the sound of the "pitying rain" as it reaches her in the quiet place of her grave, the desire for life lifts her again; and by her infinite soul-yearning for "spring-silver, autumn-gold" she is set free from the grave and driven by her spiritual intensity to the very heart of existence:

"And all at once the heavy night
Fell from my eyes and I could see,—
A drenched and dripping apple-tree,
A last long line of silver rain,
A sky grown clear and blue again."

Until with a Blake-like poignancy the whole mystery becomes articulate, and she attains to a full comprehension of the meaning of poetry:

"O God, I cried, no dark disguise
Can e'er hereafter hide from me
Thy radiant identity!
Thou canst not move across the grass
But my quick eyes will see Thee pass,
Nor speak, however silently,
But my hushed voice will answer Thee.
I know the path that tells Thy way
Through the cool eve of every day;
God, I can push the grass apart
And lay my finger on Thy heart."

It would be a magnificent accomplishment for a man or woman of experience and the wisdom that the years are supposed to bring—a St. John on the Isle of Patmos—to catch the vision of divine revelation with which Edna St. Vincent Millay ends her poem; but for a nineteen-year-old girl to realize the meaning of God to the world is nothing short of divine inspiration:

"The soul can split the sky in two,
And let the face of God shine through."

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REV. GEORGE F. MILLOWAY PASSES

Brother Milloway ended his long period of suffering Wednesday morning 8:30 at his home in Greensboro. Funeral services will be in charge of President Pritchard, assisted by Brothers Ashburn and Braxton at 3 p. m. in the Mt. Pleasant Church. A fuller account will appear in a later issue of the Herald.

PROGRAM OF ANNUAL MEETING

N. C. Branch of Women's Work

First M. P. Church, High Point, N. C.
April 12-13, 1939

Theme: "Looking Backward, Thinking Forward."

Wednesday A. M.—10 o'Clock

Call to Worship.
Worship service directed by Mrs. E. O. Peeler.
Meditation .... Mrs. Fred G. Holloway
Roll Call of Officers.
High Lights from the Year's Minutes .... Mrs. S. S. Holt
President's Message .... Mrs. R. M. Andrews
Special music.
Reports:
- President .... Mrs. R. M. Andrews
- Secretary of Missionary Education .. Mrs. J. E. Pritchard
- Secretary of Literature .... Mrs. T. L. Speas
- Secretary of Scholarships .... Mrs. R. C. Stubbins
- Secretary of Young People's Work .... Mrs. E. A. Lamb

Appointment of Committees.
Announcements.
Adjournment.

Lunch 12:30 o'Clock

Wednesday P. M.—1:30 o'Clock

Meditation .... Mrs. Fred G. Holloway
Reports:
- Corresponding Secretary .... Mrs. J. T. Bowman
- Treasurer .... Mrs. Coy L. Kearns
- Assistant Treasurer .... Mrs. P. S. Kennett
- Auditor .... Mrs. E. W. Teague
- Secretary Student Loan Fund, High Point College Mrs. J. M. Millikan
- Chairman of Districts .... Mrs. C. W. Bates

Roll Call of Auxiliaries.
Reports:
- Secretary of Benevolences and Christian Stewardship Mrs. J. M. Stone
- Children Home—Ten minutes .... Dr. A. G. Dixon
- Bethel Home—Ten minutes .... Rev. Homer Casto
- Secretary of Christian Education.. Mrs. George R. Brown
- High Point College—Ten minutes .. Dr. G. I. Humphreys

Benediction.

Wednesday P. M.—7:30 o'Clock
Miss Jane Gillie, *Presiding*

Meditation .... Mrs. Fred G. Holloway
Young People's Program under the direction of Mrs. E. A. Lamb, Secretary of Young People's Work.
A play on India, "Tara Finds the Door to Happiness," directed by Mrs. J. H. Hicks, Jr.
Benediction.

Thursday A. M.—9:30 o'Clock

Organ Prelude.
Minutes of Wednesday's meetings.
Meditation .... Mrs. Fred G. Holloway
Reports:
- Secretary of Spiritual Life .... Mrs. E. O. Peeler
- Secretary of Life, Memorial, Sustaining and Perpetual Members .... Mrs. R. A. Hunter
- Secretary of Thank Offering ...... Mrs. W. C. Hammer

Music.
Address .... Miss Louise Best, Returned Missionary from Brazil, M. E. Church, So.
Adjournment.

Lunch 12:30 o'Clock

Thursday P. M.—1:30 o'Clock

Meditation .... Mrs. Fred G. Holloway
Reports:
- Secretary of Temperance and Christian Citizenship Miss Pearl McCulloch
- Secretary of Exhibits .... Mrs. J. C. Madison
- Secretary of Pastor's Aid .... Mrs. E. L. Ballard
- Custodian of Records .... Mrs. C. W. Bates
- Resolutions Committee.
- Finance Committee.
- Nominating Committee.

Miscellaneous business.
Report of Committee on Credentials and Courtesies.
Minutes of the day's sessions.
Benediction.

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SOUTHERN METHODIST MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Perhaps no more inspiring gathering anywhere in Methodism, than the one just closed here in Asheville this week.

There were representatives from thirty-nine Conferences, several returned missionaries, field workers, deaconesses, all keenly alert to the needs of the fields that they represented at home and abroad.

Everything worked with the precision of a correct timepiece, no lagging of program, for everything was carried out on schedule time.

It was an inspiration to sit in and listen to their reports of the work being done as well as the work being planned. Seemed to a listener in, that every detail of the work was taken care of.

There were many helpful discussions, and if there were any feelings ruffled the wrong way there was no sign of it on the surface, for everything moved with such precision and with a high regard for everything spiritual, it was a delight to see such a body working so harmoniously. There may have been great problems, but if so they must have been settled with God in secret, for to one interested in getting the best out of the proceedings there was no sign of friction. Dr. Straughan referred to the fine spirit of the meeting and said; "I am anxious for the fine women of our church to get mixed up with you folks in this great work. You will find ours like yours, and I am sure that you will have a great time together, and the Kingdom will move on in a greater way as you unite your forces for its furtherance."

The devotionals conducted each morning by Dr. Straughan simply had the ear of these great leaders, as I am sure the ear of God was turned that way for hearing and answering, to make the thoughts he brought effective in an uplift of which the members of this great gathering were not unmindful.

Walking out of the church one morning with Dr. Straughan, we ran into a fine company of women from Georgia, and they said: "Dr. Straughan, we like the sample from the Methodist Protestant Church!" That too was just a sample of the many complimentary remarks that were made by the representatives there from every state.

We had the pleasure of having Miss Anne Parker, Belgian Congo missionary, from Africa speak to us on Sunday morning. She is one of the great missionaries and expressed her gratification that we were soon to be one. We had many visitors that morning from several different states. They know of Miss Parker's work so well that they were anxious to hear her. It was indeed an uplifting address.

Our own Mrs. Hammer was introduced to the Council and made, as she always does, some very appropriate remarks.

Dr. Straughan preached for us at five o'clock Sunday afternoon at our regular services. A very fine sermon. There were quite a number out to hear him and it was an uplifting service. We appreciate his services for us very much, and the comment on his Council sermon, Sunday morning, at Central Methodist church, to an overflowing congregation, was broadcast, and the favorable comment we have heard makes us few Methodist Protestants up here in the mountains glad that we have such a leader.

He also spoke to the Men's Federation of Bible Classes of the city Monday night and here he was at his best. Seemed to me with all the good things he had said in Asheville, that he reached a climax there.

I wish I had the time and the space to give names of all the interesting speakers and something of what they said, but such being the case, I am only giving this brief report as an encouragement to our women that they may look forward with bright anticipation to join forces with a great company of women that are interested in the advance of the Kingdom as was evidenced by the support that they gave in a financial way. They made an increase of over eighteen thousand dollars from last year, and they raised over eight hundred thousand dollars last year for the women's work in their church. Then they took one of our young ladies, Miss Grace Armstrong, as a Methodist Protestant to send to China, not asking her to change her church relationship, but sending her on to work for them as an M. P. Pardon this space taken, but thought you would like to look at the Council through M. P. eyes.

N. G. Bethea.

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Cheered by the presence of God, I will do at each moment, without anxiety, according to the strength which He shall give me, the work that His Providence assigns me. I will leave the rest without concern; it is not my affair. I ought to consider the duty to which I am called each day, as the work that God has given me to do, and to apply myself to it in a manner worthy of His glory, that is to say, with exactness and in peace. I must neglect nothing; I must be violent about nothing.—*Francois de la Mothe Fenelon.*

High Lights of Appreciation Year Campaign

No new charges have been reported as over the top this week, so we just have to run the same ones as of last week. But these who have occupied the place of honor of the past two weeks deserve to stay right there by themselves until some others are entitled to join the legion of honor. Now let all of our churches and pastors remember that we want to add the names of other churches to this list, so come on and put your church on the honor roll. Remember there is only one more month in which to do this. Just as soon as your charge raises its World Service in full please report the name of the church to the president of the conference and also tell him how you raised yours as we want to give the best plans used.

Liberty.
Siler City.
Piney Grove, Siler City Charge.
Pleasant Grove.
Mt. Pleasant, Cleveland Charge.
Julian, Tabernacle Charge.

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LENTEN TOPICS

"Christ And the Way"

Of the Way.—Acts 9:2.

By Rev. F. W. Stephenson, D.D.

To succeed in making satisfying friendships is one of the greatest experiences of life. Indeed it is life's supreme adventure. True friendships endure. Testing times may come but they do not destroy.

Faith is fundamental to friendship and faith is the noblest expression of the soul. Our faith in human beings is sometimes misplaced, but never in God. When our confidence is placed in Him there is strength for every trial, every temptation, every transition, every task. Friends may fail us, through fear, weakness, ignorance or misunderstanding. They may not intend to, even as the disciples in Gethsemane, but they do and the experience at times is almost more than we can bear. Jesus knew the full meaning of all this but, even so, He found comfort in the fellowship of His friends and strength through prayerful communion with the Father.

"Strength For the Way"

He went away and prayed.—Mark 14:39.
Scripture: Mark 14:32-42.

Jesus was not sufficient unto Himself. He needed divine as well as human support. Like all of us, He craved the strength that comes from above and from human associates. Golgotha loomed threateningly before Him. Even yet He could avoid it. The cross was not inevitable. It was still a question whether He would follow His own will or that of the Father. Strange as it may seem, He could not complete His course without one more fatal struggle.

In company with His closest friends, He withdrew to a secluded place in Gethsemane, requesting Peter, James and John to wait and watch while he went a short distance to pray. And in the midst of His anguish and pleadings they slept! Incredible! How could they? Twice it happened, yet Jesus excused them and had only kind and sympathetic words for them. He understood. He always does.

So, agony was piled on agony. The terror of the cross, its bitterness, the sense of defeat, the loneliness, the apparent triumph of His enemies, the desertion of the disciples, and now, when He needed the strength of their presence and sympathetic understanding, they slept!

It is an experience filled to the brim with disappointment and tragedy. Yet, out of it all the Master comes with amazing strength and composure. From some source He has received grace and power to carry on to the end. Grace and strength to do God's will fully and completely. Was not prayer the secret?

Prayer is the key which unlocks the door to the treasure-house of God. What are those treasures? Hope, assurance, obedience, security, confidence, resignation, courage—yea, the grace of God. In other words, prayer provides strength for the Way.

I need Thy presence every passing hour,
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.
—*H. F. Lyte.*

Dear Heavenly Father. Help us to recover our confidence in prayer. Restore unto us the joy of communion with Thee. Forbid that we should fail to seek Thy presence or lose our sense of our need of Thee. Increase our faith and grant unto us grace and strength for the way. We pray, in Jesus name. Amen.

WHEN FAITH BECOMES FATALISM

By Henry M. Gehr

Christian faith, according to some of its famous exponents, is an active affair. I think particularly of the Epistle of James, in which, though it is short, faith is mentioned ten times, and in each case it is connected with works. Indeed, James goes so far as to say that "faith by itself, if it has no good deeds to show, is dead. (Goodspeed). One understands, after that, why Luther rated James as a "straw-epistle." It was enough for Luther to believe in Christ Jesus apart from works, and because the Apostle James says that such faith is dead he naturally comes on Luther's Index Expurgatorius.

Luther might also have added the famous faith chapter from the Epistle to the Hebrews to his list. All those this writer includes—Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Joseph and many other Biblical worthies—showed their faith in what they did. An American Unitarian, James Freeman Clarke, brings the list somewhat nearer our own time. Said he: "All human action, all good endeavor, all the progress of civilization, is the work of faith. . . . By faith . . . the Jesuits went among the North American Indians, and Livingstone among the African barbarians, not counting their lives dear, so that they might finish their course with joy. . . . By faith Howard reformed the prisons; Wesley gave spiritual life to the lowest classes in England; Clarkson and Wilberforce abolished the slave trade; Garrison and Abraham Lincoln put an end to slavery in the United States. . . . By faith Channing, Bushnell, and Theodore Parker shook the pillars of irrational belief. . . . All human knowledge, human endeavor, earthly progress, depends on faith that beyond what we know there is a great world of truth and still to be discovered." Since that was written much has happened to make Americans believe even more in the power of faith. Rights for women, magnificent technical advances, new expressions of social justice, have come about in the last fifty years in a bewildering manner. They are the fruit of faith held by men and women like Robert Ingersoll, Joseph Pulitzer, Susan B. Anthony, John P. Altgeld, Jane Addams, Thomas A. Edison, the Wright Brothers, and a host of others. And the power of faith is still being used, I trust. Each of us may have part. Faith is not something given once and for all times to the saints, which our fathers knew but we cannot know; it is living now, created and sustained by us and creative of us. It is still "the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen." And when our churches are discovering their power as co-workers with the divine will which makes for righteousness, they too are on the side of a living dynamic faith.

None of this is true of fatalism, the belief that what is was meant to be, that men are puppets in a cosmic Punch and Judy show, that God does not need man's partnership, or that man can get along without God. Yet fatalism occurs more frequently than is usually realized. Ironically, it often develops in what are known as the strongholds of faith. How often we hear devout church members say with sad relish, "It was meant to be." Or witness the churchly doctrine of Predestination. God, asserted John Calvin, has decided by an eternal decree "what he would have to become of every individual of mankind." He has once for all determined "whom He would admit to salvation and whom He would condemn to destruction."

Thus faith becomes fatalism. After all, fatalism is merely static or frozen faith—the refuge of those who no longer hope, a means of escape for the ones who no longer have energy to co-operate with God. This, no doubt, is why it is current particularly in times of great trouble and turmoil, such as our own. Men become worn out with the battle against odds and they turn with relief to a place they have constructed where things are settled.

There is grave danger that our civilization will turn from faith to fatalism. There are signs all around us that it is doing so. —*The Christian Leader.*

Enoch walked with God—he was not in a hurry. When our ancestors missed the stage coach they didn't worry, for they knew another would come along next month. Today when we miss one section of the revolving door we get mad. —*Dr. William Ward Ayer.*

MISSIONARY COLUMN

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GUIDE BOOKS, 1939-1940

Mrs. T. L. Speas, 226 Sunset Drive, Winston-Salem, State Secretary of Literature, has received a large order of Guide Books for the year beginning April 1, 1939. "Thy Kingdom Come" is the theme. Every auxiliary should have several of these Guide Books, one for each member is the ideal way.

Please send your orders, cash with order, to Mrs. Speas, so that she may get the books to you for your April meeting. There will be no separate Guide Book for Young People this year, their programs are being printed in the Missionary Record each month.

THE MINNIS FUND

Last call to do just what you have been planning to do—send in your part and a little extra Love Gift for the Minnis Fund now. The year is about gone so far as the N. C. Branch year goes. What you do you must do now if you plan to help the N. C. Branch pay the salary of our own N. C. missionary in India. It will only take a little from several and the remaining $443.86 will be paid. All you send will count on your auxiliary budget and on your church budget for World Service and Appreciation Year. So please, as a church auxiliary, Sunday school class, or any other organization, send in some World Service designated as Minnis Fund. Do this now and be sure that everybody will be happy.

Bethesda on North Davidson is sending in some this week. We hope that a long list will go to Mrs. Kearns. Mr. Minnis reads these appeals and feels somewhat embarrassed. But I am not begging you to do your bit for this—I only have to remind you and when Branch meeting comes—will we have it?

MRS. H. C. NICHOLSON,
Booster for Minnis Fund.

MINNIS FUND

Amount previously reported	$1,025.79
Friendship, Shiloh, "Love Gift"	10.00
Seagrove, Love Joy	1.00
Whitakers, "Love Gift"	5.00
Union Ridge	5.00
Concord, Sax., "Love Gift"	3.00
Lineberry, Davidson charge, "Love Gift"	1.40
Chapel Hill, Davidson Charge, "Love Gift"	5.00
Total Minnis Fund	$1,056.19

Mrs. C. L. KEARNS, Treas.,
N. C. Branch Women's Work.
March 20, 1939.

THANK - OFFERING SERVICES CONTINUING

Thank - offering services, commemorating the beginning of the Women's Work of the Methodist Protestant denomination, 60 years ago, are continuing, and churches which have never observed the anniversary are holding services. "Giving for Gratitude" is the slogan and coincides with the Appreciation Year program, and many of the ministers and congregations are realizing that thank-offering observance is a splendid way to complete the World Service budget of the local church. From reports, the goal is in sight, and by continuing the remainder of March, it is confidently believed that the goal of $2,000 for the North Carolina Branch of Women's Work will be reached. We were one of the few branches to go over the top last year. We must not fail this year. All money must reach Mrs. Coy L. Kearns, treasurer, Denton, before March 30.

With personal gratitude for the very splendid cooperation in reaching our "Giving, Gratitude, Goal," I am,

Very sincerely,
MRS. Wm. C. HAMMER,
Secretary Thank-Offering.

THANK-OFFERING

Amount previously reported, Fall		$ 874.00
Amount previously reported for February	$510.95	
Asheboro	66.19	
Tabernacle	25.00	
Danville	3.50	
Grace	6.35	
Harmony	4.00	
Seagrove-Love Joy	4.50	
Mt. Carmel	10.00	
Spring Church Circuit	10.00	
Asheville	12.00	
Lexington, First church	4.87	
Chapel Hill, Davidson charge	4.34	
Alleghany, Davidson charge	2.65	
Pine Hill, Davidson charge	2.10	
Liberty, Davidson charge	1.51	
Total February Thank-Offering		675.96
Total to date		$1,549.96

MRS. C. L. KEARNS, Treas.,
N. C. Branch, Women's Work.
March 20, 1939.

SUGGESTION TO AUXILIARIES

The Editor of Woman's Column is glad to have the following news items following a suggestion she made in the Herald some weeks ago; this starts the list off splendidly:

Two circles of First church, Thomasville, have made the Bowman twins, James Talton, Jr., and Edith Marie Bowman, Life Members of the N. C. Branch of Women's Work. Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Bowman have made their son, John Ashworth, who died in infancy, a Memorial member.

TO SECRETARIES OF MISSIONARY EDUCATION

By now the Secretary of Missionary Education in your local auxiliary has the blanks to make your annual report to your Branch Secretary. I want to urge you to give full information as to missionary materials used in your programs this year, and how and where it was used. Write on back of your report blank in what way you used the Missionary Record and materials sent you by our Branch Secretary of Literature. Did you use these in your circle or auxiliary meeting programs? Did you use mission study books, and state how these were given, whether by individuals, in circle or auxiliary, or used in combined groups, district meetings, etc. Whatever way you used these materials, please write it down.

I want to call your attention to items No. 2. 3 and 4 on your blank. These with the above information will be your honor roll. Then don't forget to sign your name and address, also your charge, name of your church; and be sure to write name of your new secretary for the new year. These are important.

Hope each one of you has had a good year and will have much to report.

MRS. J. E. PRITCHARD,
Secretary, Missionary Education.

NOTICE TO SECRETARIES OF MEMBERSHIP

Since this is Appreciation Year, I would suggest that you put forth a special effort to see to it that all deceased members of your auxiliary are made Memorial members in appreciation of their life and service. This will count on your World Service budget. Any other memberships that you may secure will also count on your budget and will help to raise your Appreciation Year quota.

MRS. R. A. HUNTER,
Secretary of Memberships.
R.F.D. 2, Winston-Salem, N. C.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please send names of all delegates who expect to stay overnight at Annual Meeting in High Point, to Miss Myrtle Davis, First M. P. Church Secretary, corner N. Main and Richardson streets, High Point, N. C.

Also it will greatly aid me in naming committees if you will send me a list of delegates, giving name of church and charge.

MRS. R. M. ANDREWS,
President of N. C. Branch.

TENTH DISTRICT RALLIES FOR "APPRECIATION YEAR"

A rally of all the "Appreciation Year" committees of all the churches in the tenth district, with the exception of the churches on Mt. Zion charge, took place at Community church on Tuesday night the 7th. It was a "dutch supper" with every charge sharing, and such a supper it was! It was served hot by ladies representing the church as suggested above. Dr. S. W. Taylor brought the chief address of the evening. He gave a review of the progress of the "Appreciation Year" outside of the North Carolina Conference. His message was highly appreciated. Rev. Fred R. Love, pastor of the Pleasant Grove church, gave some figures, which sought to show what a small sum each member would have to pay in the district to raise the amount for the district. Rev. J. T. Bowman reviewed briefly some methods other churches had used successfully, and the chairman gave a brief review of the "why" and the "what" of the "Appreciation Year." Brother Clyde Payne, a layman from the Pleasant Grove church, called forth our commendation when he informed the group that Pleasant Grove had sent in the full amount of her "Appreciation Year" world service budget. And finally this most enthusiastic meeting did not come to a close before some person of each church represented assured the group that they would go back and make a sincere effort to raise the full amount of their "Appreciation Year" apportionment.

J. CLYDE AUMAN, Chairman.

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A plaque representing the ghost of Hamlet's father has been placed in the hallway of the University of Vermont museum.

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USING THE BIBLE WITH CHILDREN

By MARY SKINNER

Understanding and appreciation of the Bible can have its beginning in childhood and, like a snowball, may continue to grow with every turn of the years. Much depends, however, upon the viewpoint, attitude, and practice of parents and teachers. Some try to roll the ball too fast. Others, who have a devout appreciation of the Bible for themselves, have given no thought to ways of using it most helpfully with children. The following simple suggestions are therefore offered with the hope that confusion may be avoided for the children and that they may be started on a path which will lead them into more and more enjoyment and understanding.

Associate Bible Passages With Present Experiences

Bible passages associated with the present experiences of the children have more meaning and, in turn, give a religious significance to the experience. Do we feel particularly happy about something that has happened? If so, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad" (Ps. 126:3) has particular meaning.

Has a feeling of wonder, awe, and reverence welled up in us at the sight of the beauty and glory of the out-of-doors? If so, the following Bible verses have particular meaning:

"He hath made everything beautiful in his time." (Eccles. 3:11.)

"God giveth us richly all things to enjoy." (I Tim. 6:17.)

"Thou hast made summer and winter." (Ps. 74:17.)

"The earth is full of thy riches." (Ps. 104:24.)

Are we learning to work and play together in the family or in the church school group? If so, the following verses have particular meaning:

"This is my commandment: that ye love one another." (John 15:12.)

"You are all brothers." (Matt. 23:8.)

"Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other." (Eph. 4:32.)

"Let no man seek his own, but each his neighbor's good." (I Cor. 10:24.)

"Let every man tell the truth in dealing with his neighbor." (Zech. 8:16.)

Have we been led to think about God's love and care for all his children all the time? If so, the following verses have particular meaning:

"O Lord, thou art our Father." (Isa. 64:8.)

"He cares for you." (I Pet. 5:7.)

"What time I am afraid, I will put my trust in thee." (Ps. 56:3.)

Bible verses so used are not regarded as assigned memory work, but will help to lift the present experiences to the level of the religious.

Reading the Bible Together

After recalling several such passages related in meaning, it is easy and natural to say, "Would you like for us to find some of these verses in the Bible?" In the case of little children the adult will gather close around while it is read. If a child has a Bible of his own, he is always glad to have it used and to place a marker so that unaided he may turn again to a familiar verse. Marking familiar passages in the Bible is an interesting way of keeping a record of "verses we know." This can be done several years before a child is able to find references for himself.

There will be many occasions when a longer passage will be read aloud to the children. If it is well selected and well read, the children will often have a feeling of satisfaction without the need of discussion or explanation. If they are following the words in their own Bibles, they will want to read it again and again, and will join in choosing the verses we like best. A group reading the 147th Psalm decided they liked the first, eighth, ninth, fourteenth, and sixteenth to eighteenth verses, but best of all they liked the fourth verse, "He counteth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by name." This verse was recalled that evening as they sat on the grass in the front yard watching the stars come out. A feeling of wonder and awe came over them as they thought that the stars are a part of God's wonderful plan in creating the whole universe.

Using the whole Bible rather than an Old or a New Testament or a separate book of the Psalms will help children get the idea of the wholeness of the book, although we may not at first say much about the different parts of the Bible.

Learning to Use the Bible

If the size of type in an ordinary Bible is compared with the type of the children's schoolboks and storybooks, one can easily see the difficulty a child has in reading it, aside from the fact that the language and style are different from that which he ordinarily hears and reads. This makes it all the more important that care be exercised in selecting a Bible for children. Large, clear type, and Arabic instead of Roman numerals are among the characteristics to look for. Maps and teaching notes are unnecessary in a child's Bible, and pictures are usually too small, contain too many details, and often portray ideas far removed from his experience or understanding.

Children can easily learn to find the Psalms by their position in the Bible. A few experiences in the use of passages from the Gospels and the use of a marker will enable them to find any reference there. During the junior years (9, 10, and 11) they will have opportunity in the church school to learn how to find other references, and they will also learn something about how the Bible came to be and what it has meant to people down through the ages.

Remembering Verses We Know

If verses and passages are associated with experiences, used many times with joy and understanding, it is not surprising that even beginner children will sometimes spontaneously recall an appropriate verse when the experience occurs again. It helps also to recall the verses we know, to mark them in our Bibles, and sometimes to make booklets in which we print Bible verses we know.

There are many beautiful Psalms and other passages which children of primary and junior age will commit to memory and use frequently in the home, in the church school, or in an outdoor worship service. If parents and teachers are using over and over again some of these much loved passages, they will not find it necessary to say to children after a session of the church school, "What have you learned today?" but will join with them in using and remembering the passages which have meaning to them. (Besides, we hope the children are learning to worship God, to wait, to enter with others in planning something to do; therefore, they find it difficult to answer when asked, "What are you learning?") If the same passages are used in the same way in both church and home, children's understanding, enjoyment, and appreciation will be increased and their interest in remembering them will be assured.

Some Basic Viewpoints and Practices

1. **Do not hurry.** The best assurance of continued use and enjoyment of the Bible is found in being willing to go slowly and to use appropriate passages over and over again. If our purpose is the child's development, we will be willing to go slowly. Interest in biblical material is often dulled if children are introduced to it at a time when there can be no understanding or appreciation. It is not a question of **how much** children can learn or **how fast** they can go, but rather of using the Bible to bring thoughts of God into their present experiences.

2. **Not all of the Bible is of equal value.** The genealogies, the Levitical laws, the records of wars between tribes are of comparatively little value to adults in comparison with devotional passages in the Psalms, Proverbs, Job, and the record of the life and teachings of Jesus. How much more is this true for children!

We recognize the fact that there are people who have a genuine devotional experience in reading the Bible through from cover to cover, but we feel that it is more valuable for children to find and use passages that have real meaning than to grope through passages which the adults themselves often do not understand.

3. **Look at the Old Testament in the light of the New Testament.** In the Old Testament we find stories of courage, adventure, and heroism, but not all are models for Christian conduct. Our tone of voice, manner, and basic understanding should enable us frankly and fearlessly to help children realize that we find in the Old Testament some ideas about God which Jesus did not have, and we can reverently say, "Yes, that was what they thought about God then, but aren't you glad that Jesus helped us to know him better?"

Most of us, when considering ideas and suggestions like these, will feel our own inadequacy. Let us then become as children and start with them on a joyous path toward the use of the Bible. Using the few verses given above as a starting point, and the children's church school lesson material and teacher's books as a safe guide, let us be willing to use some passage over and over again. We will be surprised at the eagerness with which we ourselves look forward from time to time to the enjoyment of the Bible with children. The result of this open-minded, frank, intelligent, purposeful, reverent use of the Bible with children will do much for us adults but will do even more for them. For their sakes are we willing to sanctify ourselves anew?. (Reprinted from the Christian Home, April, 1937. Used by permission of the publishers.)

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Five continents, 32 foreign countries, two territories, 48 states and the District of Columbia are represetned in the Cornell University student body.

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Louisiana State University has received a gift of 5,000 French books from the French government.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

By REV. JOSEPH COBLE

"I WOULD BE STRONG"

Topic for April 2, 1939

By JOSEPH COBLE

Daily Bible Readings:

Monday, March 27—Strength in God's presence. Ps. 46:1-7.

Tuesday, March 28—Strength in leadership. Josh. 1:2-9.

Wednesday, March 29—Strength in weakness. 2 Cor. 12:7-10.

Thursday, March 30—Strength in inner conflict. Rom. 8:12-18.

Friday, March 31—Strength in God's armor. Eph. 6:10-17.

Saturday, April 1—Strength of Christ in suffering. I Pet. 2:21-25.

The Text: II Cor. 11:21-31.

"I would be strong, for there is much to suffer," is one of the greatest challenges that comes to modern young people. Within our own lives and within the lives of those around us there is much suffering. Not only must we be strong to overcome the handicaps that are placed in our way to progress and happiness, but there are very few of us who do not have someone else looking to us for strength to help them solve some problem that confronts them.

In fact, if we could live entirely independent, most of us would rather suffer than to gain the strength to overcome. But we do not live to ourselves. I am more responsible when those who look to me for strength fal lthan they themselves are. There are not many of us who would not rather go through some trying experience than to have some loved one whom we think not as strong as we are go through that experience.

Paul glories in the fact that he has had the strength to suffer for his fellowmen. Paul says that he is no stronger than those who are depending upon him for strength, for "who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is offended, and I burn not?"

So you and I may think we are strong, but if we are not strong enough to help those who depend upon us over the difficult place without faltering, then we are not strong enough for our task. If we are to find such strength, we must turn to someone who has that strength to give. There is only one who has the strength to overcome every single problem and every force of evil, and that is our Master, Jesus Christ.

We must first realize that we have not followed the example nor the teachings of this Master of ours. We have sinned, and come short of the glory that should be ours We have not had the faith that we should have had in our Shepherd. We seldom forget to partake of the food that will strengthen our bodies but we often forget to commune with the source of our spiritual and moral strength. This is one of the greatest sins that we commit. If we have only to turn to our Master for strength, "why do we do ourselves or others the wrong, that we are not always strong?"

"Fight the good fight with all thy might,
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right,
Thy joy and crown eternally.

"Run the straight race through God's good grace,
Lift up thine eyes and seek His face;
Life with its ways before us lies,
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

"Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide,
His boundless mercy will provide;
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

"Faint not nor fear, His arms are near,
He changeth not and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee.

—John S. B. Monsell.

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OUR CHILDREN'S HOME.

May I make a few remarks in reply to an article in March 9th issue by Miss Martha Parsons.

We know of no greater foundation for character building than body building. When our boys and girls start out to be athletes, they know they must abstain from all foods, drinks, habits, etc., that would injure their bodies if they are to play the game to win and he who fights for a perfect body will make a success in life. When a little fellow begin to talk you hear him say "Daddy, see my musser," and how proud he is when Daddy finds a knot almost as big as a hen egg in his little arm.

Mr. Garrett has passed on, he did a great work that will go on and on. I can think of no greater way to honor his memory than to build a house for body building, thereby laying a good foundation for the character building that is carried on daily in the home. It's a joy to see these children of ours as they engage in the devotional services in the home. There are few homes where the children get the Christian training they do in our home.

Workers, it's true there is much to do. I believe there are nine of our splendid boys and girls who are working in the home, kitchens, study halls and any where they are needed to look after the smaller ones, who are in college. If we put more workers in the home that would deprive them of an opportunity to prepare themselves better for life.

One of the barely teen age boys recently said, "I like the home, of course some of the boys don't but some people just don't know how to be happy any way.'

MABEL RUSSELL.

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Grandpappy Morgan, of the Ozarks, had wandered off into the woods and failed to return for supper, so young Tolliver was sent to look for him. He found the old man standing in the bushes.

"Gettin' dark, grandpap," the boy ventured.

"Yep."

"Airn't ye hungry?"

"Yep."

"Wal, air ye comin' home?"

"Nope."

"Why ain't ye?"

"Can't."

"Why can't ye?"

"Standin' in a b'ar trap."

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Bethesda, N. Davidson, Rev. O. B. Williams, Pastor.—The Ladies' Auxiliary met March 16 with Mrs. Everette Whitlow, with Mrs. C. M. Yokley joint hostess. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. C. M. Yokley, using the guide book. Our pastor met with us and gave a very interesting talk on the life and work of Dr. C. E. Forlines. All reports were encouraging. Officers for the new year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. D. D. Brinkley; vice-president, Mrs. C. M. Yokley; secretary, Mrs. Paul Brinkley; treasurer, Mrs. C. L. Wagner, with Mrs. J. O. Everhart; program leader, Miss Virginia Wagner. Other committees will be appointed by the president. Mrs. E. E. Wagner and Miss Virginia Wagner were elected delegates to Branch meeting. After business a short contest was held. Mrs. Collins won the prize. Refreshments were served to all present.

Sunday, March 19, we held our thank-offering service at 11 o'clock. We were very glad to have as our speakers Mrs. H. C. Nicholson and Mrs. Ragan of Thomasville. We enjoyed their talks very much and hope they will come again.

MRS. J. O. EVERHART, Reporter.

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Moriah, Rev. J. Leo Pittard, Pastor.—Our pastor has filled all of his appointments since our last report. He has brought us some beautiful and inspiring sermons. Last Sunday his topic was "Behold Your King," and very fitting it was, now that we are in the midst of the Lenten season.

We are filled with sadness over losing one of our oldest and most beloved members, Mr. J. L. Plunkett. He has been a faithful member of our church for years and a noble servant of the Master at all times. Funeral services were held at 11 o'clock on March 12, conducted by our present pastor, Rev. J. Leo Pittard, and one of our past pastors, Rev. T. M. Johnson. The mass of flowers was proof of the esteem in which Brother Plunkett was held. May the merciful Father comfort those bereaved, is our prayer.

Our auxiliary held its monthly meeting the last Friday night in February, with Mrs. Mark Lewis. The president, Mrs. A. V. Kirkman, presided over the meeting. The election of officers for the coming year was held. The officers are: President, Mrs. W. Macon Moser; vice-president, Mrs. C. E. Moser; treasurer, Mrs. George Glenn; and Miss Belle Lewis as secretary. After the meeting Mrs. Lewis served a delicious course of jello and cake.

On the second Sunday in February the ladies had their thank-offering program. Mr. John R. Hughes, prominent attorney of Greensboro, was the speaker. His topic was, "What Do You Desire Most in Life?" Those who heard this have commented highly on Mr. Hughes, and we think it was just grand. Ladies, let's have him again some time soon.

An Easter program is being planned. We are having a pageant this year, "The Festival of Life." Our committee has not decided just what time and date we will have it, but just see the Herald next week.

Our attendance is good. Now that we do not have to say Spring is just around the corner, but it's here, let's fill up those empty pews that are left and let Brother Pittard know we appreciate these good sermons he brings to us, for you can't go wrong on him; he always has an inspiring message and it is always that kind that you can think over the coming week, and feel that you have been lifted spiritually.

May I have a tiny space here to say how much I like the Herald? I enjoy it immensely and as I am a great lover of poetry, I think some of the poems they print are the most beautiful that I have read. Did you read "With the Poets" on page 5 in last week's issue? Folks, you're missing something if you didn't.

MRS. WILBUR A. SHERRILL, Reporter.

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Concorn, Rev. E. O. Peeler, Pastor.—On Friday night the Women's Auxiliary sponsored a fashion show in the basement of the church. The stores were so nice to furnish the new spring clothes and some of the clerks and the managers were present to enjoy the program. We are sure every one enjoyed the show and the musical program. Mrs. E. O. Peeler made the address of welcome and Mrs. J. L. Sides and Mrs. E. F. Litaker were in charge. The B. and S. class sponsored a bingo party last Wednesday night. The Women's Auxiliary have nominated their new officers for the Branch year and they will be installed at the joint meeting. We will hold our thank-offering service next Sunday night. We feel sure this will be a real interesting meeting. Mr. Peeler will get the slides from Rev. Ballard. This will consist of an illustrated lecture of our home missions. Mrs. Fred Sides is our Thanksgiving secretary and we know the program will be good. Our choir and most of the young people are practicing for the Easter program. We are anxious to see and hear it for we know it will be real good. It will be "The Dawning." Mr. Peeler will start a series of services in April with Rev. Mr. Madison for pulpit help. We are enjoying this month very much as visiting and tithing month. We hope to learn each other better by this visiting. We should do more visiting any way as we are one big family.

BERTHA EARNHARDT, Reporter.

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Randleman Charge.—As our reporters are taking a vacation, we will attempt to write.

We are very much alive on this work. Everything moving along very well at each church on the work. But we are not exceeding the speed limit at any place. The attendance at each church has been off a little for the past few Sundays on account of the many cases of flu in the community, but we are expecting the attendance to increase as the flu subsides.

I notice some of our pastors have been complaining about their car being messed up, but what they did to my dining room last week was plenty.

By the way, I had a birthday last week. I guess all of our preachers have had a few, some of us probably too many for this modern age.

On Sunday, March 12, we were invited to Mrs. Smith's for dinner; our birthday was on Tuesday, March 14, but we were given a surprise. When we entered the dining-room we noticed a birthday cake with five candles on it.

Well, I did not think it meant anything to me as it did not represent more than a fifth of my age. But we were seated at a certain place where there was a nice package neatly wrapped, and an envelope with five dollars in it which also represented less than one-fifth of our years. Well, I decided they guessed at my age and intended for the two fives to represent 55. Well, you can just guess what we did for that dinner, and birthday cake. But this was only the beginning, for on Monday night we received another great surprise. The members of Mt. Lebanon began to come in. At first we wondered what was taking place, but soon found that it was a Methodist pounding, and birthday party combined. Well, we just haven't space to name all the articles, and the donors, as some did not have any name; but we want to thank each and every one for this kind expression of appreciation, and we will try to show our appreciation in some way.

We have been receiving presents from the members of the other churches on the charge. This has made us glad that we have lived to see another birthday, and will also remind you that we expect to have another next year.

C. L. SPENCER, Pastor.

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First Church, Henderson, Rev. T. J. Whitehead, Pastor.—It is a most happy experience, after having been away from home, Sunday school and church for several months, to return and have friends look into your eyes, hold your hand, and say, "We are so glad to have you with us again, we've missed you so much."

Your reporter has recently had that experience, and most sincerely thanks all who have sent her such beautiful cards, letters, and loving messages which cheered her so much while she was at the bedside of an ill brother. She realizes fully that it is indeed "Appreciation Year."

Our pastor gave us an excellent sermon Sunday morning, his subject being "Philosophies of Life in the parable of the Good Samaritan."

The congregation was invited to hear Dr. Clinton at 7:30 at the Congregational-Christian church.

The circles of the Woman's Auxiliary met Monday as follows: No. 1, Mrs. R. W. Dixon chairman, Mrs. J. B. Satterwhite hostess; No. 2, Mrs. Walter H. Grissom chairman, Mrs. Henry T. Powell hostess; No. 4, Mrs. D. T. Beckham hostess.

Tuesday evening the Philathea class was entertained in the home of Mrs. E. O. Falkner, with Mrs. W. T. Nuckles as associate hostess. The meeting was opened by singing the class song. Mrs. T. T. Powell conducted the devotionals.

The president, Mrs. J. L. Mundy, presided over the business session, at which time reports were heard. The class voted to accept the new by-laws. It was decided that all members submit names for the class.

Mrs. Clyde Finch gave a report of the Philathea-Baraca union meeting recently held at the First Baptist church. Mrs. W. T. Nuckles and Mrs. R. L. Oakley were appointed as the visiting committee for the month. The class teachers named for the next two months were Mrs. W. B. Hight and Mrs.

W. H. Grissom. Rev. T. J. Whitehead closed the meeting with prayer.

As this was the March meeeting of the class, Mrs. Garland Greenway, the program chairman, presented Mrs. J. M. Baity, who read a story about St. Patrick's day and a poem, "The Shamrock."

We are pleased to know that Mrs. Charles F. Tankersley, Sr., who has recently taken treatment at Watts hospital, is at home and gradually improving.

Mrs. J. H. Pyle, of Baltimore, Md., has been visiting her father, S. R. Harris, on the Oxford road.

Mrs. Clyde Fich was called to Farmville Sunday morning because of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Christman. We wish for Mrs. Christman a speedy recovery.

Mrs. O. O. Young and Miss Mary Young are expected to arrive Tuesday morning from Rio Grande. Ohio, where Miss Young is a member of the faculty of Rio Grande College.

Rev. Mr. Whitehead had for his Sunday morning sermon subject, "Why Was Jesus Killed?"

Rev. S. E. Madren, pastor of Liberty Congregational-Christian church, will preach at the evening service.

Miss Virginia Wilson became the bride of John E. Burton, of Washington, D. C., in a ceremony performed Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock at the Methodist Protestant parsonage. Rev. T. J. Whitehead heard the vows.

Beginning next Sunday a preaching mission will be held at the First Methodist Protestant church. The speakers for each evening through the week will be announced Sunday morning.

ANNIE C. LASHLEY, Reporter.

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Denton-Canaan.—At our Young People's services on the fifth Sunday of January Dr. Pritchard was our speaker. His presence and fine messages meant much to the services at both churches. The offering at both churches was larger than last year.

The thank-offering service which was observed at both churches manifested much more interest than those of last year. The offerings were considerably larger than last year. Mrs. Henry Nicholson of Thomasville was the special speaker at Denton, and meant much to the service. There was much sickness in the community and the attendance was not so large, but the interest was good. We thank Mrs. Nicholson, and hope she can be with us at another time.

We have paid our Uniting Conference expense at both churches a number of weeks ago. We are now working on the Appreciation Year apportionment, and this work is meeting with encouragement, especially at Denton. Here the full amount has been apportioned to different classes of the Sunday school and other departments of the church. A large blackboard has been placed in the church containing all these assignments, with columns showing assignments and amounts paid to date. On last Sunday the Paid to Date column showed that some had overpaid and that all had paid something. The Denton people are now sure that the World Service will be paid in full by the required date in April.

Pre-Easter services are now being conducted in the Denton church, with sermons along this line being preached each Sunday night. Rev. W. H. Neese, pastor of Davidson charge, brought the message on last Sunday night. A good message was brought by a good man. We thank you, Brother Neese, and want you to come this way again.

GEO. L. CURRY, Pastor.

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Richland Circuit, C. L. Grant, Pastor.—Giles Chapel Auxiliary gave a splendid pageant for the thank-offering program. The collections were $20. Mrs. W. C. Hammer was present and gave a fine address. We wish to thank Mrs. J. B. Tragdon for her assistance in the program.

The second quarterly conference will be held March 31 at the parsonage. All officials are urged to be present.

I hear that other preachers are being pounded these days; well, this preacher has been afflicted. About 30 of the Brower's Chapel people came over to the parsonage, and what a good quantity of supplies these folks did bring! Too numerous to mention. Thanks to them all.

Just recently the Charlotte Auxiliary met at the parsonage. And they did something more than coming to the auxiliary. They brought with them a splendid quantity of pantry supplies. These people know how to pound a preacher; they make a good job of it. Thanks to them. I will not give the names of these donors; it would take too much space.

C. L. GRANT.

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Chapel Hill, Davidson Charge, Rev. W. H. Neese, Pastor, March 20.—This church is still on the active list. With the aid of our pastor and his good wife, we are climbing towards the top to reach the goal set for us by the conference.

The Sunday school is again active at this time. For a few Sundays there has been no Sunday school, there were so many of the people sick with flu, also unfavorable weather conditions. This Sunday school set a goal to meet for the Children's Home this year which has been met each month since conference.

Our pastor has filled all preaching services at this church, giving to us some interesting sermons from time to time. The attendance at the services is good for the winter months on this work; also the membreship is scattered over a large territory.

The Chapel Hill Auxiliary met with Mrs. A. C. Harris on March 14 at 7:45 p.m. There were nine members and two visitors. The society was glad to have Miss Doris Smith as a new member. Mrs. C. L. Surratt was program leader and the following ladies had parts on the program: Mesdames C. L. Surratt, A. C. Harris, Miss Sylvia Morris, and Rev. Mr. Neese. Officers for the new year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Van Surratt; vice-president, Mrs. C. L. Surratt; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Wade Smith; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. C. Harris; secretary of missionary and Christian education, Mrs. W. H. Neese; secretary of spiritual life, Miss Sylvia Morris; secretary of literature, Mrs. Penn Russell; secretary of thank-offering, Miss Bruce Smith; secretary of temperance and Christian citizenship, Mrs. Edd Morris; secretary of pastor's aid, Mrs. Wade Surratt. The other committees will be appointed later.

Delegates to the Branch meeting are Mrs. A. C. Harris, Mrs. C. L. Curratt, Mrs. Wade Smith, and Mrs. Van Surratt.

The thank-offering service was held at this church March 19 at 11 a.m. by the Ladies' Auxiliary with good results. The following ladies took part: Mesdames W. H. Neese, Van Surratt, C. L. Surratt, Penn Russell, Wade Smtih, and Miss Sylvia Morris, Miss Bruce Smith, and Rev. W. H. Neese. Four small girls rendered special music, with Miss Murphry as pianist. Acting as ushers for this service were Misses Mary Lanier and Lyde Coggins. This service was enjoyed by those present, as it was new for this work in the auxiliary and church. The offering came to $9.37.

We wish to thank those who made it possible for us to raise this money, that we as an auxiliary may help to further the Gospel of Christ to foreign fields.

We ask an interest in the prayers of the Christian people that this church may continue on the upward journey; also that our auxiliary may continue to be strengthened in its work.

MRS. VAN SURRATT, Ass't Reporter.

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Center, Alamance, Dr. Geo. R. Brown, Pastor—Our Sunday school is moving along nicely under the leadership of Professor Archie Braxton.

Our young people held their program the fifth Sunday in January and the collection amounted to seven dollars.

The Woman's Auxiliary is very active now, having raised our budget in full and $5.75 on Minnis salary. We voted to raise the amount for our budget in 1939-40. We are planning a thank-offering soon. Our pastor gave us a very interesting and helpful sermon today.

Some of our members have been absent from church because of sickness. I hope they will soon be back again.

We were glad to have Rev. and Mrs. A. O. Lindley and daughter, Sarah Lou, worship with us last Sunday. Also Professor and Mrs. Paul Braxton, of Siler City, N. C.

We hope to have an improvement in church attendance as the weather improves.

MRS. C. C. RICHARDSON, Reporter.

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Pleasant Grove.—There has been a very few reports from Pleasant Grove this year, but things are moving along just the same. I am sure there is more interest shown now than ever before in my pastorate here. The people have a real good cooperative spirit among them in carrying out the church and conference programs. It appears to me that all who are members of the church have taken a great interest in the Appreciation Year program. Our finances are in real good condition, having paid the World Service in full. One remarked that it was the easiest money we ever raised. Since this is out of the way we have turned our attention toward our Annual Conference Budgets. I am positive they will be paid as they come due in our program.

The congregations are very gratifying and uplifting. The Sunday school is progressing fine under the leadership of our most beloved superintendents, Clyde Payne. There is fine class work being done in our Sunday school. Plans are being made for a real good Easter service. The mid-week prayer meeting is proving a real blessing to the church and community. A few weeks ago I felt impressed to give an invitation at the close of our regular Sunday morning worship. The result was that nine knelt at the altar and gave their hearts to Christ, and seven joined the church. This was a great feasting time for all present. I am sure we ministers make a mistake by not giving more opportunities for the poor lost ones to find Christ.

We are observing every special day. Young People's Day was a real good service. The young people were recognized throughout the day. In the evening "Shrines" was beautifully presented, the Biblical costumes being very graciously supplied by the Woman's Auxiliary. Our offering for the day was $113. Our thank-offering was observed the fourth Sunday in February, with Mrs. J. E. Pritchard as our speaker. Her subject was "Grateful Appreciation." We enjoyed her message and welcome her back again at any time. Our offering was $50.00.

The present indications are that Pleasant Grove will have a most successful year in its various activities. Pray for us.

FRED R. LOVE, Pastor.

Roberta Charge, Rev. H. W. Bell, Pastor— The pastor preached a very inspiring sermon to the young people and observed Young People's day.

The church caught fire Sunday morning. By the skill of a young man, Dewitt Starnes, climbing a tree and crossing the top of the church and tore off burning shingles. As cold as it was the boy pulled off his shoes and crossed the roof. Little damage was done.

Mrs. Bell is home from the hospital and able to be up and around.

Prayer every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday night. Welcome to all.

Charlotte M. P. Church—The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Charlotte M. P. Church, west Asheboro, met Friday night, March 10th, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Charles Grant. During the evening songs were sung, scripture read and the business matters were brought to light by the auxiliary president, Mrs. Janet Gordon. New officers were also selected.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Grant. Following the meeting members of the church gave Rev. Mr. Grant and wife a surprise pounding. Many appropriate and useful gifts were received.

We have completed the Sunday school rooms of our church. They are now waiting to be filled. If you have no place to worship we invite you to be with us. You are always welcome.

EDITH HARPER.

Hollister Auxiliary.—The regular monthly meeting of the Hollister Auxiliary met in the home of Mrs. R. L. Parker on Tuesday afternoon, March 14. In the absence of the president, the vice-president presided over the meeting. The devotional service was led by Mrs. C. R. Knight. The treasurer, Mrs. E. T. Ellington, gave a very interesting and encouraging report which revealed the fact that we had enough money in treasury to finish paying our budget and still have some in treasury. It was decided to increase our budget for next year. Besides paying our budget in full, we have clothed a child in the Children's Home and helped with the local expenses of the church. We have secured three new subscriptions to the Missionary Record this year. We are busy now getting names for our quilt. The following people were elected for officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Mae Alston; vice-president, Mrs. W. E. Knight; treasurer, Mrs. E. T. Ellington; recording secretary, Mrs. J. J. Williams; corresponding secretary, Miss Kathleen Shearin.

We held our spring thank-offering service on Sunday evening, March 12. We were delighted to have Mrs. J. H. Cutchin of Whitakers, N. C., to come and make a "talk" for us which was enjoyed by all. We were sorry more of our members were not present. They surely missed a good message. We hope we can have Mrs. Cutchin to come and speak to us again soon.

We are looking forward to the District Meeting which is to be held at Union Church on Halifax charge some time soon. I do not know the exact date of this meeting. Hope we can have a large representation from our auxiliary at this meeting.

KATHLEEN SHEARIN, Cor. Sec.

Hickory Grove, Guilford Charge, Joel B. Trogdon, Pastor.—We have not been idle, if we have not reported recently. Our pastor has filled his regular appointments, always with inspiring messages.

Our Sunday school is doing just fine. We have 117 on roll, and all seem very much interested. We send a regular monthly offering to the Children's Home, and try to make it as large as possible.

On the first and third Sundays we have prayer meeting just after Sunday school. Yesterday Mrs. Edgar Pitts was in charge, and her subject was "The Power of Prayer," which was very helpful to all present.

The committee to raise the World Service Budget has set the month of March to tithe and most everyone is co-operating nicely. We are hoping to have it raised in full soon.

One of our members, Mrs. Evans, who has been sick, is now able to be back with us, we are glad to say.

May God bless our editors and all Herald readers.

MRS. CLAUD TEDDER.

China Grove, Atlas Ridge, Pastor. — Our work for 1939 has started off in a fine way. The Sunday school and also church attendance are growing. We thank God for the interest that the people are taking by just coming out to our services.

We have had several new members to join lately. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Perice came to us from Stony Point M. E. church, Mr. and Mrs. John Pressley from South China Grove Baptist church, Mrs. Clyde Wright from Fallston M. P. church.

Our Ladies' Aid met with Mrs. Titus Wright, of Landis. Delicious refreshments were served after the meeting. Our prayer meeting for the coming week will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Caldwell. We hope to have a large attendance. Pray for us that we may grow stronger in the Lord.

First M. P. Church, Thomasville, J. T. Bowman, Pastor.—On March 12 the C. E. society had a very interesting program put on by the young people of different churches. We had special message in songs by Miss Kathleen Hill and her trio from Fairgrove church. Louise Royals and Rev. J. T. Bowman, from our own church, made very interesting talks on America's frontier.

The Boy Scouts spent a week-end in a camp close to Denton. These camping trips prove to be very profitable to all that attend.

The Minnis circle had its last meeting of the year Tuesday the 14th. At this time the new officers were installed. Miss Nell Jarrett will be our new president for the coming year. Also many gifts were brought by the young people for the Children's Home. After the business meeting, the social hour was turned into the form of a Saint Patrick's party, which proved to be a great success.

Circle No. 2 met at the home of Mrs. B. Freedle Thursday evening. Mrs. T. Everhart, Mrs. Peacock and Mrs. G. Lyndon were hostesses. At refreshment a real chicken dinner was served.

Circle No. 1 met at the home of Mrs. A. H. Ragan. They had a very good meeting, and delicious refreshments were enjoyed.

All the circles including the children and adults went over the top in their financial budget for this year.

Circles Nos. 1 and 2 have voted for the twins of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bowman to become life members of the Woman's work of North Carolina.

Last Sunday Rev. J. T. Bowman made a special talk entitled "I Am the Light." We always enjoy the spiritual uplift that he brings in his discussions.

Rev. J. T. Bowman is now attending a Centennial celebration which is being held at Duke university.

AUDREY SULLIVAN, Reporter.

Shiloh, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor. —It has been quite a while since there has been a report from Shiloh, but we are still carrying on, we hope in a way pleasing to God.

Our attendance has not been quite so good as usual due to some flu and other sickness among the members. But warm weather is just around the corner and we are sure that some of the diseases will die down and thus the attendance will rise.

Sunday, March 19, Holy communion was observed, which was a very inspiring service.

Sunday night the auxiliary gave the thank offering pageant, "A Parable of the Kingdom," and a very good offering was realized.

The pastor announced to open the doors of the church the first Sunday in April, this being the last Sunday before Easter.

Community Church, Thomasville — The thank offering service was held last Sunday morning at the regular worship hour with Miss Sybil Bost and Tom L. Einstein in charge. A play was given, called "the Parable of the Kingdom," by members of the church. The message of the play was well received, and an offering of about $50 was received. Miss Bost and Mrs. Einstein, with other members of the church, worked hard and deserve much credit for the success of the play.

Community church is enjoying a new organ which the church has recently purchased. It is adding greatly to our worship services. If they have an opportunity we invite our friends to hear it. While the church has put several hundred dollars into an organ, I think, if I read the spirit of our people correctly, they intend to raise the full amount of their "Appreciation Year" apportionment by April 30th. In fact they are way over the half-way mark already.

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IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Daniel Henry Isley.

A member of Mt. Pleasant Sunday school where he was a boy died at his home in Richmond, Va., March 5, 1939. His funeral was in charge of the Masonic order and Woodmen of the World. He was a member of Highland Park Methodist church. He was a Christian man, his was a Christian home, and he was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

When his mother, Mrs. John Isley, died, he with brother and sister found work in Richmond, bought a place and made a home.

About 1924 he married Miss Minnie Coble, daughter of Augustus L. Coble, deceased. She was an Alamance county school teacher. Besides his wife he leaves a son, Daniel, Jr., and two daughters, Myrtle Lea and Malinda.

MRS. E. D. MILLOWAY.

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William N. Pegram

William N. Pegram was born near Bethel Methodist Protestant church in the northwestern part of Guilford County on Christmas day 1857 and departed this life at High Point, N. C., on February 22, 1939, his age being 81 years, 1 month and 27 days. In early life Brother Pegram took up residence in Winston-Salem where he lived for some years. While living there, February 23, 1882 he was united in marriage with Miss Dorothy Masten who measured up in every respect to the duties and responsibilities of a heal helpmeet. Some years after their marriage they removed to the farm where Brother Pegram had been brought up and continued to live there for several years and later returned to Winston-Salem where they continued to live until Mrs. Pegram's death in 1934. After this Brother Pegram moved to High Point where he spent the remainder of his life with his daughter, Mrs. C. W. Vance.

Brother Pegram first united with Bethel Church, later transferring to the First church, Winston-Salem and still later to the First church, High Point. He represented the First church in Winston-Salem in the Annual Conference a number of times. As a Christian he was devoted to his Lord and as a church member he was loyal as one could find anywhere. Whether as a Sunday school teacher, a steward, a class leader or in any other office given to him he gave his best to it, continuing on as the teacher of the older men and women until he had past his seventy-fifth year. He was an industrious man and made good use of his time. Even down to old age he was devoted to his garden both vegetable and flowers. He loved his home and his family and had the great joy on February 23, 1932 of celebrating with his wife their golden wedding. He was appreciative of the fine and the beautiful and had many friends. During the last two or three years of his life his vision failed considerably and he became resigned to remaining at home. But even then he found something to do to help pass away the time. His going away was as near perfect as was his life. On his last afternoon he went out for a walk, returned and had supper with the family and then retired never to arise again on earth for the next morning his loved ones found his body in perfect position but the spirit had quietly slipped away to be with his Lord. In his going there was no long drawn out sickness, not even a struggle but the gates of the unseen world simply opened and he entered into that city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God.

The funeral was conducted from the home of Mrs. Vance on Montlieu Avenue on February 23 by his pastor, Rev. J. C. Madison and the writer and burial was beside his wife in the Waughtown cemetery in Winston-Salem. He is survived in addition to his daughter, Mrs. Vance by one sister, Mrs. N. W. Gordon of near Stokesdale and by several nieces and nephews. The world is better because he lived in it and heaven is richer because he is there.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

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A salesman was eloquent about the merits of a vacuum cleaner, but the Yorkshire woman told him to talk less and show her what the thing could do.

He took off his coat, fitted up the cleaner, thrust his arm up the chimney and brought down several handfuls of soot which he scattered over the drawing-room carpet. He then shoveled some ash from the grate and sprinkled the carpet with it, adding a shovelful of soil from the garden. Then he smiled and rubbed his hands.

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Flag Springs S. S., Why Not	2.50
Pleasant Grove S. S.	15.00
Community Church, Thomasville	10.52
Whitakers S. S.	5.00
Siler City S. S.	7.15
Bethesda S. S., N. Davidson	3.35
Ladies' Bible Class, R. I. Ave., Washington, D. C., Clothing Child	5.00
New Hope, Why Not	3.31
Henderson S. S.	10.00
Pleasant Hill S. S., W. Forsyth, for the quarter	6.00
Tabernacle S. S., Tabernacle	5.20
Calvary S. S., Greensboro	15.00
Rock Creek S. S., Alamance	1.50

This makes a little better showing than last week, and quite a few in this list increased their offerings for March. We thank you, and are asking for a boost in the regular offerings for April.

We are exceedingly anxious to have a balanced budget by May first. With your help we can.

There are quite a number of Sunday schools in the Conference from which we have not heard since Christmas. We know you have not quit the Children's Home; but please get into our list again soon. Thank you.

Clothing and Other Gifts.

Willing Worker's class and C. E. society, Union Ridge, Forsyth, one quilt.

Circle N. 1, Shiloh on Shiloh, 10 cans fruit jelly, 6 cakes, a bag of donuts, a box of cookies, 2 boxes of wafers and a package of oranges and apples for school lunches.

We thank you for these gifts, and may God bless all the givers.

The week goes on day by day, school is rapidly drawing to a close. We have five to graduate if they are all successful, so we need your monthly aid and your daily prayers.

We thank you for your continued interest.

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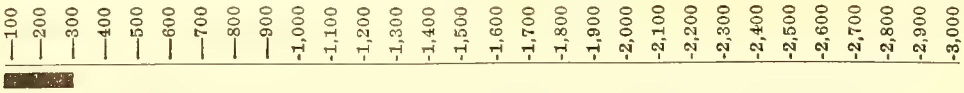

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FROM PASTORS AND PEOPLE

(Continued from Page Fourteen)

The pastor and people are in the midst of a pre-Easter campaign for re-dedication of life and the saving of souls. Pray for us that we may have much success in our effort.

We have had many sick people in our church family. Ot this writing, Mrs. John R. Perry, Jesse Finch, Frank Gardner, are in the hospital. Mrs. Perry is in the hospital for treatment, Mr. Finch is recovering from an operation of appendicitis, and Brother Gardner will undergo an operation tomorrow morning. Mrs. Robert Myers, Brother Alfred Finch with many others have been sick but will soon be able to be out again.

J. CLYDE AUMAN.

Glen Raven Charge, Joseph Coble, Pastor.—The Appreciation Year program or spring seems to be putting new life into some of the people on this charge. On the second Sunday afternoon when I returned from a preaching appointment at Fairview church, I was informed that the Sunday school of Glen Raven had that morning raised in full the money to purchase a piano for the junior department. On last Sunday morning we started our new primary and junior program in the church basement, under the direction of Miss Frances Pritchett. You would have been thrilled to hear the singing and the new piano.

In Haw River, a Methodist young people's organization has been started with the young people from our church and from the M. E. Church, South, there. Interest and attendance are growing rapidly. These young people are preparing the Easter program for the church.

The Fairview church is making progress in interest and attendance. The plan that has been adopted to raise the World Service budget at this church before the last of April is advancing rapidly. We regret that the wife of Mr. J. L. Stanley is back in the Alamance hospital for treatment.

Liberty, Rev. Aubert M. Smith, Pastor—The a capella choir, of High Point college, under the direction of Miss Janet Russell, presented a program of sacred music at the 11 o'clock hour the second Sunday morning with a large congregation in attendance. The music was inspiring and their presence a benediction. Such programs help to deepen the devotional life and encourage the young people to go forward and work.

The Woman's Auxiliary was hostess to the choir and served dinner in the school cafeteria to members of the choir and the directors.

Mrs. J. N. Isley was hostess to Circle No. 2 of the Woman's Auxiliary Thursday, March 2. Mrs. Colon Brady, circle leader, presided at the meeting.

The program was in charge of Mrs. Wade Hardin, with "Home Missions" as subject for study.

Mrs. R. L. Elkins read the scripture lesson and Mrs. J. N. Isley led in prayer. Mrs. Hardin presented Mrs. J. E. B. Houser as guest speaker. She made a very impressive talk. Mrs. George R. Brown was guest of the circle.

The hostess, assisted by her daughter, Jean, served a delicious salad course.

Mrs. R. W. Ward is a patient in St. Leo's hospital and is improving satisfactorily.

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The Secret of Certitude

By Rev. Jas. I. Vance, D.D.

Certitude is possible. You may have it if you want it. You can know what you worship. There are three steps.

The first is to know your Bible. Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be thoroughly furnished for every good work. Christianity is definitely revealed to us in the Bible. The word of God is the only rule given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy God. The Bible teaches us what we are to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man. How, then, can we expect to know what we worship when we know nothing or next to nothing of what God would teach us in the Bible.

When one wants to know in religion, he must study the books that reveal it. The most amazing feature of the religious life of today is the ignorance of the Bible on the part of professing Christians. No wonder so many fall away, or are led about like silly sheep. If you want certainty in religion, get acquaned with the Bible. Ponder its pages, learn its profound truths.

The second thing is to do God's will—not to talk about it, not to indulge in discussions, but to do it. There are many orators. There is plenty to discuss. But certitude does not come that way. "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak from myself." Religious knowledge is more than academic. "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness." This is Christ's challenge to doubt. "Do My will." As those cleansed lepers went, as they obeyed, they were healed.

We learn by doing. Truth proves itself. It does not need to be defended. It merely needs to be lived. Faith precedes knowledge, but faith without works is dead. The reason you lack certainty is because you are not doing the will of God.

Accept Christ, confess Him as your Saviour, follow Him, put Him first in your life, in your affections, in your offerings, and directly you will be saying with one who reached certainty that way, "I know whom I have believed."

The third secret is through an experience that comes from a life of fellowship and communion with Christ. He declared; "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." God becomes real to us as we live with Christ. This is the way the Apostle reached certitude. . . . In the same way certitude comes to you. Experimental knowledge is the highest kind of knowledge. That which we know by experience we know. Thus those who have experienced God are sure of His existence. They are surer of Him than they are of themselves.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The Time Is Short

The time is short now for raising delegates' expenses to the Uniting Conference and the World Service assessment. We are asking that the former by in by April 10th and the latter by April 24th. I know that it is a disadvantage to our people to have to raise World Service so early in the year. Usually we have until the Annual Conference to raise this fund but this year the situation is different. Dr. Straughan is of the opinion that a new set-up will be entered into after April 30th so that what we do for the Methodist Protestant Church will have to be done by that time. Of course the same does not hold good for the Annual Conference work as that will go on until the end of the Annual Conference years. So let every pastor and every church be busy in the next few weeks that we may all do our best.

A Sunday On the Vance Charge

Last Sunday was spent on the Vance charge, Rev. J. D. Cranford, pastor, on three appointments, Gillburg at 11 a. m., Harris Chapel at 3 p. m., and Spring Valley at 7:30 p. m. Considering the day as a whole it was one of the most satisfactory of any spent in this work. At Gillsburg there was a fine congregation—the house almost filled. This church seems to have had a remarkable comeback in recent years. The building is in good repair and work has recently been done on the church grounds. This church is some four or five miles from Henderson on the Louisburg highway. It is located in a thickly settled and growing community. I see no reason why this church should not continue to advance along all lines.

The congregation at the Harris Chapel church was good, not only for an afternoon appointment but for any hour of the day. This church is about six miles west or northwest of Henderson and is near the heart of the small town of Dabney. In the cemetery here rests the remains of Dr. S. Simpson who was president of Yadkin College from 1873 to 1883—a time when several of our leading ministers and laymen attended school there. Dr. Simpson went from there to teach in Western Maryland College and later was Superintendent of Schools of Carroll County, Maryland.

The service at Spring Valley was in the nature of an Appreciation Year rally and the people from all the churches on the charge had been invited. While the attendance from the other churches was not large there were some present. Spring Valley is one of the most energetic churches we have. The building has been greatly improved both within and without. Several Sunday school rooms have been built in recent years so that now the people have room to do things.

Brother Cranford is serving his fifth year on this charge and he and his good wife seem very popular with the people. They are comfortably housed in the parsonage at 727 N. Garnett street in Henderson and seem very happy in the work. There are two other churches on the charge, Flat Rock and New Hope which I have not been able to visit either last year or this, though I did hold the first quarterly conference last year at Spring Valley and came in contact with some of the fine people from these churches.

Rev. G. F. Millaway Passes

As was announced in the HERALD last week Rev. G. F. Millaway, one of the best known and best loved superannuate ministers in our conference passed away at his residence near Greensboro on Wednesday, March 22 after a long and severe illness. The funeral services were held at Mt. Pleasant church in southeastern Guilford Friday afternoon, March 24. The house would not hold all the people who came. From the time he was admitted into the conference in 1890 to the time he retired in 1931 he labored most acceptably. While we would not have him back in his sufferings yet some one made the remark that there were more tears shed at his funeral than they had seen in a long time. Everybody loved him and all of us will miss him. His wife and five sons have the sympathy of a large number of people.

More Pastors' Reports

Pleasant Grove, Rev. Fred R. Love, Pastor.—Seven members received, attendance at church and Sunday school good, Young People's Day observed with offering of $113.00. Thank Offering service brought in $50.00. Parsonage being repaired and repainted at cost of $60.00, pastor paid to date, World Service raised in full, Auxiliary, Ladies' Aid and Brotherhood all working splendidly.

Greensville Charge, Rev. J. M. Morgan, Pastor.—Raised part of budgets; a new parsonage is being built at Matthews Chapel church. Both parsonage and church will have electric current.

Spencer-China Grove Charge, Rev. A. Ridge, Pastor.—Both churches doing fine work. Spencer church debt is paid off and church will be dedicated in near future.

Grace Church, Greensboro, Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, Pastor.—Twenty-three new members received—expecting many more at Easter, repairing and repainting parsonage on Hendrix street, fine Christmas musical program with house well filled, Sunday school attendance ten per cent above year ago and nearly forty per cent over two years ago. Considerable increase in church attendance since January 1; finances in fair condition—about same as year ago.

Mt. Pleasant Charge, Rev. J. W. Braxton, Pastor.—Plans underway to pay W. S. in full by last of April, tithing campaign to be put on for March and April, Campaign on to put running water in parsonage with two-thirds of money pledged, hoping to start work right away. Building program for Pleasant Union church and vote is to be taken soon.

Randolph Charge, Rev. H. L. Isley, Pastor. — Pastor's salary about paid to date, Bethel, Bethany and Shiloh have paid their part of A. C. expenses; nice sum paid on W. S., part of delegates' expenses raised, four communion services held, Young People's Day observed, interest and attendance good.

Community Church, Thomasville, Rev. J. Clyde Auman, Pastor.—All budgets accepted in full, offering for Young People's Day was $52.00, received one member, good ingath-

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A Message In Verse

A PATRIOT

He who, amid dissent of many minds
Can still possess his soul in quietness,
And reach his final thought despite all stress;
Who lifts his eyes from broken hopes and finds
His visions waiting still; whose patience binds
His deeds into the ends he deems will bless;
Who keeps his faith in God, and none the less
His faith in men; whose rights are all mankind's;
Whose courage meets the dangers of great power
And wields it as a means entrusted him;
Who, rising, fronts the duty of the hour
Backed by its threatened consequences dim;
Lo, who can do these simple, hard, high things,
For him the cry of "Patriot! Patriot!" rings.

—*Mary Stebbins Savage.*

Miss Lelia Byerley reports that Friendship Church, Shiloh Charge, has paid World Service allotment in full, paid delegates expenses to Uniting Conference, three other items in the annual conference budget. Fine, she also promises more Herald subscriptions soon.

West End Church enjoyed visits from three former pastors at the evening services during March: Dr. P. E. Lindley, Dr. J. D. Williams, and Rev. E. Lester Ballard. We think it a fine thing for the former pastors to have the privilege of renewing old friendships by a visit to the church. All brought good messages and were given attentive hearing.

If any of our readers have any of the copies of the Herald called for by Brother E. A. Cooke in this week's Herald, please write him. He is also in need of some copies in 1925 and 1926. It will be quite an accommodation to him as he is preparing to have them bound.

Drs. Bates and Brown were in Baltimore last week attending a meeting of the Executive Committee. Dr. Bates has also been appointed to represent the Methodist Protestant Church at the Duke Centennial next month.

Pastor F. R. Love reports that Pleasant Grove Church has sent in its apportionment for delegates expenses to the Uniting Conference.

The Chinese Situation

There is no doubt about the condition of millions of the Chinese being deplorably. It is estimated that already a million have been slain and that hundreds of thousands of families have been deprived of their homes and of the opportunity to make a living. There has not been before the American people in many a year, if ever, a condition that ought to make a stronger appeal for help. We know that the people of this country have given liberally to these suffering men, women and helpless children. For say what we may as an excuse, this country is largely responsible for the Japanese successful invasion of China. Did we not ship to Japan hundreds of tons of scrap iron, airplanes, and chemicals for poison gas and then buy their goods to keep their mills running, there would be no Japanese soldiers in China today. The American people has the situation in its hands. Were our government to declare an economic boycott of Japanese goods and prohibit the shipment of war materials into Japan the war would soon come to a close and the Chinese would have an opportunity to restore the devastated urban and rural communities.

The Uniting Conference

Fourteen delegates of the North Carolina Conference will attend this conference which begins the 26th of April, just about four weeks off. These delegates were chosen by the last annual conference to go to Kansas City, a distance of more than a thousand miles, to remain three or four weeks, at a minimum cost per delegate of $125.00 for the minister, if he travels by train and $150.00 lay delegates who do not have clergy permits, making a total of $1,825.00.

The apportionment laid upon each pastoral charge is two per cent of the salary of the pastor received last year, and if every cent of this is paid it will just about cover this cost; what is not raised will have to be paid by the delegates themselves. Is it the will of the people of this annual conference burden of this task? There has not been in the history of our church a more important meeting since the one in Baltimore which established the Methodist Protestant Church. You should want your representatives to remain through the entire conference, to do all in their power to set up a Methodist Church of which the future generations shall be proud, but if they shall do this without bearing a part of the burden of the cost of their stay there, every pastoral charge must pay its allotment, and do it now.

The Herald

We receive many letters about the Herald; letters of appreciation from our subscribers. We would like to print them but for very good reasons do not. Each year we get the renewal of a faithful subscriber in eastern Carolina telling us how dear the Herald is to her. We know that it is a financial strain upon her income to send on the subscription, and just last week we received a similiar letter from a subscriber in the north central part of our state, a widow who has been receiving the Herald almost since its beginning; she too has a hard time raising the price of the subscription, but she declares that she cannot do without the ''Dear Herald.'' We received a letter and renewal recently from the southern part of the state, the writer saying he dreaded to think of what would happen to the Herald when union comes. It would take much space to quote the expressions of appreciation of many of our subscribers. And we greatly appreciate them although we realize that we have had but little part in keeping the Herald going; its founder, Dr. McCulloch gave most unselfishly of his means, time and strength to it for nearly forty years, while this is just the third year we have directed its course.

We heard recently that a report is being circulated in certain communities that the Herald is about to suspend, therefore—let all who are about to renew beware. We do not know who is responsible for such a report. It may be an assumption of some fearful soul after reading an appeal of the editor. We have stated that the paper is being published at a loss, but the annual conference voted to carry it on this year, and we shall do that and leave the rest to the conference.

But it does seem strange that people who waste in a day, often, more than enough money to pay a year's subscription to the Herald are afraid they might lose a few cents when the paper is suspended, if it should be next November. And we are painfully surprised at some of our pastors and Herald agents for ignoring this means of publicizing the activities of their church while straining at the task of keeping the program for the year moving.

LENTEN TOPICS

Christ and the Way

Of the Way.—Acts 9:2.

By F. W. Stephenson, D.D.

The disciples failed Jesus but God did not. The agony of Golgotha began in the garden of Gethsemane, and it was made more acute by the failure of friends upon whom He was depending. Like distressing experiences are hard enough to bear when trusted friends share sympathetically in the suffering, but they are infinitely worse when we have to bear them alone. Jesus never needed comfort and support more than He needed it in Gethsemane. But the strength necessary for the way came from the Father, the one who never overlooks, forgets or fails His earthly children. The experience in the Garden made the anguish of Golgotha more endurable. It was indeed a real victory, a victory over fear, the natural and understandable recoil from extreme physical and spiritual suffering. It came by the path of surrender, yielding His will to the Father's.

The Tragedy of the Way

"Why has Thou forsaken me?"—Matt. 27:46.

Scripture: Matt. 27:39-50.

Could any cry of anguish be more sincere, poignant, or heart-breaking? In that instant Jesus reached the nadir of bitter grief and soul shattering suffering. Nearly all His friends and disciples had forsaken Him. Enemies heaped scorn, indignities and punishment upon Him. The tender flesh was bruised, torn and pierced. Added to the physical suffering was that of His inmost soul, with its sense of loneliness, loss, defeat and disappointment. It is little wonder that He began to feel that even God had failed Him.

Indifference can be endured, neglect can be forgiven, weakness can be excused, ignorance understood, but to be deserted when help and support are needed, that is something else. If the disciples had stood by Him, if they had only remained near, if they had only shown some courage, sympathy and understanding, it would have been less difficult to bear and not so disappointing and tragic. They failed Him when He needed them the most.

Disloyalty is one of the gravest weaknesses in the church today. We take our sacred vows and Christian responsibilities too lightly. Regular attendance upon divine worship, constancy in prayer, generosity in our support of the church, reverence for the Bible, faithful efforts to win others to Christ, consistent Christian living, these and other duties and privileges are not observed with the zeal and devotion which should characterize true and sincere followers of Christ. Can our Lord contemplate such indifference and disloyalty without disappointment and grief?

Kingdom progress waits upon the loyalty of Christian people. If we fail the Kingdom fails. The spiritual power of the church is no greater than the spiritual power of her members. If the church is unable to measure up to the needs of the times, it is because the men and women who bear the name Christian are lacking in the essential spiritual quality of loyalty. The strength of our loyalty depends upon the strength of our love. When we recover our love for Christ there will be no lack of loyalty and the church will recover her power.

I've found a friend; O such a friend!
He bled, he died to save me;
And not alone the gift of love,
But his own self he gave me.
Naught that I have mine own I'll call,
I'll hold it for the giver;
My heart, my strength, my life, my all,
Are his, and his forever.

Prayer: Dear Father. Give us faithful hearts. In the trying experiences of life may we find our support in Thee and Thy word. Help us to be loyal to Thy Church, and ever mindful of the needs of those about us. With tenderness and sympathy may we gladly share the love we feel and Thou hast taught. Forgive our shortcomings and strengthen our devotion. We ask it, for Christ's sake. Amen.

SEVENTH DISTRICT MEETING

There will be a district meeting of the Seventh District of Woman's Work at Mt. Hermon Church at 2:30 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, April 2. Will each president please see that her Auxiliary is represented and have a report.

Mrs. T. Worth Trogden will review "Moving Millions."

Mrs. Carl Curtis, *District Chairman.*

NOTICE!

The ladies of Shiloh Church, Randolph Charge, are planning to give a supper Saturday night, April 1st at Julian, in the old store building beside the barber shop. Come out and get your supper and bring a friend with you. The proceeds of this supper will be used toward raising the World Service debt of our church.

Mrs. Eugene Brown, *Reporter.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Rev. O. L. Easter

SAUL BECOMES A NEW MAN

International Sunday School Lesson for April 2, 1939

Lesson Text—Act. 9:1-12, 17-19.

Golden Text—If any man is in Christ, he is a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold, they are become new.—2 Corinthians 5:17.

We turn from our study of Simon Peter as an apostle to the life of another apostle who is named Saul and he is of Tarshish. Of course in this new series of lessons we shall continue to be tracing the progress and happenings of the early church, but it will be done mostly by way of reflections from the life of Saul after he becomes Paul on the road to Damascus. After all, the Kingdom of God has not come in any other real manner than through the life of men. Sometimes we make the mistake of judging our religious and spiritual progress by things such as budgets, buildings, programs, rituals. Jesus meant just what He said when He revealed to that woman at the well that the Kingdom of God comes not in Jerusalem's temple nor here nor there but that it would come within lives, even here. As we look back over the pages of Christian history we see that the church has many things in which she can take pride as being things of power and progress. The church came into her own as a state religion with the emperor Constantine and won thereby prestige and wealth, but all of us see that often in physical wealth and power the church has been the fartherest away from the power of the Kingdom of God.

Cornelius d Lapide beautifully relates how Thomas Aquinas came to Pope Innocent IV at Rome and was shown through all the sumptuously furnished rooms at the Papal Palace. He became almost as much fatigued and dazed as was the Queen of Sheba, when she had been dazzled with the riches of Solomon's kingdom. "See, Thomas," said the Pope, "see the church can no more say as it did in the first days, 'Silver and gold have I none,'" "True, holy father," replied Thomas Aquinas, "but the church of the present day can hardly say to a lame man what the church of the first day said, 'Arise and walk.'" So it is with the lives of such men as Peter and Paul that through them we come to know the true workings of the gospel. In the heart of Paul Christ found perhaps the greatest cathedral for His faith and religion. When Jesus found that the Jewish religionists had so founded temple worship that those lost sheep of the house of Israel were not found in the temple, He left them and walked the dusty roads from Dan to Beersheba that He might find human hearts in which to enshrine His religion. If Zacchaeus was in such a social predicament that he did not find it possible to go to the temple then Jesus took God with Him out of the temple and presented Him to Zacchaeus while perched absurdly in a tree

"As some rare perfume in a vase of clay
Pervades it with a fragrance not its own,
So when Christ dwelleth in a *mortal soul*,
All Heaven's own sweetness seems around it
thrown."
—*Mrs. H. B. Stowe.*

The greatest fact in connection with the vital life of Paul is the fact of his conversion—that he became a new man. Christ had by those years of patient guidance led Simon the fisherman, to become Peter, the foundation stone of His Church, but now here is a new kind of problem. Christ had left this earthly task of developing apostles; now, who could He do with a man like Saul who was breathing out the very fire of hate against His cause. This was sort of a test case for Christianity. In the conversion of wild Saul into beloved Paul is found the crowning victory of Christianity. The kingdoms of this world admit that when a man opposes their law and fights against their name they are at a loss to save that life for the good of the kingdom and for his treason they have only the firing squad of justice. In the Kingdom of Christ, as now established, there is a power inherent within its realm which enables it not only to cope with this persecution and treason, but to also save the culprit's life for the good of the kingdom. "If a man is in Christ, he is a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold they are become new." In other words, Christ by this process can kill His enemies by making them into friends.

"The proudest heart that ever beat
Hath been subdued in me;
The wildest will that ever rose—
To scorn thy cause or aid thy foes—
Is quelled, my God, by Thee!"
—*W. Howe.*

Paul was like a great and powerful engine, on the wrong track, and going in the wrong direction. His conversion on the Damascus road simply placed him on the right track, and set him in motion in the right direction. To have received Paul into the church without this work of conversion would have been inviting trouble and death in the church, yet we of today are often doing just that when we minimize the necessity of true repentance and conversion and let down the true standards of Christian citizenship to receive them. Thereby the church is handicapped but worse than that is the fact that Saul does not become Paul in the process. For

"The soul alone, like a neglected harp,
Grows out of tune and *needs that hand divine.*
Dwell thou within it; touch and tune the Cords,
Till every note and string shall answer—Thine."
— *Mrs. H. B. Stowe.*

Too many Christians are seeking an easy life. They want the gospel train to be streamlined and air-conditioned, and furnished with chairs.—*Leland Wang, China.*

WITH THE POETS

Elizabeth Vera Idol

LINES WRITTEN IN EARLY SPRING

By William Wordsworth

These early spring days send us back again and again to the nature poets for the articulate expression of the deep feeling for beauty that seeks expression in our own words and does not find it. The little English daisy, "wee, modest, crimson-tipped flow'r," is made more appealing because Robert Burns has shown it to us; we see through the eyes of Edna St. Vincent Millay the pear tree standing apart and taking the sun in a squalid and dirty dooryard,

> "Like the waste-man's little daughter
> In her first communion dress";

and no one can be out-of-doors now without echoing Wordsworth's universally known lines regarding the daffodils:

> "A host of golden daffodils;
> Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
> Fluttering and dancing in the breeze,"

until we find our heart filling with pleasure and dancing with the daffodils.

Or perhaps in a more solemn and serious mood we stand gazing at thousands of tiny, starry little bluets, nodding in the spring breeze, and our hearts turn with wonder to the Creator of such perfection in so small a flower—the same Creator who in a more expansive mood formed great towering mountains and vast moving seas. Our souls seek to know God in this expression and our minds turn to Tennyson's search for a reply to the same question:

> "Flower in the crannied wall,
> I pluck you out of the crannies,
> I hold you here, root and all, in my hand,
> Little flower—but *if* I could understand
> What you are, root and all, and all in all,
> I should know what God and man is."

To no poet did nature carry a more appealing and all-embracing message than to William Wordsworth. While *I Wandered Lonely As a Cloud* is one of his most familiar poems about spring and flowers, he has written many others. Unlike Byron, Wordsworth could not describe the awful majesty of a storm in the Alps, but no poet has put more of England's wealth of wild flower in immortal lines. At times he is too insistent that we see more than the flower itself, quarreling as he does with Peter Bell because

> "A primrose by a river's brim
> A yellow primrose was to him,
> And it was nothing more."

Sometimes we want to be let alone to enjoy the beauty of the flowers without looking beyond it to find a lesson that it teaches. But to Wordsworth nature was the great teacher: he would have us all learn her lessons. Nature does not stand in the place of God to him, but through her God is made manifest. Nature was also the great healer, and when his faith and belief that the French Revolution would elevate the under-privileged man to the position that he felt man should attain was shattered by the September massacres of 1793, he finally found peace and "heard again the still sad music of humanity" through the gentle ministrations of nature until at last he could say,

> " . . . And I have felt
> A presence that disturbs me with the joy
> Of elevated thoughts";

So through most of the best that he has written he gives us in great simplicity and directness of description glimpses of the beauty of nature. His genius removes what Coleridge calls "the film of familiarity" and shows us in simple things the sublime and wonderful that was hitherto hidden. Nature to him is a sentient, conscious spirit which finds joy in its own manifestations. However, to him poetry is the record and analysis of the human spirit and his great desire is to bring out of the chaos of life order and beauty and all that makes for beauty. To him this beauty can be most often found when man is in close touch and in harmony with nature, and it is only what man has made of man that disappoints and grieves.

In this quiet poetic revery composed as he said, while he was sitting beside a brook near the village of Alford, and which bears the simple title, *Lines Written in Early Spring,* most of Wordsworth's ideas about nature can be found.

> "I heard a thousand blended notes
> While in a grove I sat reclined,
> In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts
> Bring sad thoughts to the mind.
>
> To her fair works did Nature link
> The human soul that through me ran;
> And much it grieved my heart to think
> What Man has made of Man.
>
> Through primrose tufts, in that sweet bower,
> The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;
> And 'tis my faith that every flower
> Enjoys the air it breathes.
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> The birds around me hopped and played,
> Their thoughts I cannot measure,—
> But the least motion which they made
> It seemed a thrill of pleasure.
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> The budding twigs spread out their fan
> To catch the breezy air;
> And I must think, do all I can,
> That there was pleasure there.
>
> If this belief from heaven be sent,
> If such be Nature's holy plan,
> Have I not reason to lament
> What Man has made of Man?"

High Lights of Appreciation Year Campaign

Well, well, we have the name of another church to join the list of the immortals this week, namely, Concord church on the Saxapahaw charge. The pastor, Rev. M. C. Henderson reports that this church has gone over the top in the Appreciation Year Campaign. Concord, take your place along with the other churches which are being honored and stay right there as an example to all the rest of the charges and churches.

Now let others make up their minds to follow the leadership of these churches and raise the World Service right away. Remember to report this to the president of the conference just as soon as the church goes over the top. We hereby extend our congratulations to Concord church and the pastor. Who will be next? We want a long list for next week.

Liberty.
Siler City.
Piney Grove, Siler City Charge.
Pleasant Grove.
Mt. Pleasant, Cleveland Charge.
Julian, Tabernacle Charge.
Concord Church, Saxapahaw Charge.

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NOTICE, FIRST DISTRICT!

Meeting of the First District Auxiliaries on Tuesday, April 4, beginning at 10:30 o'clock, the women of this district will hold their annual spring meeting at Union Church, Halifax Charge. The usual place for lunch will be followed. A full attendance from every church in the district is urged.

The program is as follows:

Hymn: 192 M. P. Hymnal.
Devotionals: Mrs. R. M. Robinson.
Welcome: Mrs. Curtis Lewis.
Response: Mrs. J. J. Williams.
Business.
Special music.
Address: Rev. L. J. Whitehead.
Hymn: 11 M. P. Hymnal.
Benediction: Rev. Forest Wagoner.
Lunch.
Devotionals: Rev. D. D. Broome.
Roll Call of Auxiliaries.
Reports:
Auxiliary Presidents.
Nominating Committee.
Hymn: 33 M. P. Hymnal.
Benediction: Rev. J. M. Morgan.

BLANCHE HARDEE, *Chairman.*
MRS. ELI BELLAMY, *Secretary.*

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Fruit is never borne by doing; fruit is always borne by dying.—*Bishop William Culbertson.*

THE UNPAYABLE DEBT

By REV. W. A. LEDFORD

In the fifth position of the Lord's Prayer, Matthew has "Debts," Luke "sins," and the Common English Prayer Book, follows Tyndale's translation with "trespasses." Trespass implies a wilful violation of a known law. The choice of the evil rather than of the good. Sin literally means to miss the mark, or way, and thus come short of one's aim and ideal. "We have all sinned and come short of the glory of God." Debts is a more comprehensive term, and implies moral obligation, and includes both sins of ommission and sins of commission. Jesus look on neither lightly.

Some have called the Lord's Prayer the Christian's Prayer. Only those who have been born again, and have had the love of God shed abroad in their hearts by the Holy Spirit can acceptable pray this prayer. The fact of forgiveness is Christian, and the very opposite of that of the world. How could an unregenerated man, full of selfishness, malice and revenge pray this prayer of forgiveness? He just doesn't do it. Jesus saw that it would be so hard for Christians, that He reminded them of the urgent necessity of keeping it before them every time they prayed.

Again, the Lord's Prayer, shows that Jesus did not expect sinless perfection of His followers in this life. That is the goal, and sincere desire of all God's children. They patiently wait, and anxiously strive to become as perfect, as their Father in heaven is perfect. But when they compare their attainments with their ideals, they find themselves, like the publican, away off, and not so much as lifting their eyes to heaven, but smiting their breasts, and saying, "God, be merciful to me a sinner." The Bible saints were frequently sobbing over their sins. David said, "My sin is ever before me." Isaiah said, "All we like sheep have gone astray: we have turned every one to his own way." Paul called himself the chief of sinners. John said, "If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and the truth is not in us." The closer to God the more unclean we appear.

The Lord's Prayer, pictures the Christian before God, with a debt he can not pay; an obligation he is unable to meet, and a debt he can not satisfy. The only course left for him, is to throw himself upon the mercy, and pity of God. Matthew illustrates this in the eighteenth chapter. There was an unmerciful servant, who caught one under him: choking him and throwing him in prison, because he was unable to pay a small debt. In these Recession days, when thousands have had their stocks and bonds depreciate, till they were no more than scraps of paper. Other thousands with depleted bank accounts and incomes have seen their personal properties go from them, and left them no alternative than to throw themselves upon the Government. We just never come to the place where we can omit the prayer for mercy. At best we are only sinners, saved by the grace of God.

Let us not become too discouraged. The case of the Christian is not wholly hopeless, as he stands embarrassed with debts before God. The facts are, that God is more willing to forgive our debts: cancel our obligations than we are for Him to do it. There is just one requirement from us, and one condition to be met: but this condition is as unalterable as the laws of the Medes and Persians. Unless we forgive we can not be forgiven. The petition is, "Forgive us our debts, as we have also forgiven our debtors." I don't understand our forgiveness to be a measure of God's, nor our forgiving, putting God under any obligation to forgive us: but just lays down the condition whereby hard pressed souls may obtain forgiveness. God is more concerned about our reconciliation with our brother, and our forgiving our fellowmen, than He is in our Burnt-Offerings and Sacrifices.

Theoretically, forgiveness looks natural and easy, on our part. But practically, we find it different. It is easy for a child to forgive, because he is not conscious of being grievously sinned against. But take an older peprson, who has been administered a stunning blow, which he will never recover from in this life. Take a case where some one wilfully and deliberately brings shame and disgrace into the home of one of our loved ones. Those who have brought the injury, and disgrace upon us, continue to move among us: carrying themselves with the pride of a pea-fowl, and assuming "a grand eloquent and turkey gobbler strut," while their victims pine away. If Jesus had not thought it had to forgive such, He would not have urged, obligated us to pray this prayer, every time we pray.

But let us again not give up in despair. Perhaps, the things that look so big today may look smaller in the coming days. May be, they were not intended, as we took them. May be, God looks at them altogether different from the way we look at them. Besides the things that the good God has to tolerate, and forgive in our inconsistent, and snobbish lives are infinitely more than we are called upon to forgive in our fellowmen. It cost the Almighty God His only begotten Son to forgive our sins. Surely, we should meet God's condition for forgiveness speedily, and with shouts of Hallelulahs.

Laytonsville, Md.

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A little girl was trying to fit together the States of the United States in a puzzle game. She was distracted, for it was difficult to fit in the irregular boundary lines. As she was about to give it up in despair she noted that on the other side was the face of George Washington. It occurred to her that she could fit that face together, for she revered the father of her country. After she had lovingly fitted his face together she turned it over and lo, all the states now fitted in. We have been distracted trying to fit doctrine with doctrine, and denomination with denomination. There is only one place where we can be unified—around the Christ Person. When we realize our oneness here, we then realize that we are not so far away in other things. For Christ brings a sense both of reconciliation and of relevancy.—*E. Stanley Jones* in "*The Christ of Every Road.*"

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Don't talk about the tragedy of the cross; that was God-planned. Talk about the tragedy of sin that caused the cross. —*Dr. H. W. Bieber.*

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Controversy makes the heart cold and the head hot.—*Dr. O. Vansteenberghe, Belgium.*

The President's Letter

(Continued from Page Two)

ering at Easter expected, using dollar investment plan to raise money on W. S. Church has purchased new electric organ at cost of $975.00. Women making plans for good Thank Offering. Thanksgiving offering for Children's home $51.25.

Albemarle, Rev. C. G. Isley, Pastor.—Raised $1,000.00 on church debt, three new members received, church attendance largest during present pastorate, charge will pay more on W. S. than last year. Pastor is paid to date.

Mill Grove, Rev. Earl A. Cook, Pastor.—Full amount of World Service has been pledged. Plans are in effect to pay remainder of church debt by May 15th—$1,100.00, mostly pledged.

Friendship-Love's Grove, Rev. Earl A. Cook, Pastor.—Plans underway to remodel the interior of Love's Grove church and to build a tower. Friendship church has raised about $200.00 parsonage improvement. Both churches in good spiritual condition.

Lebanon Church, Rev. O. L. Easter, Pastor.—Attendance very encouraging. Evening attendance on the increase with good many visitors, expect to raise in full W. S. by April 30th. pastor's salary about paid to date. Young People's Day observed with good results considering the weather.

Rankin Memorial, High Point, Rev. Edward Suits, Pastor.—All appointments have been met, several small financial obligations taken care of, financial condition of church the best it has been at any time, attendance at church services little better than at this time last year, church grounds have been improved by setting out shrubbery. Three members have been received, pastor made 110 visits. A. C. expenses being raised.

Rockingham, Rev. R. L. Vickery, Pastor.—Have raised all of A. C. expenses, have had three professions, several new members expected soon, attendance is good and we are trying to raise W. S., also our HERALD quota. Attendance is good at Bethesda and a good spirit prevails there. Melton's Grove seems to be encouraged although we only have nine or ten members that we can locate there. Our attendance there is usually from 35 to 40.

Mecklenburg, Rev. Robert Short, Pastor.—Things going at about the usual pace, the spiritual aspect is right encouraging, attendance fairly good. Financial condition rather bad here. Fifty per cent paid to date on salary, Stallings has raised A. C. expense assessment and two other churches will soon have it raised. Anniversary services are being planned at each church in the hope of helping Appreciation Year Fund. Electric lines are being built by three churches and lights will be put in churches. Pastor thinks items in budget will be raised on time including delegates' expenses to Uniting Conference.

Henderson, Rev. T. J. Whitehead, Pastor.—Salary paid to date, observed Young People's Day and February Thank-offering, observed the 57th anniversary of the church on December 11th; paid HERALD subsidy in full, Woman's Auxiliary closing good year and hopes to pay budget in full. Sunday school attendance is gradually increasing. Expect to carry out well planned pre-Easter program. An outstanding District Rally was held in our church the fifth Sunday in January and a Youth Rally for Vance County was held that night.

Forsyth Charge, Rev. R. A. Hunter, Pastor.—Attendance at Union Ridge and Mt. Carmel Sunday schools best in history of churches during first part of quarter. Measles and flu hurt attendance recently. Other phases of work about normal.

Chase City, Rev. D. D. Broome, Pastor.—Sunday school attendance good, church attendance excellent with an encouraging interest in the progress of the church. Church building has been remodeled and painted on the inside. Plans being rushed to paint outside also. Salary paid up to date, A. C. budget and delegates' expenses raised.

Littleton Charge, Rev. D. D. Broome, Pastor.—Sunday school at all churches except one; attendance very good for winter. Church attendance good and growing. Two Auxiliaries have been organized. Now have three on the charge. Vaughn church roof has been repaired at a cost of $31.00. Hawkins Chapel has six Sunday school rooms almost completed. Plans are being made to repair parsonage. Littleton church grounds being beautified. All churches have raised some on budget.

Mocksville, Rev. K. G. Holt, Pastor.—All budgets have been accepted in full. A. C. expenses raised at Elbaville. Pastor's salary paid to date at Elbaville. More people are attending Sunday school and church. More shrubbery has been planted at Elbaville. Young People's Day was observed at Bethel. Spiritual condition of churches a little above par. All four of the churches are sending offerings to the Children's Home monthly. Plans underway for improving building and grounds at Bethel.

Fountain Place, Burlington, Rev. R. E. L. Moser, Pastor. —All special days observed, attendance holding up well. Hope to raise as much as possible on W. S. in near future.

Democrat Charge, Rev. W. C. Clark, pastor.— Lord's Acre plan worked out and ready to be put in operation. Will resume work of rebuilding Mountain Valley church as soon as winter weather is over.

Midway Church, Rev. Paul Hamilton, pastor.—Young People's Day was observed with good offering. Expenses of delegates to Uniting Conference sent in. Five new members received.

Brown Summit, Paul Hamilton, pastor.—Church building has a new roof, two new Sunday school rooms have been built in the front of the auditorium of the church, interior of building has been painted, a new flue has been built and a double door now takes the place of the two doors which were in front of church.

Vance Charge, Rev. J. D. Cranford, Pastor.—Organized financial committees at each church and they are working splendidly. Money raised to repair roof on parsonage. Have raised money also to paint Spring Valley church.

Lincolnton, Bess Chapel, Rev. W. L. Harkey, Pastor.— Spiritual condition of church very good. Held one revival with good results. Four new members received. A new furnace has been put in the Lincolnton church at a cost of $350.00. Paying off $1,000.00 debt on Lincolnton church. Four Sunday school rooms completed at Bess Chapel church. Salary paid in full to date at Lincolnton but not at Bess Chapel and Fairfield.

Draper, Rev. J. L. Love, Pastor.—General condition of church the best during present pastorate. Seven new members received. Church has bought a bus in which to transport people to church—church building is on outer edge of city.

Union Grove, Rev. E. A. Bingham, Pastor.—Considerable improvements made on parsonage. A barn has been built, and most of improvements have been paid for. Salary not paid in full to date. Part of budget has been raised. Christmas services and Young People's Day held with offering taken for World Service.

Welch Memorial, Dr. J. D. Williams, Pastor.—Church has finished paying for hut and has purchased one hundred new Methodist Hymnals.

Liberty, Rev. Aubert Smith, Pastor.—Appreciation Year apportionment paid in full, delegates' expenses raised, subsidy paid in full, Junior church organized, pastor paid to date, regular offerings sent to Children's Home, Young People's Day offering $40.00.

West Forsyth, Rev. G. B. Ferree, Pastor.—Delegates' expenses to Uniting Conference raised, more W. S. will be raised this year than in previous years.

Appointments

Sunday, April 2, Saxapahaw Charge, Concord at 11 a. m. and Orange Chapel at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, April 9th, Halifax Charge, Bethesda at 11 a. m., Ringwood at 3 p. m. and Hollister at 7:30 p. m.

J. E. Pritchard.

METHODIST COOPERATION IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN WEST VIRGINIA

At the last annual conferences of the three churches in West Virginia a plan was worked out whereby there could be promoted in West Virginia one program of Christian Education for all of the Methodists in that state. An office was set up with an executive secretary and a staff to carry out this program. A board was created, composed of representatives from all three of the Methodist churches uniting.

On March 24, a committee representing the three national boards met with the West Virginia Board at Charleston, West Virginia. This committee presented a paper setting forth an understanding with respect to how the cooperative work in West Virginia might be administered.

We found the work in West Virginia well underway and moving rapidly toward the merged program for the new church. At every point the national committee and the West Virginia committee were in hearty agreement. It is the opinion of the writer that the program in West Virginia is moving in the right direction, and from this experiment will come information and data which will be of assistance to other conferences when they begin in earnest to merge their work.

F. L. Gibbs, *Chairman, Joint Committee.*

OUR STORY PAGE

SCARS

"I don't see why we can't go," snapped Estherella crossly. "Why should we have to stay at home, when Madge lives only a few blocks away?"

"Because," said Millicent gently, "in the first place it's Sunday, Estherella, and we ought to stay at home and be quiet and read our books; and in the second place, because mother said so."

"Yes, that's just it," pouted Estherella. "Why did she say it? And what did she have to go away for, anyway, to stay all afternoon?"

"You know very well why," answered Millicent in her quiet voice. "Grandma's sick, and needs her. And you remember the last thing she said before she drove off—'I trust you girls.' "

"Well," said Estherella, with an ugly look on her face, "she trusted me too soon; I'm going."

Millicent said anxiously, "Oh, Estherella, don't!" But that young lady already had her raincoat and one rubber on; and soon the door slammed and she was hurrying down the street, holding her umbrella high above her head.

"Oh!" sighed Millicent, "I wish she wouldn't; but what can I do?"

Mother came home earlier than she had expected to, for grandma was better; and the first thing she said was, "Where is Estherella?"

"She went to see Madge, mother," said Millicent. "I tried to stop her; but you know how she is, when she makes up her mind to do anything."

"To see Madge!" cried mother, with a frightened look in her eyes.

"Yes, I know, it's too bad," nodded Millicent. "Why when Madge first moved in, you told us to stay away from her, you know, 'cause she says such bad words, and—"

"My dear," said mother excitedly, turning to father, "we must do something at once! Madge's little brother has smallpox!"

They called the doctor quickly and asked him what to do. And then poor Estherella's troubles began. That very evening, they moved her into a little room far away from everyone else in the house, and left her there all alone. The next day mother brought her breakfast, and dinner, and supper. Poor Millicent felt so lonely and so sorry for her sister; and mother looked very sober, and said she hoped Estherella's punishment wouldn't be worse than this before she was through with it.

But it was—oh, ever so much worse! For the time came when Estherella lay tossing on her bed, burning up with fever, so sick that she did not even know the gentle nurse and the kind old doctor, who were the only ones allowed near her. Night after night she tossed from side to side of her little white bed, and said queer wild things; and the nurse cried softly, and the doctor shook his head; and Millicent, alone in her little room, sobbed herself to sleep. "Dear God," she would whisper into the darkness, "don't punish her any more. Oh, please don't let her die!"

Mother was very pale and quiet these days. She often took Millicent in her arms and held her for a long time without saying a word. Millicent would stroke her cheek and say, "Poor mother!" because she did not know what else to say.

But even the most dreadful things must end; and after a long time—years, it seemed to Millicent—Estherella was moved back into their own little room. How happy she was to have her sister back again! But the sick child lay very quiet with her eyes closed, most of the time.

One day Millicent, watching the thin little white face, saw two tears roll down on to the pillow.

"Don't cry, dear!" she said softly, stroking the shining hair.

Just then Aunt Esther and Aunt Ella—the two for whom the little girl was named—came in. They brought flowers and fruit and a new book, and tried to act very bright and happy.

"Why the tears?" cried Auntie Esther gaily—she was hardly more than a girl herself. "We must be happy today, little girl, because you'll soon be well again!"

"I'm so sorry I did it," sobbed Estherella, "but I've asked God to forgive me a thousand times. I think He did, but—but"

"But what?" asked Aunt Ella, gently.

"I asked mother for the mirror this morning," sobbed the little girl, "and oh, the dreadful s-s-scars! And they'll last forever 'n' ever."

"Hush, dear!" said Aunt Ella, "we won't think of that —we're so glad to have our little girl back again."

Then Aunt Ella suddenly bent over and kissed her, her own eyes filled with tears. "Poor little lamb!" she said softly. "It's a hard lesson to learn, but the earlier learned, the better. We may ask mother and God to forgive us—and they will, if we are truly sorry, but that doesn't take away the scars!"—*Burning Bush.*

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WETS KILL TENNESSEE DRY LAW REPUDIATE REFERENDUM PLEDGE

Chicago, Special.—Organized wet interests in Tennessee, wielding powerful political pressure, amply supplied with liquor money, yesterday, (Thursday, March 2) defied overwhelming but unorganized state-wide dry sentiment, ignored their solemn pre-election promise to the people of a referendum, and over-riding the Governor's veto, jammed through both houses of the legislature a bill repealing the state prohibition law, escaping defeat in the Senate by the slender margin of a single vote, 17 to 16.

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Beautiful shoulders are those that bear
Ceaseless burdens of homely care,
With patient grace and daily prayer.
—*Allerton.*

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Jesus did His most effective work not with multitudes, but with individuals.—*Erling C. Olsen.*

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TIME EXTENDED

Thank-Offering — Minnis Fund

The Branch Finance Committee has decided that inasmuch as there has been so much sickness, preventing the holding of thank-offering services, we will include Sunday, April 2, in our year 1938-1939, and the treasurer will credit any thank-offering or Minnis Fund money that is mailed to her on Monday, April 3, on completing these budgets. The committee considered these matters seriously and decided that since our thank-offering goal lacks only $206.17 and Minnis salary only $387.93 of being paid in full, we would include Sunday, April 2, in the hope of reaching our Branch apportionment of $6,000 for World Service in full. We lack only $530.45 of being paid in full on World Service.

MRS. R. M. ANDREWS, President,
MRS. COY L. KEARNS, Treasurer,
MRS. S. W. TAYLOR,
MRS. C. W. BATES.

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LAST CALL FOR THANK-OFFERING EFFORTS TO COMPLETE BUDGET

Information has come that numerous auxiliaries and churches have been prevented from observing thank-offering services on account of epidemics of flu, and that if permissible next Sunday could be used for thank-offering giving. When no services have been planned, will not all gatherings and individuals join in reaching the goal, thereby assisting the North Carolina Branch of Women's Work, and by assisting the local church in World Service and Appreciation Year.

Thanking each of you, individually and as organizations, for cooperation, I am,

Very truly,
MRS. WM. C. HAMMER,
Secretary Thank-Offering, N.C. Branch.

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AS TO CREDITS ON WORLD SERVICE AND MINNIS SALARY

Each auxiliary was given four items in its budget,—a definite amount each for N. C., College, World Service, and Minnis.

In order that an auxiliary may pay its budgets in full it must send to the Branch Treasurer the amounts of each of these items in full, designated at the time of sending. For instance, Good Will Auxiliary is given a budget: N. C., $30; College, $10; W. S., $60; Minnis, $10. The Good Will Auxiliary must during the year send a total of $30 which she must tell the treasurer is for N. C., a total of $10 which she must tell the treasurer is for College, a total of $60 which she must tell the treasurer is for W. S., and a total of $10 which she must tell the treasurer is for Minnis. If she makes 12 payments she must say how much she wishes to pay on N. C., College, etc, each time, so the treasurer may keep her books correctly.

If we want to pay Minnis salary with our money we must send it to the treasurer as Minnis salary, but we should not expect our Minnis salary to be added to the amount given us for undesignated World Service, which is used by the General Conference treasurer on the basis of 67% to Board of Foreign Mission and 33% to Board of Christian Education.

The church gets credit for Minnis salary paid by its auxiliary, on its World Service budget; but this is because the N. C. Conference as such makes no designations of its World Service funds.

This has been written by request to clear up questions that have arisen. I am sorry the request came too late to be of much good in the year just closing.

MRS. R. M. ANDREWS.

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LAST CALL FOR MINNIS FUND

If any church, Sunday school, other organization, or individual, would like to help the N. C. Branch pay Mr. Minnis' salary in full, come on now; the fund lacks only $387.93 of full payment. The Treasurer will give your church credit for any amount on Minnis salary, if you get it in the mail by April 3. We are very anxious to reach the goal, since we are so near it.

With sincere thanks to all who have and will help with this salary, I am,

Yours very truly,
MRS. R. M. ANDREWS, President,
N. C. Branch of Women's Work.

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NOTICE TO AUXILIARIES

Just another reminder that we are to have an exhibit at the Branch Meeting. This is not my exhibit but yours, and I am expecting something from every auxiliary in the state representative of the work being done by the local organization. By this method we may share our worth-while plans and methods and let others know what we are doing.

Please send me anything you have for the exhibit before April 12, or bring it with you when you come to the meeting.

Please call your auxiliary president's attention to this notice in order to be sure that she doesn't overlook it.

MRS. J. C. MADISON,
Secretary of Exhibits.
628 Colonial Drive, High Point, N. C.

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BELATED THANKS.

Now that our column is not so crowded I should like to take this opportunity to thank all who were responsible for sending me gifts when I was ill and unable to attend the third quarterly Branch meeting. The gifts were greatly appreciated.

I should like also to thank, through this column, all the Auxiliaries and individuals who so kindly sent cards of cheer.

Yours very sincerely,
MRS. R. M. ANDREWS.

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TO THE MEMBERS OF N. C. BRANCH OF THE M. P. CHURCH.

The snapdragons you sent me have certainly been beautiful and I've enjoyed them so much. I surely do appreciate your thinking of me and "saying it with flowers."

At last I'm able to be up and the flowers helped a lot.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,
ROSALIE ANDREWS.
January 17, 1939.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Midway S. S., Greensboro road	$10.00
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Clothing and Other Gifts

The Woman's Auxiliary, Flag Springs, Why Not, a nice lot of cakes and cookies for school lunches. These were delivered by the pastor and he suggested that other friends of Flag Springs helped. We appreciate these gifts very greatly.

We are also thankful for the money gifts reported above.

April Just Ahead.

Next Sunday will be the first Sunday in April. Fifty per cent, or more of our Sunday schools take their offering for the Home that day, and all of you will take your offering on some Sunday during April. Please give us a boost on your regular Sunday. If every Sunday school in the Conference will do that you will help us to catch up again. We thank you.

Come to See Us

The North Carolina Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary is meeting in First Church, High Point, on April 12 and 13. We welcome you to our city and to our church. You will wish to visit the Children's Home, and we want you to come. We take it that the afternoon session on April 12 will adjourn by 4 o'clock. So we are asking all of you, delegates, ministers and friends to visit the Home from 4:30 to 5:30 that day. We will keep open house for you during that hour, and longer if you like. In fact we shall be glad to have you come at any time,

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

By REV. JOSEPH COBLE

"I WOULD BE STRONG"

Topic for April 2, 1939

By Rev. Raymond W. White

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, March 27—Strength in God's presence. Ps. 46:1-7.

Tuesday, March 28—Strength in leadership. Josh. 1:2-9.

Wednesday, March 29—Strength in weakness. 2 Cor. 12:7-10.

Thursday, March 30—Strength in inner conflict. Rom. 8:12-18.

Friday, March 31 — Strength in God's armor. Eph. 6:10-17.

Saturday, April 1—Strength of Christ in suffering. 1 Pet. 2:21-25.

The Text: II Cor. 11:21-31.

To the Leader

This topic, the last of a series of three topics, suggests the importance of courage and determination. "I would be strong for there is much to suffer" is the entire phrase in Howard Arnold Walter's hymn. The second clause is the reason for the first. Your group should know that in these days Christians in many places are persecuted and forced to suffer. Not a few modern Christians are showing courage and endurance which should characterize all Christians at all times. Paul, the greatest missionary of all times, is a good example and his life makes an excellent illustration for this topic. At the close of your meeting summarize the series emphasizing "I would be true," "I would be pure," and "I would be strong." Try to stimulate a determination to make these phrases a rule in life with the guidance and help of the Master.

Questions for the Open Forum

1.—When is a Christian strong?

2.—What is a Christian expected to endure in these days?

3.—What forces attack the Church and Christians today?

4.—How are we to meet the enemy?

5.—What is involved in strength of Character? How acquire strength?

6.—What is moral courage? Do we have it? How get it?

7.—What is the value of strong determination? How guide it properly?

8.—What is a conviction? What convictions should Christians cultivate?

9.—What is the cost of being Christian? God's cost? Our cost?

10.—What is the Christian's source of wisdom? Power?

11.—Do you think the true Christian is fully assured of victory? Reasons.

12.—What things in life are worthy of support of Christian strength?

The Poet

Fight the good fight with all thy might,
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good
grace,
Lift up thine eyes and seek His face;
Life with its ways before us lies,
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide
His boundless mercy will provide;
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, His arms are near,
He changeth not and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee.

—*John S. B. Monsell.*

Little Gems

Your weakness is no excuse: "He giveth power to the faint."

Strength is needed for endurance as well as for achievement; for endurance is achievement.

Strength is born in the deep silence of long-suffering hearts; not amidst joy.—*Hemans.*

Strength alone knows conflict; weakness is below even defeat, and is born vanquished.—*Swetchine.*

So let it be in God's own might
We gird us for the coming fight,
And, strong in Him whose cause is ours
In conflict with unholy powers,
We grasp the weapons He has given,
The Light, the Truth, and Love of Heaven.

—*Whittier.*

Topic Hints

I Would Be Strong: The true Christian is a strong instrument in God's hand. Man can never measure the strength of a Christian whose life is guided and motivated by super-human wisdom and power. The secret of a Christian's strength is in the fact that God supplies him with Power. Said Jesus, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." This promise came true on the day of Pentecost and this truth has been confirmed in the lives of the saints since that memorable day. Men who have known how to suffer and endure for a worthy cause have been men who were given Power by the ministry of the Holy Ghost. Would we be strong? If so, let us entertain the presence of the third Person in the Trinity, the Holy Ghost. His presence is Power. His Power is our strength.

Strength for Suffering: This life is full of sorrow and suffering. Trouble is a universal baptism. But sorrow and suffering are not the end of life for the Christian. If these were the end, we would have no hope and life would be miserable. But He that said "Let not your heart be troubled" has overcome the world and will make the penitent heart victor in any life situation. No circumstance in life could overwhelm Jesus. No evil force could overpower Him. He knew how to make sorrow and suffering a means to a glorious end. The pages of sacred history are spread with the story of suffering saints who followed in His train. All of them, like their Master, were victors. They sought not a way to escape suffering nor the means of removing suffering, but they were moved by a Power that used suffering as a refining agent and their lives were radiant. And we must do some suffering if we stand firmly for God in our day. But if we suffer in the name and in the strength of our Lord, our faces will be radiant and our lives will be victorious.

We Must Be Strong: These days demand men of strong bodies. These bodies are the temples in which dwell the Spirit of God. They should be kept clean. These bodies are the instruments which God's Spirit uses to touch the world and all of the foes of righteousness. They must be kept strong. The enemies of God's Spirit seek to destroy the body in which the Spirit moves. We must be strong as well as brave. These days require men of strong minds. Satan matches the intellects of his followers against the intellects of God's children. He is bold enough to enter the House of God and proclaim his false arguments in the presence of eternal truth. He whispers falsehood in the ears of the saints with the subtlety of the serpent. We must have strong intellects and keen judgments if we would recognize his presence, refute his argument, and put to rout his army.

Strong Convictions: The Christian must have some very strong convictions if he would be strong enough to suffer and serve for Christ's sake. Yes, he must have some rock-ribbed convictions and they must be based on what God says in His Book, the Bible. He must believe in the deity of Christ, in the saving efficacy of His Blood, and in the power of God's grace to save and keep the world. He must have a true conception of man's sinful nature. He must heartily subscribe to the doctrine of the divine inspiration of the Bible. The Christian must have a deep conviction of the binding obligation of Christ's commands to go into all the world to win men. He should cherish in his expectant soul the glorious promise of the Lord's return. He must be convinced of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit and that in His power alone can he hope to win. The strength of human mind, will, and body will fail. Let us "be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might," and we shall never fail.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Mt. Lebanon, Randleman Charge. — Our Woman's Auxiliary met March 21, with Mrs. J. L. Hall, ten members were present. On account of sickness some of our members were absent. Mrs. D. L. Brady led the devotional, using the Guide Book theme.

This being our first year we feel we have made some progress. We have doubled our membership since we organized, and everyone seems willing to do their part. We have paid $40 over our pledge, sent gift of clothing to Pine Ridge, and bought new song books for our church. We had 12 Auxiliary meetings and two Thank-Offering services. Mrs. D. C. Hardin was elected delegate to the Branch meeting.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. C. L. Spencer, president; Mrs. J. L. Hall, vice-president; Miss Rozelle Smith, recording secretary; Mrs. O. R. Trogdon, corresponding secretary; Mrs. L. R. Hughes, treasurer; Mrs. D. L. Brady, secretary of missionary and Christian education; Mrs. J. L. Hall, secretary of Benevolences and Stewardship; Mrs. A. J. Daniels, secretary of Spiritual Life; Miss Rozelle Smith, secretary of literature; Mrs. D. C. Harden, secretary of Thank-Offering; Miss Rozelle Smith and Mrs. O. R. Trogdon, secretaries of Young People's Work; Mrs. J. L. Hall, secretary of Temperance and Christian Citizenship and Pastor's Aid.

After the meeting fruits were served. The next meeting will be with Mrs. D. C. Hardin.

MRS. O. R. TROGDON, Cor. Sec.

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Welch Memorial Church. — Though this writer has been unduly inactive during the past two months, this inactivity has not been reflected in the progress of the church work. Our revival is scheduled to begin the week of March 26, and every church member seems to be taking a sincere interest in this coming event, especially since this will be the last Methodist Protestant revival held in our church.

Sunday night, March 19, the women of our church were in charge of the evening service. The highlight of the program was a short play, and this presentation was considered very effective by those present.

The Senior class of our Sunday School sponsored a drive to raise funds with which to purchase new hymnals for our church, and this drive was quite successful. Our new song books have been received, and two nights a week have been set aside for choir practice, thus giving the members of the choir a chance to become better acquainted with the splendid new books. The Senior class is to be commended for their fine work in procuring these hymnals for us.

Renewed interest has been taken in our Christian Endeavor programs recently. More interesting and didactic programs are being presented each Sunday evening, and every member seems to really enjoy the opportunity he has of meeting with other young people every week. The first Sunday of each month, our president, Mr. Roscoe Briley, plans to have a consecration meeting, with each member renewing his personal covenant and vows. This plan was inaugurated the first Sunday in March, and the program was one of the most impressive of its kind ever presented at our church. In addition to our own members, we had three visiting societies with us that night, and everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy the program.

Plans are being made for an Easter pageant to be presented Easter Sunday, and a more detailed description of this will be submitted in my next report.

MILDRED SOUTHERN, Reporter.

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Kannapolis, D. T. Huss, Pastor.—The regular stewards meeting was held last Saturday night and was well attended. The members decided to start a campaign to get all members of the church to be present on Easter Sunday for a Booster day. After the stewards meeting we were served a chicken supper, the money going to the Building fund.

The men of the church also reorganized the men's fellowship with a good number present. A talk by Mr. Rabb was enjoyed by all present, and the present objective of our group is to raise funds for the expenses of the delegate to the Uniting Conference.

Our pastor is sick at this writing and requests the prayers of his people. Also one of our member is very ill at the present time.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Methodist Protestant church entertained the members of the church and other friends with an "Irish Gathering" on Saturday evening, March 18.

As the guests arrived they were given pieces of crepe paper and pins, and were requested to make a hat of any shape. Miss Beatrice Cartner, president of the Christian Endeavor, was in charge of the games, contests, and group singing; Miss Ollie Sloop, and Hazel Abernathy, gave humorous readings. The Assembly room of the church, where 60 old and young people met, was decorated with shamrock leaves, and green, gold and white paper, carrying out the colors for St. Patrick's day.

While the refreshments, consisting of sandwiches, cakes, pickles and tea were being served, Misses Ollie Sloop, Janet Sills, Inell Sills, and Mrs. Edward Sides, accompanied by Miss Elva Sides at the piano, rendered several beautiful old Irish melodies.

At the end of the gathering everyone joined hands and sang, "Blest Be the Tie," after which Mr. Kiser dismissed with prayer.

EDWARD SIDES, Reporter.

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State Street, O. C. Loy, Pastor.—We are still working but do not say very much about it. Our attendance is better since the influenza and chicken pox epidemic abated.

The Ladies' Auxiliary held its March meeting in the home of Mrs. J. B. Leonard. The devotionals were led by Mrs. C. H. Forcum. Mrs. Hackey, president, presided, and a good program was enjoyed. After the business was transacted, the election of officers for the coming missionary year was discussed and same elected.

The Philathea class met in the home of Mrs. L. C. Jenkins with good attendance. Mrs. Garner called the meeting to order in the absence of the president. Mrs. S. E. Brandon led the devotional with a beautiful but touching Easter story.

Plans were made for the annual chicken pie supper that was put across last Saturday night and around $33 collected.

The Mission Band and Sunshine Circle under the direction of Mrs. F. J. Cox and Mrs. W. T. Neal had complete charge of the spring thank-offering service Sunday morning, the 19th. A large offering was realized and we were more than fortunate to have Mrs. J. Clyde Auman of Thomasville to speak for us. She is a returned missionary and can explain the real facts in an interesting way. We feel deeply grateful to her for the wonderful message.

Our pastor has been ill for the past week. We all wish for him a speedy recovery and ask the Christian people to pray that his health be restored so he can carry on his good work.

MRS. W. T. NEAL, Reporter.

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First Church, Burlington, Dr. F. W. Paschall, Pastor.—It has been quite a while since we have had a report in the paper but trust that you will forgive the writer. There has been so much sickness in our church family recently but we are thankful for God's goodness, the majority of them are improving.

All organizations seem to be running along smoothly. The Ladies' Auxiliary is closing its missionary year the end of this month. It has been a successful and progressive year under the presidency of Miss Swannie Coble. Much has been accomplished through her leadership and we feel it is the best year w've ever had and we commend her highly in this splendid work. There is not a break in the organizations for young people. There is an organization for young people ranging from Precious Jewels on up to the Auxiliary circles. This trains youth in the church so that there will not be a break in their young life. The opportunity is there if they will just accept it and in time to come they can step in and fill the places of us older ones as we pass on. This church expects to have great leaders in the future.

Some of our activities for the young people are as follows: Precious Jewels for little tots in their infancy and also in Beginners' department under the direction of Mrs. Ollie Moser who so faithfully clings to this task. Mrs. Moser is due a lot of credit. No one will ever know how many miles she walks a day visiting and getting new members for her Precious Jewels also the Home Circle an organization for those women who cannot meet with the regular circles. We greatly appreciate her work.

Sunshine Circle for the primary groups and C. E. societies for all ages under the direction of Misses Glenna Teer and Mildred McPherson. These two young Christian girls are doing a splendid piece of work. They continually give of their time and talent to these organizations and we need more young people just like them.

Mission Band for Junior girls under the direction of Mrs. Curry Hargrove who has so kindly consented to take this group and is just getting off to a good start. Much interest is shown among this group and we feel confident that Mrs. Hargrove is a very capable Christian young woman and will make them a good leader.

Young Woman's Circle ranging from ages 14 to 20, Mrs. A. M. Wagoner, counselor. This circle is just getting organized this week and we feel very proud of the fact that there is so much interest shown among these ages and Mrs. Wagoner is just the person to help put it across. We appreciate very much her keen interest and her willingness in accepting this group. It shows a fine Christian spirit.

We also have a Junior choir, which has been organized now for a few months under the direction of Miss Eva Wiseman, a member of the local school faculty. She is making splendid progress and we feel very grateful to her. This choir and all expenses attached is sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliary of our church. They have just recently furnished them with new vestments which are to be the property of the church. The Junior choir furnishes music for Sunday services once a month.

A Thank-Offering program was held in the church Sunday evening, March 19, Miss Swannie Coble and Mrs. J. B. Cheek, leaders. The Junior choir rendered a musical program. Offering amounted to $62.83.

For the past few Sundays Dr. Paschall has been preaching on "The Appreciation of Our Church." He has been bringing us some heart stirring messages, the one Sunday, March 19, especially, "Appreciating Our Heritage." It was so forceful and uplifting. We are working and praying for a great ingathering of souls at Easter time. Easter morning Dr. Paschall will receive into our church membership all who wish to join on confession of faith or by church letter. He is also holding one meeting each week from now until Easter for those who want to accept Christ. Are you trying to win someone? Let's make Easter Sunday a great day.

REPORTER.

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Grace Church, Greensboro, Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, Pastor.—On March 20 the Auxiliary of Grace church had an all-day meeting with Mrs. T. D. Sharpe, at her country home, south of Greensboro. In the morning Mrs. R. M. Andrews conducted the devotional, and Mrs. Mary Gerringer talked on stewardship and benevolence. The afternoon program consisted of a review of the mission study book, "Moving Millions," by Mrs. Worth Trogdon, and the installation of officers for the new year. The following officers were installed by Mrs. W. K. Hartsell, retiring president: President, Mrs. J. R. Dodson; first vice-president, Mrs. W. K. Hartsell; second vice-president, Mrs. W. C. Ogburn; recording secretary, Mrs. F. R. Stout; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Jack Sutton; treasurer, Mrs. Willis Booth; auditor, Miss Brona Apple.

Cause secretaries, Mrs. J. F. Dozier, missionary education; Christian education, Mrs. E. S. Wills; benevolence and stewardship, Mrs. M. D. Stout; spiritual life, Mrs. W. S. Jones; literature, Mrs. Ralph Stout; thank-offering, Mrs. Ernest Teague; young people's work, Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll; scholarships and workers, Mrs. J. E. Dillon; life, memorial and perpetual memberships: Mrs. F. R. Brittain; temperance, Mrs. W. G. Starr; pastor's aid, Mrs. W. A. Hornaday.

The Mothers' Club has been functioning again this year. At the March meeting, Miss Lucy Pell, director of religious education at the First Presbyterian church, spoke to the mothers on "Thinking About the Problem of Death With Children" and "Guiding Children in Social Relationships." These meetings are proving most helpful.

Sunday school attendance has kept up remarkably well, despite much illness among members. The Workers' Council met in a regular monthly supper meeting on March 13, with approximately 35 officers and teachers in attendance. Two inspiring talks were given by Mrs. Edgar Allred, director of religious education at the Church of the Covenant; and by Rev. Mr. Cope, pastor of Asheboro Street Friends church.

Among our sick, we note that Mr. Ralph Stout and son are ill at home with flu; Miss Agnes Louise Wilcox is in Wesley Long hospital with flu; Mrs. J. R. Dodson, Mrs. F. R. Stout, Mrs. Lila Wilcox and Mrs. Fairy M. Coble are all recuperating from recent illnesses.

Infants will be baptized and new members received on Palm Sunday. Due to the continued illness of the pastor, who has been suffering for more than a month with infection in his ears, only one service will be held during Holy Week—a communion service on Thursday evening. The choir under the direction of Mrs. R. E. Morrissett is planning special music for both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

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Pleasant Hill, Spring Church Charge, J. E. Garlington, Pastor.—Since our last report, our spring Thank-Offering service has been held. At this service the playlet, "Not Exempted" was used, bringing out some very helpful thought on tithing. Atendance was not so good; offering amounted to $5.55.

On the second Sunday night in March, we had wtih us Dr. C. E. Forines, who brought us a very splendid sermon.

Second Quarterly Conference was held at Spring Church on March 25th. We have raised our Uniting Conference expense, and with the exception of pastor's salary, are fairly well up to date with the other finances.

On the third Sunday night a musical program was given in connection with the regular prayer service, by the Horne brothers and Miss Rachel Philips of Roaonoke Rapids.

The C. E. Society is putting on a special campaign to increase membership and attendance. We are hoping it will bring results, as the attendance has not been so good during the winter months.

Our Easter program will be presented on Sunday night, April 9th, using the pageant, "The Awakening."

We are delighted to report that Mrs. L. C. Daughtry, who has been critically ill at Roanoke Rapids Hospital, is somewhat improved.

REPORTER.

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Gibsonville, Rev. C. E. Anderson, Pastor.—Since our reporter's mother is ill and has been for some time, I shall take the liberty to send in the news since our last report.

We held our annual banquet February 25 which was sponsored by the Young Women's Bible Class. Rev. Mr. Anderson was toastmaster. Rev. Mr. Stubbins was guest speaker, using as his theme, Fellowship. Several duets and solos were rendered during the evening.

The first Sunday in March the thank-offering service was observed. The play, "If I Be His Disciple," was presented and well received by a goodly attendance. The offering was $25.00.

The second Sunday the Gibsonville Girl Scout Troup No. 32 attended the service. This was the 27th anniversary of this movement. Pastor Anderson's subject was "Love and Obedience." The Scout quartet composed of Agnes Adkins and Betty Jane Owen from our church, Doris Henry from M. E. church, and Ruby Boone from Lutheran church, sang one number.

The church services as well as Sunday school and Christian Endeavor are continuing in interest and attendance.

A MEMBER.

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Pleasant Grove, Rev. F. R. Love, Pastor.—The interest seems to be increasing in our Sunday school. We had 209 present last Sunday. The preaching service was also well attended. Mr. Love delivered a very interesting message and the young people's choir furnished the music for the service.

The Brotherhood met Saturday night, March 25, at the parsonage. The meeting was a very interesting one. Each one present took into consideration the activities of the church. They also appropriated $5.00 toward getting a new pulpit Bible.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will meet Friday night at the home of Misses YeSabel and Hazel Hedrick.

Miss Fay Kennedy will have charge of the mid-week prayer meeting this week. We have been having some wonderful prayer meetings.

Our Pre-Easter Revival begins next Sunday evening and will continue throughout the week, our pastor doing the preaching. We are expecting great interest to be shown in this meeting and we need your prayers.

YESABLE HEDRICK, Reporter.

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Mt. Lebanon Church, Randleman, Rev. C. L. Spencer, Pastor.—The Woman's Auxiliary of the Mt. Lebanon church met Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. J. L. Hall for its final meeting of the year, with Mrs. C. L. Spencer in the chair. A highlight was the election of new officers, as follows: Mrs. C. L. Spencer, president; Mrs. J. L. Hall, vice-president: Mrs. L. R. Hughes, treasurer; Miss Rozelle Smith, secretary; Mrs. O. R. Trogdon, corresponding secretary; Mrs. D. L. Brady, secretary of Christian education: Mrs. J. L. Hall, secretary of benevolence and stewardship; Mrs. A. J. Daniels, secretary of spiritual life; Mrs. D. C. Hardin, secretary of thank-offering; Mrs. Hall, secretary of temperance and Christian citizenship.

Following the transaction of routine business the officers were installed. The hostess served fruits to 10 members present.

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Mrs. D. C. Hardin was elected as a delegate to the zone meeting.

There was an old-fashioned class meeting held at our church Sunday afternoon, March 26. The leader was Mr. L. R. Hughes. The devotional was conducted by Mrs. J. L. Hall, who read the 1st Psalm. Mr. C. L. Spencer led the prayer, after which each one present gave in an experience, which was very good and uplifting. As this was the last Methodist Protestant class meeting to be held, since our next week we will all be Methodists. Mrs. A. J. Daniels also prayed, after which meeting was adjourned by the pastor, Rev. C. L. Spencer.

There will be a sunrise service at the church Easter morning; a very interesting program is being planned.

The mid-week prayer service is proving a real blessing to the church and the ones who attend. We hope to have an increase in our crowds at the services. Mr. Spencer conducts the prayer meeting.

An Easter program is being planned. We are having a pageant this year, "The Festival of Life," Sunday night, April 9, at 7:30.

Our attendance is very good, now that spring is here. Let's fill up those empty pews and let Brother Spencer know we do appreciate these good sermons he brings to us. He always has an inspiring sermon for us. The members who stay away surely miss a spiritually filled message.

MISS ROZELLE SMITH, Reporter.

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College St., Little Charge, D. D. Broome, Pastor. — Our pastor filled his regular appointment the third Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. There was rather a large crowd present than usual. We had the pleasure of having Mrs. Rebie Silvery, husband and daughter, with us who was one of our devoted members before moving her membership some years ago.

The Auxiliary met at the last meeting with one of our oldest members of the church, Mrs. Alice Glasglow, who is now staying at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Myrick. There were not as many members present as we had hoped for, but this was due to the fact that some were sick with flu, while others were kept away on other reasons. Our next meeting will be with Mrs. Curtis Porter.

Mrs. Walter Perkinson has been sick with flu, but has gotten well again, we are glad to say, and also Mrs. J. W. Warren.

Mr. Tasker Williams is visiting Rev. J. H. and Mrs. Trolinger of Seagrove, N. C.

We are looking forward to preparing an Easter program for the second Sunday night. Everyone is invited to come.

Choir practice is to be on Thursday night of each week from now till Easter.

Mrs. Alice Glasglow bought some beautiful evergreens, and presented them to the church grounds on March 20. We all appreciate her gift very much. We also appreciate the lovely flower basket Mr. Edward Jenkins gave the church.

ANNIE PERKINSON, Reporter.

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IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Henry M. Sechrest.

On Thursday, March 9, Uncle Henry Sechrest, the oldest native-born citizen of High Point, passed away. Brother Sechrest's death was more like the passing of an ancient landmark than the passing of a man. When he was born a little more than 90 years ago, High Point was only a village with less than 200 people. When the war between the states was fought he was an interested onlooker though a little too young to participate. When the First M. P. church here was organized, of which he became a member, he was almost 50 years of age. Now some of his grandchildren are among its most active members. The progress of High Point, its civic improvements, the growth of its educational and religious institutions have all taken place within the life time of this one man. Though he probably was never an outstanding leader, yet, even as many of the houses here were built of the brick he helped to make—he at one time owned a brick kiln—so most of the institutions of this city must have felt the influence of the life of this, its oldest native-born citizen.

By age Brother Sechrest has been disabled for several years, for the last few years unable to look after his garden which he loved to do so well. But with increasing age and the weakening of body his faith seemed to grow stronger. The last word I ever heard him say was a word of prayer.

At Brother Sechrest's funeral Rev. J. M. Hilliard, almost as old, and a close friend of the deceased, gave a fitting tribute. His words were the expression of the wisdom and experience of almost a century spoken in honor of Christian character and testifying to the joy of life in Christ.

The body of the deceased was laid to rest in Oakwood cemetery of which Brother Sechrest was keeper for over 40 years.

J. C. MADISON.

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Mrs. N. W. Warren.

Mrs. Mattie Laremore Warren, wife of Newton W. Warren, passed from earth to her heavenly reward at 4:30 p. m., Sunday, March 12, 1939, following an illness of 18 days. The funeral service was held at Pine Grove Methodist Protestant church, near Kernersville, Tuesday, March 14, 1939. at 3 p.m. The writer was assisted in the service by Walser Allen, pastor of the Kernersville Moravian church; Rev. H. L. Isley, pastor of the Randolph charge, and Rev. R. B. Nelson, Baptist minister, of Summerville, W. Va. 8he body was tenderly placed in the cemetery of Pine Grove church.

Mrs. Warren united with Pine Grove Methodist Protestant church in 1921 during the pastorate of Rev. H. L. Isley. She was very active in church and Sunday school work prior to her transfer from the church militant to the church triumphant. She was a teacher in the Sunday school and an officer in the Ladies' Aid Society of Pine Grove church. The writer will always have a pleasant memory of her loyalty to the church, as she was always in the services when not hindered by sickness, and was a good listener.

She is survived by her husband, Newton W. Warren, who is a faithful member of Pine Grove church, one daughter, ten sons, three sisters and two brothers, all of Forsyth county.

The funeral service was attended by the largest congregation the writer has witnessed at a funeral service in recent years. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful, coming from various groups and individuals.

The husband, daughter, sons, brothers and sisters, and all other relatives have the sincere sympathy of Pine Grove church and Sunday school and all friends and neighbors.

C. B. WAY.

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Junius J. Frazier.

Junius J. Frazier, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Frazier, passed away at his home in the Sandy Ridge M. P. church community Monday, March 6, 1937, after an illness of one week, and declining health extending over a period of years. He was a native of Guilford county, and had engaged in farming during his entire life. A member of Sandy Ridge Methodist Protestant church, he was faithful in attendance until his health became feeble. He attended the services frequently during the past year.

Funeral services were held at the home and Sandy Ridge M. P. church Wednesday, March 8, 1939, at 3 p. m. Rev. C. M. Oates. Baptist minister, of Greensboro; Rev. R. O. Knuckles, Baptist minister of the community, and Rev. Ben Farrington, also of Sandy Ridge community, assisted the writer in the services. Burial was in the church cemetery beside the grave of Mrs. Frazier, who

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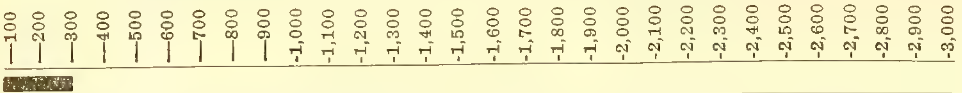

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passed to her reward in September, 1937. A large congregation attended the services.

Surviving are four sons, C. L., J. O., and J. W. Frazier, of Sandy Ridge; C. B. Frazier, of Greensboro; three daughters, Mrs. H. C. Shields, Mrs. L. G. Wood and Mrs. D. R. Robinson, of Sandy Ridge; 31 grandchildren, 55 great-grandchildren; one brother, S. J. Frazier, of the Sedge Garden community of Forsyth county, and many other relatives.

The sons and daughters and other relatives may have the assurance that their loved one has entered into that rest "prepared for the people of God," for he stated before he departed that he was ready to go to meet the judgment. May the bereaved be comforted, and made conscious of the sympathy of their friends and neighbors.

C. B. WAY.

Callicutt

Funeral service for Lillie Elizabeth Callicutt, age one year, was held from Chapel Hill Church February the 21st. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Callicutt of Kannapolis.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE

An Interdenominational Young People's Easter sunrise service is to be held Easter morning, April 9, at 6 o'clock, at First Presbyterian church, Greensboro; Rev. W. P. Jones will be speaker, Special music will be furnished,

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OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

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but it will be helpful to us if you can plan to come on Wednesday afternoon, April 12, between 4 and 6 o'clock. We shall be glad to have you come, and will be looking for you.

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THAT "PROSPECTUS"

Some of our readers have been wondering why the delegates to the Uniting Conference have been silent about the contents of the Prospectus of the Discipline of the Methodist Church now in their hands. We presume the other delegates are like the Editor, fully aware of the nature of the Prospectus; it is as the name implies, a tentative plan for setting up the Methodist Church. But that large Prospectus has yet to be approved by the body whose approval shall make it a law of the Church.

That there will be differences of opinion on matters of detail, of statement of form, of technique, is to be expected. No Church has yet been so organized and conducted that it met the unanimous approval of all its adherents. We have often heard criticism of our own Church. Certain officers either had too little or too much "power." There was expressed dissatisfaction with the ritual, or of some law, etc., until the story of them all would run into a lengthy recital. And if the Uniting Conference shall set up a Church which in form and operation shall silence all critics, confound all fault-finders, please all the "sermon tasters" abroad, bring all the rank fundamentalistic and ultra modernistic members into one group with the spirit of cooperation, that Church will surely be such a success that it will sweep into its membership all who are religiously inclined throughout the world.

But these days of waiting call for patience and faith. Trust your representatives who are soon to be at Kansas City. They are members in good standing in your Church; they know its weakness and its strength; they love it, not only love its name and the memory of its founders, but they have a due sense of appreciation of the heritage which has come down to them as members of the Church; and we believe they know the doctrine and the spirit of Methodism. So, this is really no time to anticipate the actions of the Uniting Conference and to mistrust those into whose hands such a responsible task has been committed.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Much Remains To Be Done

It is hardly necessary for me to remind anybody that these are busy days and that much must be done quickly if it is done at all. My own schedule is so full for the next two months that I hardly know where to turn. But what is true of myself is true of many ministers in our conference. There is that important matter called delegates' expenses to the Uniting Conference. My interest in how much had been sent in was so intense that I called up Treasurer Allen on Saturday afternoon. You can imagine about how I felt when he told me that only about $400.00 had been sent in and we have about one more week to go before the time when it is to be in. Of course I know that many of the charges will wait until this week or the first of next to send in the amount but while this is true the matter is so urgent that we can but have concern about it. But almost all of the ministers in their quarterly reports seemed to think their charges would pay this fund. So, without fail please get this money to the Treasurer of the Annual Conference by April 10th if possible. It must be entered on the books and then distributed and each delegate must make provision for his ticket to Kansas City. These things must be done before the last minute.

Then there is the matter of World Service. We are calling this fund the Appreciation Year fund but it is a Debt Paying fund. It is to pay the debts on our boards of Missions and Education. These are honest debts and they must be paid by somebody. How much better it will be for us to pay our own debts than to have somebody pay them for us. We need to raise this fund in full in order to give us more confidence for the tasks ahead of us in the new church. Let every church do its best for the next two weeks. Remember this fund should be in the mails not later than Monday, April 24th.

A Sunday On the Saxapahaw Charge

Last Sunday was spent with two churches on the Saxapahaw charge, Rev. M. C. Henderson, pastor. The eleven o'clock service was at Concord church and the afternoon appointment was at Orange Chapel.

It was a pleasure to go back to Concord church where on the second Sunday in March, 1905, I preached my first Sunday. Rev. W. W. Amick now of sainted memory was then the pastor of this church and he was ill at that time and I was asked to go and supply for him. Since that day some improvements have been made on the building in the form of wings that have been extended on either side of the building at the rear. While the building is not large it is ample for any ordinary occasion. The Sunday school was in session when I arrived and there was a good attendance. Only two classes now use the church auditorium since the church has purchased a school building on the adjoining lot for an educational building. At the morning church services the house was well filled with interested people. The pastor had prepared bulletins for the two services and everything seemed well planned. Coming down out of the pulpit at the close of the service the ministers led the way out to the educational building for the dedicatory services of that property. This building was formerly used as a public school building but in the process of consolidation it was abandoned and the church bought it. Recently the remainder of the money was raised and the building has been paid for. It consists of several rooms well lighted. With some rather inexpensive repairs it can be put in good condition. I think this addition will prove to be very serviceable. The Concord church is in the immediate vicinity of the Eli Whitney graded school. This seems to be a good community and I was pleased with what I saw of it.

For the afternoon appointment we journeyed eastward across Haw River some five miles to Orange Chapel. Here we found another interesting place. The church at this place is in good repair and presents a neat appearance. The house was well filled with intelligent looking people and it was really a pleasure to preach to them. One personality that I missed there was that of Mrs. J. J. Crawford who has moved into Chapel Hill. Mrs. Crawford has attended so many of our Leadership Schools and missionary conferences that she is well-known by a large number of our people. But a letter from her some time ago informed me that while she was not able to go back to Orange Chapel very often she is enjoying going to church near her home in Chapel Hill. This is also the home community of Mrs. J. D. Williams, the wife of the pastor of our Welch Memorial church in High Point and several of her relatives worship there. I am always glad to get in the communities where any of our leaders formerly lived.

This is Brother Henderson's first year on this charge but the people speak highly of him. He seems to have the work well in hand and everything points to a good year.

On the way home last Sunday afternoon I purposely came by two old and well established churches which I had never seen before, namely, Cane Creek Friends Church and Pleasant Hill Christian Church. As I rode past these places and remembered what they had meant to this state I felt like lifting my hat. I understand that the Pleasant Hill church has the oldest Temperance organization in this state. Who can estimate the power and influence of churches like these? The whole state is better for their having existed.

Pray For the Uniting Conference

The Uniting Conference, the most momentous gathering of the kind in this generation, is only a few weeks off. I am calling on all of our people to be much in prayer that we may be lead by the Holy Spirit in all of the deliberations.

Pastors' Reports *(Continued)*

Piney Grove Church: Appreciation Year apportionment paid, pastor paid to date, A. C. expenses paid, regular offerings sent to Home, Young People's Day offering $10.00.

Granville, Rev. J. P. Pegg, Pastor.—Congregations have held up well considering sickness and rain. Offerings to the Children's Home about $150.00 Thanksgiving offering

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A Message In Verse

HE LIVES

I have made a carven altar of my heart,
I have hung the pictured Christ above it there,
And in that quietness, alone, apart,
I kneel in prayer.
Sometimes His white compassion is a flame
That burns about me like a living fire;
And my desire
Is granted me. . . . But oh, last Friday night
I saw them raise my Christ upon a cross.
He hung there stark against the sunset light,
And my great loss
Fell on my heart and weighted it like a stone.
And then today as dawnlight swept the land
There in a garden's shadow all alone
I saw Him stand.
The weight upon my heart was rolled aside,
The candle flame leapt up that had grown dim—
"He is Living, Living," joyfully cried,
And ran to Him.

—*Grace Noll Crowell* in *Christian Herald.*

West End Church, Greensboro, raised $545.00 on the building fund. The goal this year is $1,500.00. The people seem to think they will reach the goal all right. President Pritchard is to represent Western Maryland College at the Duke Centennial April 21st, and is to preach the sermon at the Durham District Conference meeting with Oak Grove Church April 20th.

Pastor Aubert M. Smith reports that Hope Church, Siler City Charge, has raised its part of the World Service quota of the charge, so all the churches are now out on that charge. Also Siler City Church has sent in its allotment for delegates' expenses to the Uniting Conference.

Pastor Grant reports that Richland Charge has raised its allotment for delegates' expenses to the Uniting Conference.

Pastor Madison reports that Lawndale Church has raised its part of the World Service budget for the Cleveland Charge.

The Risen Christ

Christ risen is the hope of the world. His resurrection gives us assurance of immortality; it authenticates the gospel preached by the Apostles and is the basis of our belief that God dwelt among men, that the glory of the only begotten Son of God was beheld by human eyes. No one need say today there is no resurrection of the dead. But before Jesus Christ came to earth and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel the doctrine of the resurrection was strongly contradicted by the Sadducees, and they represented an influential school of thought among the Jews of that day. And now the debated question, the disputed claim of the resurrection of the dead has become the chief article in the creed of millions on earth because Jesus lives.

And let us remember that had Jesus not arisen from the dead the Christian Church would have been interred in Joseph's new tomb and the hope of life beyond the grave would have perished from the thoughts of men. The lily would never have prefigured a resurrected life and Golgotha would tower as the Mount of Terror to the soul as it faced suffering and death. But to us, because Jesus is risen from the dead, the tomb has become the gateway to life eternal, death is robbed of its sting and the grave of its victory. For as the Apostle Paul said, "And if Christ be not risen then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain . . . ye are yet in your sins. . . . If in this life only we have hope in Christ we are of all men most miserable. . . . But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. . . . For when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' "

Who Goes There?

Conference Treasurer reports this week that just $404.93 has been raised on delegates' expenses. The total for the entire annual conference is $1,800. Some distance to go yet. It certainly would not look good for the 30,000 members of the Methodist Protestant Church to be without representatives at the Uniting Conference. And it would be pretty hard on the thirteen men and one woman to be compelled to "thumb their way" to Kansas City. If they must, it might be well that they begin to practice catching a ride right away.

Who Goes There? Those whom the church sends, and since they are being sent to help set up a Church for future generations, as well as for the present, no local Church should fail to raise its allotment for this cause. And it ought to be sent in by the middle of April; our delegation will need to start around the 23rd of April.

I love the man who dares to face defeat
And risk a conflict with heroic heart;
I love the man who bravely does his part
When Right and Wrong in bloody battle meet.

—*Azora S. David.*

The world is grasping after a cheap Christ, for ours is a cheap world, and a cheap Christ does not condemn its sinfulness and superficiality.—*Dr. William Ward Ayer.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Rev. O. L. Easter

PAUL PREACHES THE RISEN CHRIST

International Sunday School Lesson for
Sunday, April 9
By REV. O. L. EASTER

Lesson Text—Acts 13:16, 23-31, 38, 39; I Corinthians 15:19-22.

Golden Text—"But now hath Christ been raised from the dead, the first fruits of them that are asleep." I Corinthians 15:20.

The major theme in the heart and mind of Christianity this week is the risen Lord. Of all the varied emphasis of the Christian message none is so vital nor so motivating as these startling words "He is risen." With this great fact lies the conquering power of the Christian movement. If the forces that feared and fought this Jesus of Nazareth could have found a successful way to have killed this one major fact, than all other efforts would never have been needed. That crime on the cross could have been a "perfect crime" if sin had not allowed this one clue to remain. Paul, who is Christianity's most important spokesman, admitted this when he said to the Corinthians that if Christians had only a hope in Christ without this knowledge of His being risen then they of all men and movements would be most pitiable and defeated. If those few soldiers at the tomb could have done their job in keeping that stone in place they would have had the honor of stopping what all the combined powers of their whole Roman empire found it impossible to do later. The officials did all to conceal it that could be done. They fixed up the very believable story that His body had been stolen; and with all human experience to say that this was more rational than to believe Him risen; beyond a doubt, if it were not so true it would have served to have ended the whole case. Since time and experience have, to so many, proven His resurrection to be a fact, now their vain efforts seem childish. When they argued with Paul after his experience on the Damascus road that Christ was not risen, it was as if they were saying to him that because they had seen the sun go down the evening before they were still saying that although it was light the sun was not risen. The futility and failure of their tactics recalls to mind this old legend concerning the strife between God and Satan.

The legend has it that when God was creating the earth Satan, His declared enemy, saw His work and sought some way of upsetting it. Now when God had completed the earth He desired that there be some vegetation and beauty therein. He sowed or broadcast various seeds over the land, and as they lay on the earth Satan appeared. He set upon this plan to destroy; he says I will bury all these seeds in the ground and let them decay. This he did, but to his own defeat there sprang up over all the earth vegetation and beauty according to the purpose of God. In spite of all the efforts of soldier, scholar, tyrant, traitor or demon "now hath Christ been raised from the dead; the first fruits of them that are asleep."

Paul is perhaps the strongest evidence we have to offer to an unbelieving world that Christ is risen; for here he is preaching a risen Christ and he had had nothing to do with Him before His death. He was not swayed by the personality of this Jesus to the point that he saw hallucinations in his grief, as they had accused his former disciples. Paul was thoroughly convicted against these men and women who had been with this Jesus and only through contact with the same life could he have been so radically changed to believe as they believed. Only his knowledge beyond a doubt could have turned Paul to renounce all his former conclusions and security to take upon himself the affliction and the struggle of preach a risen Christ. Paul could have fooled everyone else in this matter sooner than he could have fooled himself. If Christ's appearances were "fixed" stories what would have prompted Paul to have been a party to them? He had not been with Jesus as a disciple, and he therefore needed not this explanation to hide any feeling of defeat in the death of the Master. Unless Paul was thoroughly convinced that Jesus was not dead and that He was the Saviour so long looked for by Israel, the rest of His life just would not make sense. When he renounces his religious office and prestige to follow after Christ's teaching, when he is beaten with many stripes and imprisoned, when he is facing physical death in Rome, the only thing that can explain his side of the phenomenon is his passionate conviction that "to live is Christ and to die is gain."

> "Your Christ is dead, the Romans said;
> Into the land of Galilee, His frightened, pail
> Disciples fled.
> But Caesar's guard was sleeping hard.
> Again along the Syrian Sea,
> The Risen Christ His followers led."
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> —*H. W.Farrington.*

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QUARTERLY CONFERENCE FOR KERNERSVILLE-SOUTH WINSTON CHARGE

The second quarterly conference for the Kernersville-South Winston charge will convene in the Kernersville church Saturday, April 15, 1939, at 2:30 p. m. Important business will be transacted, including the selection of nominees for delegate to the next annual conference. We trust that every official member will be present, and hope that many of the members from the different churches will attend.

C. B. WAY, *Pastor.*

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TREASURER REPORTS

Below is the amount received on each item as of April 1st:
World Service, $2,089.71.
Delegates' expenses, $404.93.

Very sincerely,
J. H. ALLEN.

UNITING CONFERENCE NEWS

Local Church Night at Kansas City
Wednesday, May 3, 1939

Among the outstanding things to be enjoyed in Kansas City will be Local Church Night, Wednesday, May 3. There will be an outstanding speaker for each of the three churches. The nationally known Fisk Jubilee Singers of Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, will be another feature of the program. The program, subject to minor changes, follows:

Worship: Led by William F. Quillian, General Secretary, General Board of Christian Education, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Prayer: Harry Wright McPherson, General Secretary, Board of Education, Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Fisk Singers: Messages in Song.

Addresses: (1) "We Need God," J. Leas Green, pastor Salisbury Methodist Protestant Church.

(2) "We Can Discover God," Arlo Ayres Brown, President Drew University, Madison, N. J.

(3) "We Can Make God Real in These Times!," Paul Quillian, pastor First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Houston, Texas.

The Fisk Singers: "Lord I Want To Be A Christian In My Heart," etc.

Benediction: F. L. Gibbs, Executive Secretary, Department of Religious Education, Board of Christian Education, Methodist Protestant Church.

Sub-Committee Arranging Program:
J. Q. Schisler,
N. F. Forsyth,
F. L. Gibbs.

"THE METHODISTS ARE ONE PEOPLE"

This is the title of a book written by Dr. Paul N. Garber of the faculty of the School of Religion of Duke University. (It is printed by the Cokesbury Press and may be bought from our Book Concern in Baltimore at a dollar a copy). It is not a large book as books go, having only 144 pages.

But for those who want to know something of the long movement toward the unification of Methodism, it is the most valuable book I know of. Here is the history of the causes of division and of the efforts toward reunion which bring us to the Uniting Conference.

As a Methodist Protestant I am especially grateful to Dr. Garber for his fine presentation of the past our church has played in unification. Dr. Garber pays repeated tribute to the contribution our leaders, especially Dr. Lewis and Dr. Straughan, have made.

As soon as I had read the book, I wrote Dr. Garber a letter thanking him for it, and expressing my personal appreciation of the place he had given our Church and its leaders in bringing union about. He has this to say in his reply:

"My research and writing of this book was very thrilling and one thing that I am grateful for is that my investigation gave me a new viewpoint on the Methodist Protestant Church. Your branch of Methodism is certainly to be congratulated for its work toward Unification and its sacrificial spirit in the consummation of it."

I commend this book to any who are in doubt about the issues involved; and, who, perhaps, are still a bit prejudiced in their attitude toward the union of Methodism. It will answer many of your questions, and throw new light on many phases of the subject.

I think I ought to say that I am writing this commendation of Dr. Garber's book voluntarily; that is to say, he did not send me the book for review. I bought a copy because I wanted to know all I could find out about this whole movement. And he has not asked me to review the book or to write a commendation of it. I am doing that because I think every Methodist Protestant ought to read it.

C. W. Bates.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE COUNCILS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

At this time of the year much attention is given toward the work of annual conference councils of Religious Education, due to the fact that much preparation is being made for the summer series of schools. Each council has its own plan of financial support. Some have appropriations from annual conference budgets; others depend on free-will offerings from local church organizations; while still others levy an assessment on each Christian Endeavor society, Church, or Sunday school. Some conferences have a special day set aside for boosting the work of their council and, at the same time, encouraging giving for work being undertaken.

One of the most significant plans is the one sponsored by the Indiana conference known as Indiana School of Methods Day. This day will be celebrated Sunday, May 7th, or nearest Sunday thereto. Suitable worship programs have been arranged for each church and also a short Bible drama entitled, "Peter Meets the Stranger." These are suggested for the morning and evening services and can be used by any church or young people's group. Special envelopes are available for your offering. Our slogan—"Each church in Indiana observing the day in some manner and taking an offering for camp activities." All offerings to be sent to Mr. James Keith, 1600 South 1 St., Elwood, Ind., not later than June 1st.

There are now 26 councils organized throughout the Methodist Protestant Church. We urge that financial support be given them especially at this time of the year since they are undertaking, with our Board of Christian Education, the largest series of summer conference schools ever conducted, during the summer of 1939.

F. L. Gibbs, *Executive Secretary.*

"No one could tell me where my soul might be,
I searched for God, but God eluded me,
I sought my brother, and I found all three."

Don't talk about minor members in your church, God's children are all of major importance.—*Col. F. J. Miles, England.*

WITH THE POETS

Elizabeth Vera Idol

A BALLAD OF THE TREES AND THE MASTER

By SIDNEY LANIER

Easter is at one and the same time the most solemn and most joyous season in the whole church calendar. Christmas is a happy time; we hear the glad songs of the angels as they joyfully announce the birth of the Infant Jesus, the Saviour of the world. But at Easter time we remember the shameful crucifixion and death of this same Saviour; then our grief is turned into joy on the glad Easter morning as we celebrate His resurrection. The Christian church, founded on the principles and ideals which Christ came to establish in the world could not have existed had not Christ been born a child and lived among men; but that same church would have been lost and destroyed forever if the divine plan of Christ's cruel death for his ideals and the glorious fact of the risen Lord had not been accomplished on that Easter morning so long ago. The church was founded on the cross, but it has survived because of the empty tomb.

Though the definition holds true, in the main, that poetry is the overflow of powerful feelings, it is also a significant fact that many of the great mystic forces which are of greatest import in our lives are generally the most inarticulate. Words are things of power, but often they stand in the way of the expression of the deepest emotions of our souls. That, I think, is what Edgar Lee Masters meant in his poem, *Silence,* when he said, ''we are voiceless in the presence of realities.'' Therefore, it is true that we find comparatively few matchless poems on these great subjects that are most mystic in meaning.

Though Sidney Lanier is not one of the world's greatest poets, nevertheless, as Percy Boynton has said, he is not out of place in such company as Bryant and Lowell and Morris and Arnold. He, no doubt, will finally be best remembered for a scant half a dozen poems, those which show his deepest spiritual faith and the vastness of Nature that drew him to a trust in the Infinite above us. Such poems as *The Marshes of Glynn* and *Sunrise,* and yet the finest expression, perhaps, of his poetic ability lies in the two or three ballads which he wrote. Most loved of these is *A Ballad of the Trees and the Master,* written during the very last months of his life, when the poet himself was nearing the end of life from a dread disease which he had fought unsuccessfully for years. This poem reflects simply but with an unusual height of artistic ability his reverent discipleship of his Master, and catches in great solemnity the very spirit and quiet of the groves of gnarled olive trees on the Judean hillsides where Christ was accustomed to withdraw for prayer and meditation. The power of the poem lies in more than description; it is in the deep, sacred feeling inspired by the solemnity of the occasion and the dignity and brooding quiet of the woods themselves.

Bryant has said, ''The groves were God's first temples.'' The Christian is wont to withdraw into man-built temples for comfort and solace when the great sorrows and tragedies of life overwhelm him. To many the solemnity of quiet groves gives a consolation that is not found elsewhere. In this poem Lanier has shown us Christ, in the most tragic moments of His life withdrawing thus, and from the hours of communion with His Father in the peace and quiet of the centuries-old olive groves he goes out content to bear the shame and ignominious death on the cross in order to carry out the divine purpose for which He came into the world—to die on a cross made from the wood of the very trees that had offered Him refuge.

This poem gives only the tragedy of the cross, but it prepares the way for the joyful ''Hallejuhs'' of Easter morning when Christ broke the bonds of death asunder and emerged the triumphant Lord who lives forever, and gives to the world the priceless hope of immortality.

''Into the woods my Master went,
Clean forspent, forspent.
Into the woods my Master came,
Forspent with love and shame.
But the olives they were not blind to Him;
The little gray leaves were kind to Him:
The thorn-tree had a mind to Him
When into the woods He came.

Out of the woods my Master went,
And He was well content.
Out of the woods my Master came,
Content with death and shame.
When Death and Shame would woo Him last,
From under the trees they drew Him last:
'Twas on a tree they slew Him—last
When out of the woods He came.''

The President's Letter

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for Home was $125.00. Auxiliaries making fine progress on their budgets. Some payments have been made on A. C. budget. Hope to raise delegates' expenses during this month. Have lost three members by death.

Bonlee Church: Appreciation Year apportionment three-fourths raised, pastor paid to date, regular offering sent to Home, new stoves for two Sunday school rooms, large picture of Jesus and the disciples placed back of pulpit.

Spiritual as well as physical interest increasing at each church.

Appointments

Sunday, April 9, Halifax Charge, 11 a. m. Bethesda; 3 p. m. Ringwood; 7:30 p. m. Hollister.

Sunday, April 16, 11 a. m. Grace Church; 7:30 p. m. Calvary.

Sunday, April 23, 11 a. m. Welch Memorial—after that the Uniting Conference.

A joyous and blessed Easter to all.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

High Lights of Appreciation Year Campaign

Well, they are both at it again! At what? Why, this business of raising World Service in full. This week two of the boys who had sent in the names of churches which had gone over the top in the Appreciation Year campaign sent in the name of additional churches as follows: Rev. Aubert Smith says the last church on the Siler City charge, Hope Church at Bonlee has finished raising World Service. In the same mail came a card from Rev. T. G. Madison of the Cleveland charge saying that the Lawndale church had finished its quota of World Service. This gives Cleveland charge two churches which are over the top. Congratulations to these churches and these two energetic young pastors! Now, Mr. Makeup Man, put these two churches in the column of honor following those that occupied that place of distinction last week. Let the Hope Church, Siler City charge and the Lawndale Church, Cleveland charge be an inspiration to other churches to go over the top also.

Liberty.
Siler City.
Piney Grove, Siler City Charge.
Pleasant Grove.
Mt. Pleasant, Cleveland Charge.
Julian, Tabernacle Charge.
Concord Church, Saxapahaw Charge.
Hope Church, Siler City Charge.
Lawndale Church, Cleveland Charge.

PERILS OF THE LUKEWARM CHURCH

An enthusiastic people make an influential church. But too often the church members rely for enthusiasm on their minister. A pastorless church says to itself: "We want to find a man whose enthusiasm and power will not only stir us up to enjoyment and influence, but give us credit in the community." In a word, the pastor is to carry the congregation on one shoulder and the community on the other. On these terms it is clear that neither church nor pastor will make any definite and effective impression. The pastor who has his own church to carry, will have time and strength for little else. The chances are that he will exhaust himself in doing what is, after all, no part of his legitimate work, and at last withdraw disheartened, to leave another vacancy, from the midst of which a voice cries, "Give us a drawing preacher."

How much more according to the mind of Christ is an organizing Church—a church that can not be killed or discouraged because it is too busy about its Master's affairs to recognize death or discouragement, a church which works with its pastor and does not lean upon him. "You cannot make the church over," said an older man to a younger. "It has so much of the Lord's work to do, and is so busy doing it, that it will assimilate you and use you and make you over in its own image." Who would not prefer to be the pastor of a church like this, rather than of the richest and most self-contented idle congregation on the main street of Laodicea?

The peril of the lukewarm church is unfruitfulness. And in our changing world the certain end of barrenness is death. To die out in the midst of the press of living souls and vital questions—to merely go to extinction of dry rot, like a tree that has fallen—worst of all, to go down to an ignominious decrepitude while self-satisfaction is whispering lies about a false prosperity—this it is which makes even the patient God impatient. "I know thy works, that thou are neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So because thou art lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spew thee out of my mouth."—*Congregationalist.*

"THE LAST ROUND-UP"

For the last time I am appealing to the members of our church through the pastors to pay the assessment for delegates' expenses to the Uniting Conference not later than April 10. Unless this is done some of our delegates may be compelled to remain at home.

This conference will be the most important ever held by Methodists in the United States, for it will celebrate the birth of a new and better and more thoroughly consecrated organization dedicated to the solemn task of saving humanity from sin and death.

To have a part in making such an organization possible is an honor and a privilege that all Methodist Protestants ought to hail with a joy that ought to be unspeakable and full of glory. It will not be possible for all of us to be present at this great conference in person; but it will be possible for us all to be there representatively.

So, at the request of the President of our Conference, I am making this last appeal to our churches to meet this apportionment in full. Brothers M. A. Coble and Dr. S. W. Taylor, members of the committee, join me in this urgent request.

Sincerely yours,
Geo. R. Brown, *Chairman.*

P. S. Send the money to Mr. J. H. Allen, Treasurer, Reidsville, N. C.

NOTICE!

The Second Quarterly Conference of Randleman Charge will meet at Worthville Church next Saturday, April 8th, at 2:30 p. m.

There will be a Sunrise Service at Mt. Lebanon Church, Randleman, next Sunday at 4:45 a. m. Rev. Jas. E. Swinson who is the pastor of Trinity Baptist Church will be the principal speaker. There will be special music also.

Easter program at Mt. Lebanon at 7:30 p. m.

C. L. Spencer.

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There is a church that is as beautiful as a cathedral,
But harmless and quiet as a tomb;
But there is a church that is as ugly as a hovel,
But a dynamo of social energy and moral power.
—*Ralph G. Saxe.*

THE RAINBOW

A shower of rain—a shining sun—a bridge of many colors that arches the sky yet seems firmly anchored to the earth appears. Who built the bridge? What is the reason for the rainbow? Early recorded history, the very first book of the Bible (Genesis 9:13) establishes this unusaul natural phenomenon as a beautiful bond between God and man, between heaven and earth—"I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth."

The cause of the rainbow is the reflection and refraction of the sun's rays as they fall on the glistening drops of rain. All of us know what a reflection is. Our likenesses are reflected in mirrors; trees and water plants are reflected in the crystal clear surfaces of lakes and rivers; refraction means literally "a bending back," and that is exactly what happens in the formation of a rainbow. When the ray of sunlight passes into the drop of rain, the raindrop acts like a prism and the ray is bent back, scattered in different colors whose reflection we see in the sky. The sun is shining at our backs; the rain is coming down in front of us; and the sun and shower—the rays of the sun penetrating the continuous drops of rain—build the bridge between earth and sky.

There are seven colors in each rainbow—violet, indigo, blue, green, yellow, orange, red. These colors are formed by the sun's rays that reach the human eye at a certain angle: the angle for a particular color never varies. The casual glance of the naked eye rarely would distinguish more than four or five colors. But the seven are there, each with its own particular wave-length, the size of the band it makes depending on the size of the raindrop the ray of the sun is penetrating.

A complete rainbow is made up of two sets of concentric bands of colors. One is known as the primary bow, the other the secondary bow. The primary bow is the inner, more brilliant bow. Here the red is on the outside, the violet on the inside. The colors of the primary bow pass the eye in this manner: the sun's rays are refracted in penetrating each raindrop, reflected from the inner surface, and refracted again as they come out of the drop. In the secondary bow the colors are reversed, and there are two internal reflections to each drop of rain, fainter, less distinct than those of the primary bow. In this secondary bow the red is on the inside edge. Sunlight itself when analyzed is formed of the seven colors of the rainbow. When the sun is high in the sky, the rainbow is lower. No bow is seen if the sun is higher than forty degrees.

"The rainbow comes and goes
And lovely is the rose."

So sang the poet Wordsworth centuries after the Old Testament writer of Genesis established it as a covenant between God and man. Peoples of all nations, both Christian and pagan, pause in reverence before the rainbow. The rainbow to man has always been a source of hope and happy adventure. How often romance and legend fire the imagination with fanciful tales of the hidden pots of pure gold waiting at the end of the rainbow for the seekers of treasures.—*Jennette Edwards, in The Ambassador.*

CHRIST'S TOUCH

Christ has come down to us and taken all our nature upon Himself. If there is an outcast and abandoned soul on earth which may not feel that Jesus had laid a loving and healing touch on him, Jesus is not the Saviour for the world. He shrinks from none, He unites Himself with all; therefore He is able to save to the uttermost all who come unto God by Him.

His conduct is the pattern and the law for us. A church is a poor affair if it be not a body of people whose experience of Christ's pity and gratitude, which has become theirs through His wondrous making Himself one with them, compels them to do the like in their degree for the sinful and the outcast.

The sins of professing Christian countries are largely to be laid at the door of the church. We are idle when we ought to be at work. We pass by on the other side when bleeding brethren lie with wounds gaping to be bound up by us. And even when we are moved to service by Christ's love, and try to do something for them and for our fellows, our work is often tainted by a sense of our own superiority, and we patronize when we should sympathize, and lecture when we should beseech.

We must be content to take lepers by the hand, if we would lead them to purity, and let every outcast feel the warmth of our pitying, loving grasp, if we would draw them into the forsaken Father's House. Lay your hands on the sinful as Christ did, and they shall recover. All your holiness and hope come from Christ's laying hold of you. Keep hold of Him, and make His great pity and loving identification of Himself with the world of sinners and sufferers your pattern as well as your hope, and your touch, too, will have virtue. Keeping hold of Him who has taken hold of us, you, too, may be able to say, "Ephphatha, be opened," or to lay your hand on the leper and he shall be cleansed.—From sermon by *Alexander Maclaren, D.D.*

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He is dead who sees nothing to change,
No wrong to make right;
Who travels no new way or strange
In search of the light.
Who never sets out for a goal
That he sees from afar,
But contents his indifferent soul
With things as they are.—*Selected.*

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Man is larger and stronger than his environment. No burden was ever heavy enough to crush manhood out. No sorrow was ever greater than the heart can bear. God never made a coward, nor has He anywhere held up as a model a nature that would break under sorrow. The whole Book of Job centers around this single test: that no affliction or evil could crush him. Man is not a worm to be trodden down, but a child of God. He is made to have dominion, to put all things under his feet. The agonies of Gethsemane may fall with frightful weight, but they cannot crush him. The cross will hurt, but cannot harm.—*D. O. Mears.*

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

By REV. JOSEPH COBLE

THE GREATEST VICTORY OF ALL TIME

April 9, 1939

By REV. RAYMOND W. WHITE

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, April 3—Victorious in temptation. Matt. 4:1-11.

Tuesday, April 4 — Victorious in testing. Matt. 22:41-46.

Wednesday, April 5—Victorious over demons. Luke 4:31-37.

Thursday, April 6 — Victorious over Nature's fury. Mark 4:35-41.

Friday, April 7—Victorious over persecution. Luke 4:28-30.

Saturday, April 8 — Victorious over another's death. John 11:38-44.

The Text: I Cor. 15:1-20. (Easter).

To the Leader

Here is our Easter topic. It is a glorious topic. Jesus did live a victorious life from start to finish. His greatest victory over death. Our great encouragement is the fact that we can be victors through Him, the greatest of victors. We can be victors in all of life's conflicts and in the end, through Christ, be victors over death. His victory is the victory of every true believer. This topic affords the opportunity to exalt Jesus, the victorious One, and to point out the stupendous victory He won on the first Resurrection Day. It gives the chance to testify to His victory in our lives and our victory in every day living. This topic will be discussed on Easter Day, the greatest day in the church calendar year for introducing our relatives and friends to the Victorious Christ and the Victorious Church. Exalt His Name, be a living witness of His redeeming grace, and earnestly labor in His kingdom of love.

Questions for the Open Forum

1.—In what ways was Jesus the greatest victor of all time?

2.—What was the secret of Jesus' victory?

3.—What do you think was Jesus' greatest victory? Reasons.

4.—What is the real meaning of Easter?

5.—How may the victories of Jesus be the victories of men?

6.—What victories in life does Jesus help us win?

7.—What victories does Christ expect us to win for Him today?

8.—What preparations do we need to assure us victory in life? In death?

9.—What is the secret of a victorious life?

10.—Is a victorious life always victorious? Explain.

11.—How may one build up inner strength for inner and outer conflicts?

12.—What word can you offer to the discouraged? What help can you give?

The Poet

Of wounds and sore defeat
I made my battle stay.
Winged sandals for my feet
I wove of my delay.
Of weariness and fear
I made a shouting spear.
Of loss and doubt and dread
And swift oncoming doom
I made a helmet for my head,
And a waving plume.

From the shutting mists of death.
From the failure of the breath,
I made a battle horn, to blow
Across the vales of overthrow.

—Arthur Unknown.

Little Gems

The smile of God is of victory.—Whittier.

Victory, with advantage, is rather robbed than purchased.—Sir P. Sidney.

A victory won over self, is the only victory acceptable to God.—Chas. Noel Doublas.

Victories that are cheap are cheap. Those only are worth having which come as a result of hard fighting.—Beecher.

The victorious life is not optional for the Christian. Anything less is not normal.—New Testament Christianity.

Topic Hints

The Victor: Jesus Christ was the greatest victor of all time. His victory over death was His greatest victory won. Christ was Victor in every conflict encountered. Not once in His life was He defeated. He was victorious over temptation and sin; He was victorious over those who tried to trap Him intellectually and theologically; He was victorious over the schemes of His enemies and over the denial of His friends; He was victorious over the death of others and the death of Himself. Jesus was victorious over the grave. Thank God, Jesus lives.

The Victors: Because Jesus was Victor, we shall be victors. Our Master's repeated victories is God's evidence that men in the flesh and in the world can win victories. His life in the flesh is an example of the possibilities of men in the flesh. He was a perfect example of "what life in the long run does to us depends on what life finds in us." God was in Christ. He would not be defeated. Satanic forces crushed the Truth, but He arose. God was in Him. His reliance on the Father and His oneness with the Father are examples which have charmed and charged the victors who have successfully marched onward under His guidance and leadership. Standing next to Jesus, the saints have been the greatest victors of all time.

Victory in Defeat: The great, radiant souls of earth—the Davids, the Shakespeares, the Lincolns—knew grief and affliction as well as joy and triumph. But adversity to them was never defeat. In the crucible of character their suffering is transmuted into song.

Defeat may serve as well as victory
When the great oak is straining in the wind,
The boughs drink in new beauty, and the trunk
Sends down a deeper root on the windward side.
Only the soul that knows the mighty grief
Can know the mighty rapture. Sorrows come
To stretch out spaces in the heart for joy.

—Edward Markham.

Victory in Failure: To fail is not a disgrace; the disgrace lies in not trying. In his old age Sir Walter Scott found that a publishing firm he was connected with was heavily in debt. He refused to take advantage of the bankruptcy law, and sat down with his pen to make good the deficit. Though he wore out his life in the struggle and did not live to see the debt entirely liquidated, he died an honored and honorable man.

I call no fight a losing fight
If, fgthing, I have gained some straight new strength;
If, fighting, I turned ever toward the light,
All unallied with forces of the night;
If, beaten, quivering, I could say at length:
"I did not deed that needs to be unnamed;
I fought—and lost—and I am unashamed."

—Miriam Teichner.

Victory in Conflict: Fortunate is the man who has struggled through the doubt and despair of life into the calm, untroubled sea of unchanging peace. Fifty years after the death of his friend, Alfred Tennyson wrote what was the supreme expression of the peace that came to him through tumult, the matchless poem, "Crossing the Bar." His son said to him, "That is the crown of your life-work." The poet agreed and later said to the son, "Mind you put 'Crossing the Bar' at the end of my poems. This is the farewell message of the man who, after struggling for more than half a century to know the victory of peace, at length came to know repose through confident trust in his Pilot, Jesus Christ. He was victor. Christ was his Pilot in life and in death."

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to sea.

—Alfred Tennyson.

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TWO IMPORTANT MATTERS

First: Appreciation Year. Post card information from Brothers Surratt, O. B. Williams, and C. E. Ridge are encouraging. Brother Williams thinks chances for full pay are good on North Davidson. Brother Ridge reports that Friendship has sent in W. S. in full this week. Two of the churches on his charge are out now. We are also encouraged by reports from Brother Pritchard regarding some of our eastern churches. We are sure that A. Y. is being pushed throughout the conference and that a great deal of money will be in the count when the program ends April 30th. But we must not forget that time passes rapidly. The time now is short, and what we do must be done under pressure. But much can be done in a little while when we give ourselves to it. We do earnestly hope that no charge will let up until the last possible dollar has been raised.

Second: Delegates' Expenses. Brother Grant called me yesterday (Sunday) to say that Richland charge has just finished raising this allotment. Asheboro will send in the full $40 this week. Brother Henderson told me just recently that Saxapahaw had paid in full. Many other charges, no doubt, have done the same. Brother Pritchard has charged me, along with Dr. Brown and Brother M. A. Coble, with the responsibility of urging the payment of this allotment. Hence this appeal. Please let no charge fail in this. We must not let our delegates bear their expenses in attending the Uniting Conference, as they will have to do unless the small allotment given to each charge is paid in full. And again the time is short. Brethren, let's have this money in the hands of Treasurer Allen at the very earliest possible date.

Easter blessings on everybody.

S. W. TAYLOR.

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Amount previously reported	$1,056.19
Shoals, Pinnacle	2.00
Gray's Chapel	2.00
Reidsville	6.25
Calvary	15.00
Graham "Love Gift"	15.00
Welch Memorial	5.00
Salem, Sax.	2.00
Enfield	10.00
Friendship, Mt. Herman "Love Gift"	5.00
Mrs. Humphreys, Bethany, Flat Rock, "Love Gift"	1.00
Kistler's Union "Love Gift"	5.63
Miss Martha Parson and Sister "Love Gift"	2.00
Flat Rock, F. R.	3.00
Grace, Sutton Phila. Class "Love Gift"	[illegible]
Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Coble, Bellmont, N. H.	5.00
Bethesda, N. D. "Love Gift"	8.00
Asheboro "Love Gift"	5.00
Sapling Ridge	5.00
Sapling Ridge "Love Gift"	3.10
Lincolnton "Love Gift"	2.00
Children's Circle, Maple Springs, "Love Gift"	2.00
Kannapolis	5.00
Mt. Pleasant, N. D. "Love Gift"	4.00
Fountain Place Church "Love Gift"	4.50
Fountain Place Young People's "Love Gift"	6.31
Lexington State St. Sunshine and Mission Band	5.00
Thomasville 1st Church "Love Gift"	50.00
Rehobeth, Granville	4.50
Oak Grove, Lawndale	.75
Mount Pleasant, Cleveland	.52
Moriah, Cleveland	2.49
Haw River Circuit	7.50
Creswell "Love Gift"	1.00
Pine Bluff	1.00
Total Minnis Fund	$1,257.74

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THANK OFFERING

Amount previously reported—Fall	$ 874.40
Amount previously reported for February	675.96
Shoals, Pinnacle	10.00
Lexington, State Street	9.15
Mebane	14.00
Hebron, Orange	7.80
Bethel, Alamance	15.00
Hollister	3.74
Shiloh, Shiloh	12.60
Giles Chapel, Richland	20.00
West End, Greensboro	12.00
Calvary	50.00
Gibsonville	17.14
Welch Memorial	14.00
Mt. Carmel, Lex. 1st.	4.00
St. Paul, Greensboro	2.20
Burlington	63.00
Concord, 1st.	32.58
Union Chapel, Granville	8.26
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Pleasant Hill, W. For.	7.40
Bethesda, N. C.	10.00
Brower's Chapel, Rich.	14.53
Sapling Ridge	8.50
Haw River Circuit	25.05
Spring Hill, N. D.	2.00
Lawndale	6.75
Lawndale (Fall)	10.29
Laurel Hill	1.00
Love Joy Church	5.00
Baltimore, W. For.	1.15
Oak Grove, Lawndale	9.00
Mount Pleasant, Cleveland	8.85
Moriah, Cleveland	5.00
Total February Thank Offering	$1,089.95
Total Thank Offering to date	$1,964.35

In making list of March 20th I failed to list Seagrove, Love Joy, $8.00 However, this item was included in the total. The item listed Seagrove, Love Joy should have been Love's Grove.

MRS. C. L. KEARNS, Treasurer
N. C. Branch of Women's Work.

NOTICE TO DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

Please report to me the important happenings in your districts since last Branch meeting. If you do not mail it by next Monday, bring or send it to Branch meeting at High Point next Wednesday. I had hoped to get out a letter to each District Chairman but have been so busy I could not get to it. I am asking that you take this as a personal request, and do your best to help give a complete picture of all that has happened worthwhile throughout the Branch.

MRS. C. W. BATES, Chairman of
Districts, Brown Summit, N. C

MRS J. CICERO STOCKARD WILL SOON HAVE BIRTHDAY

On Friday of next week, April 14th, Mrs. Stockard will reach her 72nd birthday.

During the early part of last September she suffered a paralytic stroke. Having lost all use of the left side of her body, she has been in bed since that time.

Mrs. Stockard has a clear mind and reads each copy of the M. P. Herald. More than a month ago she had a severe attack of influenza. It seems that her usual strength cannot be regained. Her condition is not now regarded as critical, however, she is apparently growing weaker. Mrs. Stockard is not able to be taken out of bed as formerly.

For nearly forty years Mrs. Stockard has been a faithful member of Mt. Hermon Church on Mt. Hermon Charge in Alamance County. She lives at the old Stockard homestead formerly owned by her father-in-law, the late Capt. John Richard Stockard. The residence is 5 miles southeast of Graham.

Quite often Mrs. Stockard speaks of her former pastors now living namely: Revs. W. F. Ashburn, A. O. Lindley, J. A. Burgess, J. Elwood Carroll, L. E. Mabry, and T. J. Whitehead. Each of these ministers will recall her loyalty to her church during their pastorates; also a number of other ministers in our conference will remember having been entertained in her home during revival meetings at Mt. Hermon Church.

A friend of Mrs. Stockard wrote us about her birthday next week. We hope that her former pastors and other acquaintances in this state will send cards and greetings to reach her by April 14th. Her complete address is Mrs. J. Cicero Stockard, Graham, N. C., R. F. D. 1, Box 256.

Certainly any remembrance will be deeply appreciated and bring a lot of cheer in her declining days.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Ai, Kernersville, for two quarters	$ 3.47
Mrs. Mary K. Horner, Siler City, personal	1.00
Greer's Chapel S. S., Shiloh	1.12
Mt. Pleasant S. S., N. Davidson	1.66
Clark's Chapel S. S., Weaverville	1.00
Midway S. S., Haw River	4.38
Rockingham S. S.	2.00
Bess Chapel S. S.	4.11
Harmony S. S., Yarboroughs	1.00
China Grove S. S.	2.50
Baraca Class, Mebane	2.46
Canaan S. S., Davidson, double for March	7.00
Union Chapel, Granville	14.50
Caroleen S. S.	3.35
Bellmont S. S., Mt. Hermon	7.36
Kistler's Union S. S., Cleveland	3.07
Stallings S. S., Mecklenburg	2.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Arlington, Va., Easter clothing for a girl	9.00
Woman's Aux., R. I. Ave., Washington, D. C., for shoes	4.00
Circle No. 4, Burlington, for shoes	4.00
Circle No. 5, Burlington, for shoes	3.00
Hope S. S., Siler City	1.00
New Salem S. S., Randleman	2.50
Ladies' Aid Soc., Progue, Okla.	2.50
Glen Raven C. E. Soc., clothing child	5.00
Glen Raven C. E. Soc., extra for shoes	3.00
Inwood, L. I., Easter clothing for child	8.00
The Ethel Hempstead Circle, Inwood, L. I., feeding child	5.00
Oak Grove S. S., Cleveland	3.34
Moriah S. S.	4.50
The McCulloch Bible Class, Grace Church, dress or shoes	4.00
Missionary Society, Mason, Mich, for shoes	1.50
Woman's Aux., Cambridge, Ohio, for shoes	2.50
Circle, Burlington, for shoes	3.00
Glen Raven C. E. Soc., clothing child and extra for shoes	8.00
Girl's Club, Wakeford, Chicago, for shoes	3.00
Woman's Aux., Priston, Mo., for clothing	.50
The Ethel Hempstead Circle, Inwood, L. I., feeding child	5.00
Rehoboth S. S., Creswell	5.00
Ladies' Aid Society, Elwood, Ind., feeding child	5.00
Creswell S. S., six months	12.00
The Philathea Class, Henderson, for shoes	2.50
Spring Church, Spring Church, Jan., Feb., and March	4.13
Rehoboth, Granville	10.00
Central S. S., Asheboro, March	40.00
Central S. S., Asheboro, April	40.00

Clothing and Other Gifts

Individual boxes of clothing for Easter outfits are beginning to come in. These are answered direct by mail. These packages greatly aid us in getting our children ready for spring.

First Church, Thomasville, a package of towels, wash cloths, soap and coupons.

Spring Hill, North Davidson, cakes for school lunches.

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FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Mt. Carmel Church, Rev. L. E. Mabry, Pastor. — The Woman's Auxiliary held its March meeting with Mrs. J. T. Swicegood. At that time new officers were elected. Miss Zula Swicegood is to represent the Auxiliary at the branch meeting which meets in April.

The Y. G. A. circle is lined up to do some good work. They have elected officers for the following year. This group of young girls are very active and sincere.

The children are giving an Easter program Easter Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Miss Virginia Helmstetler and Mr. Oscar Kennedy were married Saturday, April 1, by Rev. L. E. Mabry, the bride's pastor. After a brief trip they will be at home on Lexington, N. C., Route 5.

The past week Mrs. Julia Waitman passed away. She was the wife of the late Obediah Waitman. Mrs. Waitman was one of the oldest members of Mt. Carmel, she being 86 years old. Funeral services were conducted from Shiloh Church Wednesday.

BEAUTUS WAITMAN.

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Whitaker's Church, Rev. W. L. Loy, Pastor.—We are still living as a church; our organizations all doing fairly good work. Our pastor has filled all of his regular appointments, giving us good spiritual sermons; visiting the sick and others. He, with the Baptist pastor, has conducted a religious survey of the town and surrounding community, and we are hoping for an increase in interest and attendance as the spring advances. There has been some sickness among our members but hope they will all soon be able to be out again. Our hearts go out in sympahty for one of our faithful members, Mrs. R. A. Bradley, in the loss of her husband. We commend her to the God of Peace for comfort and consolation in her time of sorrow. We have held our quarterly meeting since my last report. Success to the Herald.

REPORTER.

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Lawndale, Cleveland Charge, Rev. T. G. Madison, Pastor.—Since our last report we had our annual union revival, with some wonderful spiritual food. Rev. J. W. Grace of Hight Point was secured to do the preaching, but could be with us from Sunday until Wednesday, when he was stricken with influenza, and had to go home. But we were indeed fortunate in secure Rev. W. L. Harkey from Lincolnton, N. C., who brought some wonderful messages. Christians were strengthened and backsliders reclaimed. A man around 35 was gloriously saved. His wife has a much brighter look. We were all made to rejoice with her and his aged mother who is an invalid. He really is enjoying his salvation and lined up with the Evangelistic Club which means much to the church and community. He also is joining up with the M. P. branch.

Last night Rev. F. G. Madison preached a very interesting sermon. His text being from II Peter, first chapter, and ninth verse.

On Tuesday night, March 21, the Woman's Auxiliary met at the parsonage with Mrs. T. G. Madison as hostess.

There was not so many present, but part of the Oak Grove Auxiliary were visitors. Mrs. Madison, the president, presided and Mrs. Eskridge in her usual way conducted the devotional part of the program, which is always very impressive. During the business session new officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. T. G. Madison; vice-president, Mrs. Fred Richards; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Mamie Neal; devotional leader, Mrs. Grover Eskridge.

Mrs. Madison was elected delegate to the branch meeting.

We are very sorry to report the serious illness of Mrs. Mae Williams' sister who is in the Shelby Hospital. May we sincerely pray for her to be sent home to her children if it be God's will.

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Chestnut Ridge, Orange Charge, Rev. C. P. Morris, Pastor.—Our church is still on the active list. With the aid of our pastor and his good wife we hope to climb and reach our goal set for us by the conference. It appears that our members are taking an interest in the Appreciation Year program.

The congregations are very gratifying and uplifting. There is some fine class work in our Sunday school classes under the leadership of our superintendent, Mr. John Hobbs. Plans are being made for an Easter service and we hope to have some of our empty pews filled to show how much we appreciate Rev. Mr. Morris' sermans. We can't go wrong on him; he always has an inspiring message and it is always that kind that we can think over during the coming week, and feel that we have been lifted spiritually.

We plan to open the doors of our church on Easter Sunday morning and we hope to have some active members come to us.

The Ladies' Auxiliary conducted our spring Thank Offering service on Sunday, March 12. The play, "The Parable of His Kingdom," was presented by members of the church. The message of the play was well explained and an offering of about eleven dollars was received. Mrs. O. F. Jones, with other members of the church, worked hard and deserve much of the credit for the success of the play.

ANNIE RUTH PENDER, Reporter.

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Eden, Halifax Charge.—The winter months have not interrupted our regular church service and Sunday school. Attendance has been unusually good for the winter season

A pageant, Shrines, was given in the church on the first Sunday night in February. The participants enacted their roles well and it was very impressive.

Work on the improvement of the church ground has been started. The ground has been broken and fertilizer worked in. A few evergreens and flowering shrubs have been put in. We hope to plant others later.

The Ladies' Auxiliary has held all regular meetings with good attendance.

We have been made sad by two visits of the Grim Reaper. In January, Dr. F. M. Parker was claimed by death. Dr. Parker was of another denomination and was highly esteemed by us and all others who knew him. We sincerely mourn his passing. Our hearts are profoundly moved with sympathy for Mrs. Parker.

In February Mrs. A. M. Neville was called home. "Miss Cad," as she was lovingly known to her many friends, was the oldest member of our church. She united with Eden Church in her girlhood and continued to be a faitful member through many years. She had reached her eighty-fourth year. She will be greatly missed and we will cherish her memory.

Ralph Hardee Rives is recovering from a fall in which he sustained a serious fracture of the shoulder. He was confined to a hospital bed for several weeks but is at home now. He is wearing a cast which will be removed soon. Ralph Hardee is the eight year old grandson of Mr. J. W. Hardee. Mr. Hardee has been very ill for about ten days. We hope he will recover soon. There are quite a number of people on the sick list just now. We wish for all a speedy recovery. Influenza has been prevalent several weeks. However, it is on the wane now and spring is here again and we hope for greater activity in all phases of our church work.

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Bethany Church, Randolph Charge.—Our Sunday school is moving along nicely. We had 132 present for Sunday school Sunday.

The Ladies Aid Society presented a play entitled, "Lydia, A Seller of Purple" the third Sunday night in March. A nice sum of money was realized for the World Service budget. We hope to have it raised in full soon.

The Christian Endeavor met Sunday night with Lura Johnson as program leader. Swana Baldwin will be the leader next Sunday night.

Mrs. Clarence Baldwin is improving after a recent illness. Miss Frances Ellis is sick at this writing. We hope they will soon be back at church.

The doors of the church will be opened the third Sunday morning.

DORIS WOOD, Reporter.

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Corinth, Littleton Charge. — Our pastor, Rev. Broome, filled his regular appointment at this church Sunday at 11 o'clock. He brought us a very inspiring message. We were very glad to have Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Morris of Richmond, Va. worship with us Sunday.

The Second Quarterly Conference will be held at Littleton College St. church Saturday, April 15th at 2 o'clock. Please all official members be present.

Glad to report that our choir leader, Henry Morris, is geting on nicely. He had the misfortune to cut his thumb off about two weeks ago.

We are asking all the members of this church and anyone else who is interested to meet at the church on Easter Monday morning to help clean the church yard and cemetery. On Monday afternoon the Sunday school will give an egg hunt.

MRS. B. F. MORRIS, Reporter.

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Grace Church, Greensboro, J. Elwood Carroll, Pastor.—Palm Sunday was an impressive day in our church. The worship service was unusually inspiring with the floral decorations and palms and cut flowers, the anthem and quartet by the members of the choir, and the sermon by the pastor. At the conclusion of the sermon new members were received and babies baptized.

Our choir is doing excellent work these days under the leadership of Mrs. R. E. Morrissett as organist and director. On Palm Sunday the choir sang, "Ride On, Ride On"

(Scott), and a quartet composed of Mrs. Paul W. Hall, Mrs. W. A. Hornaday, C. P. Bull, Jr., and LeGrand Kidd, rendered "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (Teschner). Special music wil be provided for the communion service on Thursday evening and also for Easter Sunday.

Five members were received into the church Palm Sunday: Mrs. C. B. Huffines and two sons, Charles, Jr., and Jimmy, Mrs. James E. Coltrane, and Miss Lelia Patterson. Following the reception of members the five following babies were baptized: William Henry, III, son of William and Frances Hunter; Carl, Jr., son of Carl and Mary Tate; Louola Marie, daughter of Warren and Bertha McCulloch, and Billie Anne and Mary Ben, twin daughters of William and Mary Williams.

Caroleen, Rev. H. D. Garman, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointments Sunday. Both services were attended by a fine crowd. Our Sunday school attendance has been much better for the past few Sundays.

There is a movement among the young people to supply our church with new hymnals. We are proud of the cooperation of our members in helping to send a coop of chickens to the Children's Home for Easter.

We are also proud that many that have been on the sick list are improving. We hope for the others a speedy recovery.

LOIS HOLLIFIELD, Reporter.

First Methodist Protestant Church, High Point, N. C.—Our pre-Easter Sunday services were both well attended. At the morning service little William Darrell Bulla, Jr., was christened. The children's service was held at the evening service and eleven children joined the church. Prior to this service Mr. Madison had been training the children for church membership. Special music was furnished by the Junior church choir and the ushers were from the Junior church.

Our missionary year has begun again, with a successful years behind us. The new Auxiliary officers are: President, Mrs. J. H. Walker; 1st vice-president, Mrs. G. T. Humphreys; 2st vice-president, Mrs. Lewis E. Teague; recording secretary, Mrs. Robert Garland; corresponding secretary, Miss Myrtle Davis; treasurer, Mrs. A. J. Koonce. The circle chairmen are: Mrs. Percy Payne, Mrs. Hobart Ferree, Mrs. James Moffitt, Mrs. Worth Ivy and Miss Georgina Dosch. Projects have been eliminated this year and we are hoping to fulfill our obligations with pledges.

The Auxiliary is busy making plans for the Branch meeting, which convenes next Wednesday and Thursday at our church. Miss Myrtle Davis, church secretary has asked that all who want reservations for the night to please notify her at once.

This week there will be services at the church each night. Monday night Mr. Madison was the speaker, Tuesday night Dr. J. E. Pritchard preached, Wednesday night Dr. G. I. Humphreys spoke, on Thursday night we will observe Holy Communion, and on Friday night a children's pageant, "Out of the Easter Garden," will be given.

The annual three-hour Good Friday service sponsored by the churches of the city will be held at our church Friday, beginning at 12 o'clock noon. The service will be presided over by Rev. A. Lincoln Fulk, pastor of the N. Main Baptist Church and president of the local Ministerial Association. Various pastors will speak during the three hours.

We regret to report that Mrs. J. A. Lee, a faithful teacher in our Sunday school is very ill. We hope her condition will be much improved by the time we make another report.

MRS. ROBERT DAVIS, Reporter.

North Davidson Charge, Rev. O. B. Williams, Pastor.—Sunday was another good day with us. We had a goodly number in Sunday school. With interest good and attendance growing with the beautiful spring weather. We are striving for a greater Sunday school and praying that those of us who attend may let our light shine out that we may draw more people to Sunday school and to Christ. Our church attendance is also growing. Rev. Mr. Williams brought us a wonderful heart-stirring message Sunday on "Witnessing For Christ." He asked us to witnes for Christ in our every day life. We feel that some times we fail to do our duty as His witnesses but we hope to do more for His cause as Christians. Mr. Williams is working hard in our community for the upbuilding of the church and the cause of Christ. May God help us to do great things at Canaan this year.

ARLENE BERRIER, Reporter.

Pensacola, Rev. W. C. Clark, Pastor. — Quarterly Conference was held at our church on March 26.

Miss Kathleen Hensley, teacher of the Junior class in Sunday school, awarded attendance prizes to Betty Wilson, June Wilson, Pearl May Galloway and Lawrence Calloway recently.

Mrs. C. W. Robertson renewed her subscription to the Herald.

MRS. W. G. BLANKENSHIP.

Worthvile Church, Rev. C. L. Spencer, Pastor.—Because there has been no report from this church lately doesn't mean we have been sitting on the "Stool of Do Nothing."

First I will say that our faithful pastor has filled each of his 2nd Sunday morning and 4th Sunday night appointments at our church and those that are absent at these services are the losers, for he preaches Bible doctrine. We do feel that every church member should hear their preacher every service that's possible. He needs us as listeners, and we need what he has to say. Its strengthening to each other to worship together as a whole.

The "flu" has been prevalent in our village during the last two months. Quite a number were disabled for work or church going. But now that the flu has almost subsided and spring has come our attendance is increasing and we hope it continues to increase until we are 100 per cent present at all the church services.

On the first Sunday night in March Mrs. W. C. Hammer brought an interesting message on the "Missionary Work of the M. P. Church.'

Last week Mrs. Spencer organized an auxiliary at Worthville. This is the first in a number of years here. Although we are few in number we trust much good may be accomplished. Mrs. Spencer was elected president, Mrs. W. H. Trogdon vice-president, Mrs. D. J. Allred recording secretary, Mrs. C. O. Byrd corresponding secretary and treasurer.

Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock the Primary and Intermediate classes of the Sunday school gave an Easter program using the pageant, "The Festival of Life.' The children did well considering the short time used in training.

We were glad to have Mr. Spencer on our program at this time. We were also glad to have a number from Randleman church as visitors. We welcome all visitors.

I am especially pleased to report the $10.00 collection at the Easter service and our 1st Sunday collection at Sunday school for Children's Home, was $10.00. The annual conference expense of $15.00 has been paid, also the Uniting Conference Welegates' expense of $6.00 for our church was sent in last week. May we ever press onward.

The Second Quarterly Conference will be held at Worthville Saturday, April 8th at 2:30 o'clock. Let every church on the charge be represented.

MRS. C. O. BYRD, Reporter.

Granville Charge, J. P. Pegg, Pastor.—The Second Quarterly Conference convened at the parsonage April 1. All churches were well represented. After the business session, dinner was served by the ladies of the churches. Rev. J. D. Cranford, and his wife and son were present with us for the conference. Mr. Ralph Finch of Mt. Carmel, and Mr. James Cozart, Jr., of Rehoboth were selected as nominees for delegate to the coming Annual Conference. Mr. H. B. Hicks was not able to come to the conference. He was greatly missed. We hope his health will be improved in the near future.

The Auxiliaries have had a very successful year. All are excellent workers at each of the three churches. The following are expected to attend as delegates to the Branch meeting. Union Chapel: Doris White and Leslie Woodlief. From Mt. Carmel: Mrs. E. F. Smith and Mrs. C. B. Finch. From Rehoboth: Virginia Rogers and Virginia Kittrell.

Mrs. Thurman Stone and Mrs. Sam White are at their homes after having spent several days in the hospital in Henderson.

Mrs. Lucy Woodlief passed away recently. She was in her 87th year. She was known and loved as the oldest member of Union Chapel. She reared a large and useful family. Her influence will live on in the Kittrell community. Her life was a testimony of her faith in Jesus Christ. We extend our prayers and sympathy to the bereaved family.

Mrs. Lee T. Mitchell is back at church again after being in ill health for some time. We are glad she is so much improved in health.

J. P. PEGG.

Liberty, Aubert M. Smith, Pastor.—The Womans' Auxiliary met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. B. J. Gregson, president of the Auxiliary as hostess.

Mrs. R. L. Elkins was program leader and gave a very interesting reading on the life of Charles Edward Forlines, from his humble birth and boyhood struggles to the presidency of Westminster Theological seminary.

Mrs. George R. Brown conducted the devotional.

New officers were elected as follows: Mrs. J. E. Cox, president; Mrs. C. L. Highfill, secretary-treasurer. The Auxiliary was divided into three circles.

The hostess was assisted in serving a delicious salad course by Mrs. Dwight Gregson and Miss Anna Lee Gregson.

The society gave Mrs. Gregson a rising vote of thanks for her untiring efforts and the many things she has done for the Auxiliary the past year.

The following delegates were elected to attend the State Branch Auxiliary meeting to be held in High Point in April. Mesdames J. E. Cox, C. L. Highfill, R. L. Elkins, and A. J. Brower.

Pollyannas were revealed and presents exchanged.

William L. Hardin, a member of the board of stewards entertained other members of the board at his home Friday night at a church business meeting. After the business was transacted the host was assisted by his mother, Mrs. Wade Hardin, in serving a salad course.

An Easter program is being prepared by Mrs. Margaret Shepard Martin and others.

Mrs. F. A. Shepard and brother, Dr. J. F. Amick, motored to Princeton, Va., to visit their uncle, Mr. "Billy" Amick and Mrs. Amick over the week-end.

Our Young People's Day offering amounted to $40.00.

The mid-week prayer services, a union of all the churches in town are well attended and much interest manifested. "What a privilege to carry everything to the Lord in prayer."

The Christian Endeavor topic for Sunday evening was: "I Would Be Strong." The secret of a Christian's strength is in the fact that God supplies him with power. "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

BERTINE SHEPARD, Reporter.

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COMMUNITY METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH OF THOMASVILLE

The Community Methodist Protestant Church of Thomasville is beginning a series of meetings to last through the week proceeding Easter. The theme of this meeting will be Christ and the Way. A different topic will be discussed each night.

These are:

"The Tragedy of the Way."
"The Urgency of the Way."
"No Other Way.'
"False Ways."
"Closed Doors in the Way."
"Entrance in the Way."
"The Victory of the Way."

There were meetings at the different homes in the city in preparation for this meeting. The speakers at these were Rev. Johnson, Mrs. J. Clyde Auman, Mr. C. L. Berrier and Mr. J. W. Boyles. Each gave a short inspirational talk to the appreciative groups. With an interesting subject for the revival and the enthusiasm created by these short "Get-to-gethers" it is expected to be one of the best meetings the church has had in some time.

Mrs. C. F. Finch is to have charge of the music and has planned for singing that everyone will want to hear and will also want to sing.

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IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Mrs. Sarah Jane Pritchett.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Pritchett was born June 19, 1850, and departed this life February 25, 1939, reaching the age of 88 years, 8 months and 6 days. In early life she took Christ as her Savior and united with Friendship Methodist Protestant church of which she was a member until death. She was loved by all who knew her, and she was ever ready to help any one in need or trouble.

She was married to Isaac Pritchett June 27, 1869. To this union ten children were born. Three children preceded her in death some years ago. Her husband also departed this life in 1932. The following children survive to mourn their loss: J. Tom and D. L. Pritchett, Mrs. Fannie Zimmerman, Mrs. Emeline Busick, Mrs. Sallie Cole, Mrs. Myrtle Apple and Mrs. Bessie Cook. She is survived also by 49 grandchildren and 47 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Pritchett was laid to rest in the cemetery of Apple's Chapel Christian-Congregational church on Sunday afternoon, February 26, 1939, the service in the church being conducted by Rev. C. W. Bates, pastor of Friendship church assisted by the pastor of Apple's Chapel, Rev. Mr. Moody.

C. W. B.

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In Memory of Mrs. Mary F. Shoffner.

A month ago there was need in heaven of another angel, and so on the first day of February when the evening shadows had covered the earth God said, "Come Mary, it is enough."

For over a year mama had suffered. On January 26, 1938, when she was recuperating from a three months' illness she walked out on the lawn and fell and injured her hip. She walked but little afterwards, with the aid of crutches. Local doctors and Duke hospital specialists did their best for her. Prayers ascended to heaven daily for her from rich, poor, black and white; among these were those of a devoted Sunday school teacher and class, a faithful pastor, and a host of friends of all ages, including tiny tots who called her "Aunt."

Mama, when a small girl of four, her dying daddy called her to his bedside and placing has hand on her head said, "Mary I am going to leave you today, to live with Jesus and I want you to be a good little girl and meet me in heaven. These words sank deep into her heart and at the age of 12 she gave her heart to Jesus and joined the church. From that day until her death she lived a beautiful life. A life so celan, so faithful, so true that others could see and feel that she had been with Jesus. Winning souls for God was her greatest joy.

She loved Bellmont church and was never satisfied unless she was doing something for it. She served as class leader for ten or twelve years and did it well. For many years she conducted mid-week prayer service and in the later years the Sunday night prayer service. But it is the Philathea class that is going to miss her most, for she lived for this class. Acting as treasurer for a number of years and then president for many more years, she won the love and admiration of all the members. Although she was unable to attend church for over a year she was still counted as president—no one felt capable of taking her place. She lived so close to God that her prayers lifted others to Him.

People say of her, "She will never die, her influence lives on in the hearts of all who knew her."

She was more than a mother to me, my father having died before I was born made us very near to each other; she was mother, father, sister, brother, and "best pal" to me. Both of her sisters died, one leaving a baby, Freddie, aged four, and a boy, Walter, aged six; both of these children were taken into our home. Another sister (many years before her death) sent her little girl, Lelea, to live with us. All three children became as sisters and brother to me, and mama never allowed selfishness to make any difference among us.

So close was her life to God's that He gave her a glimpse of heaven before death. She saw Jesus and three angels dressed in beautiful white robes and wearing bright shining crowns and she heard the sweetest music of heavenly voices singing, Then Jesus stretched forth his arms and spoke these words: 'Mary, come this way."

I love to think of her last days as being with an angel. She was so good, so humble, so submissive to God's will.

Yes, the golden gates were opened,
  A gentle voice said, "Come."
Calmly mama entered in
  And there awaits for each of us.

Her Daughter, ROMAH.

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Mrs. Mary F. Shoffner

Mrs. Mary F. Shoffner, wife of the late Thomas C. Shoffner, was born in Alamance County, N. C., March 27, 1879, passed away at her residence near Burlington, N. C., February 1, 1939. Aged 59 years, 10 months, and 4 days. She is survived by one daughter, Miss Ramah Shoffnes of the home, and several nieces and nephews.

For more than a year Mrs. Shoffner had been a great sufferer. Everything that medical science, loving hearts, and tender hands could do was done, but to no avail.

Her first strong impression of God and Heaven was made at the age of four as she stood at the bedside of her dying father when he placed his hand on her head and said, "Mary be a good girl and meet me in Heaven." At the age of 12 she was converted at a revival meeting at Friendship

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M. P. church. She later joined the church at the Belmont M. P. church near her home. In this church she spent her life in beautiful Christian service. She loved her church and was never happier than when doing something for the church and the kingdom of God. Because of her strong belief in prayer she was often called upon to pray for those who were sick or in distress. She often led the mid-week and Sunday night prayer meeting at the church. She held for years the office of class leader in her church and was very faithful to the duties of that office.

The last days of her illness were days of intense suffering, but she bore it with patience and evidenced a strong faith in God to the end. She will be missed in the com munity, church and Sunday school. Her pastor will miss the inspiration her presence at the church afforded, an inspiration which every pastor who served this work felt and depended upon. The funeral service was conducted by the writer assisted by Revs. L. E. Mabry and T. J. Whitehead. The enterment was at the cemetery in the Belmont church yard.

May God in His infinite goodness comfort the loved ones.

J. P. ANDERSON.

Lois Anderson

Lois Esther Anderson, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Anderson passed from earth to rest safe in the arms of Jesus, Thursday morning, March 30, 1939, following a three week illness of pneumonia. The funeral service was held at Bethel Methodist Protestant Church, Friday, March 31, 1939, at 3 p. m. Rev. H. L. Isley, pastor, conducted the service. The body was tenderly placed in the cemetery of Bethel Church.

Lois was from a fine Christian home and possessed every trait of a child of God. When she was just a very small child she went in the Sunday school class and took as much a part in the stories, Bible verses and singing as the larger children. Lois was really a 'little sunbeam" in her class. Her sweet disposition won the hearts of all who knew her.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Anderson, a sister. Delette, a brother, Steve, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Whitley, all of Climax.

The parents, grandparents and all other relatives have the sincere sympathy of Bethel church and Sunday school.

MARY L. KIRKMAN.

Robert Adrian Bradley

On February ninth our little town was shocked at the sudden passing of Robert Adrian Bradley. He had recently passed his sixty-fifth mile post. "Bob," as he was familiarly known was quiet and unassuming in his manner but lived the principles that go in the making of a noble Christian citizen.

He was a regular attendant at the church services when his health would permit, and was interested in the things that stand for the betterment of humanity in state and civic affairs. He was a true husband, a loving and indulgent father, a kind neighbor, and a good friend.

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He leaves to mourn their loss his companion, the former Miss Lena Cutchin, two daughters, Mrs. Tom Cockey of Baltimore, Mrs. O. K. Dozier of Rocky Mount, three sons, R. R. and R. A. and Wiley of Whitakers and nine grandchildren. The burial service was conducted by Rev. W. L. Loy, pastor of the Methodist Church and interment followed in the local cemetery by the side of his little girl that preceded him a number of years ago. His grave was banked with beautiful floral designs, a token of esteem. May the God of Mercy minister to his dear ones as only He can in their time of sorrow and grief.

A FRIEND.

John Nelson Smith

John Nelson Smith, aged fifty-three years, departed this life on Sunday, March 26th. Three weeks prior to his death, Mr. Smith was apparently in good health, and working hard every day, After three weeks of intense suffering, he passed on. The wife, four sons, and two daughter are the immediate survivors.

The deceased was a loyal member of Lineberry church. He was also a hard worker, providing well for his household. He was particularly interested in the higher education of his children .

The funeral service was conducted from Lineberry church, March 27th. The writer was assisted by two former pastors, Rev. C. E. Ridge, and Rev. C. L. Grant.

WM. H. NEESE.

Mrs. Margaret E. Moore

Mrs. Margaret E. Moore of Bonlee, N. C. departed this life March 21, 1939. While Mrs. Moore had been in bed for several months suffering from a broken hip yet she was not seriously ill before her death but just a few days. At her death she was eighty-seven years old.

In early life she had been a member of the old Spring Field Methodist Protestant church but later became a member of Hope Church in Bonlee. She was a widow of Rev. R. R. Moore who was a local preacher of the Baptist church. One brother-in-law, Mr. E. M. Edwards and a number of nephews and nieces are her only immediate surviving relatives.

The children of the Methodist Protestant Children's Home and her church were dear to her. Of her means she contributed freely to these institutions. Of the many beautiful qualities describing her life patience and kindness stand out supreme.

AUBERT M. SMITH, Pastor.

Stone

Weatherly Stone, only son of Mrs. R. W. H. Stone, of Grace Church, died suddenly in Toledo, Ohio, February 24, at the young age of 31 years. He was an alumnus of High Point College.

Weatherly was a young man of adventurous spirit. After completing the secondary schools of Guilford County, he attended for two years High Point College and was a leader of his class. The quiet and shielded side of life had little appeal to him, therefore he traveled extensively for about ten years. Following 1934 he work on electrical construction jobs for about three years then again turned to the road of adventure.

His body was brought home Saturday and the following day funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, a college classmate, who has for more than five years been his pastor, and by Dr. S. K. Spahr, of Grace Church. Interment was in Green Hill Cemetery.

Weatherly was a clean young man of adventurous spirit. He loved the out-of-doors and thrilled at the challenge of realms unexplored.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

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We sincerely thank all of you for these gifts and continued interest. Please help us up with the regular monthly offerings.

Branch Meeting

Delegates and visitors to the Branch meeting April 12th and 13th please remember that you are invited to visit the Children's home on the afternoon of the 12th from 4:30 to 5:30. Come at that time if you possibly can. We will arrange to be at home to you from 4:00 to 6:00 that evening, and will be looking for you.

A. G. DIXON, Supt.

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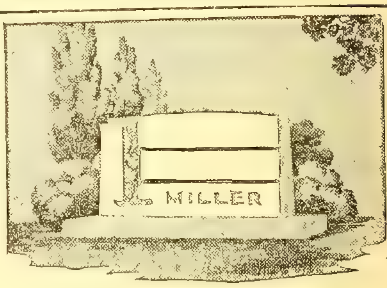
Our civilization cannot survive materially unless it is redeemed spiritually. It can be saved only by becoming permeated with the spirit of Christ and being made free and happy by the practices which spring out of that spirit. Only thus can discontent be driven out and all the shadows lifted from the road ahead.—Woodrow Wilson.



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Three major religious musical works are to be heard, in whole or in part, during the centennial cycle of Easter celebrations at Duke University, beginning Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon. They are: Dubois' "Seven Last Words of Christ," a traditional Easter oratorio; Bach's cantata titled "Christ lag in Todesbanden"; and a new cantata by Edward Hall Broadhead, university organist, "Now Cometh Thy Light."

The new work by the Duke organist is to be given its first complete rendition during the centennial celebration April 21-23.

Dubois' oratorio is well known to churchgoers. Many churches present it annually. It was last given at Duke in 1937. The Bach cantata, while not as widely known, is also often used to commemorate the Saviour's death and resurrection.

At 8 o'clock, Friday evening the Dubois oratorio is to be presented by the university choir, directed by J. Foster Barnes, with Mr. Broadhead at the organ. In addition to the usual music, there will be lighting effects and a continuity of descriptive reading, undertaking to set forth the proper moods for each of the seven last words.

The annual Easter sunrise service, a joint undertaking of the university and churches of Durham, is to begin at 5:30 o'clock Sunday morning. Music will be furnished by the university choir, supplemented by voices from city choirs, a children's chorus, and a brass choir. The Easter meditation is to be given by President W. P. Few, and the oldest known Easter drama is to be presented as a part of the service.

At 11 o'clock Easter morning, Dean Elbert Russell of the school of religion is to deliver the sermon at the worship service in the university chapel.

The centennial cycle of Easter celebrations is to be concluded at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, with the Vespers service centering around the Bach cantata. This is to be rendered by a small choir directed by Mr. Broadhead: and Dean Russell is to lead in the Vespers meditation.

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"EMPTY" SPACE NOT EMPTY; IS FILLED WITH MANY THINGS

"Empty" space, out between the stars, is anything but empty. Research by astronomers of the Carnegie Institution of Washington shows that all sorts of things are rattling around in it. Although it is much closer to a perfect vacuum than anything human means can produce in a laboratory, an average cubic yard of it is stocked with:

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Large units of matter, averaging perhaps the size of a smoke particle, also float about, as ocsmic dust. One such grain might be filtered out of each 1,000,000,000,000,000,000 cubic yards of interstellar space.—Science News Letter, December 25, 1937.

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Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.—Luther.

MARRIED

Kennedy-Helstetler

On April 1, 2 p. m. at the parsonage of the bride's pastor, Mr. Robert Oscar Kennedy and Miss Virginia Caroline Helmstetler were united in holy matrimony.

The bride is the attracive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd and Sarah Helmstetler of Lexington, R. F. D. 5. The bride is also a very faithful members of Mt. Carmel Methodist Protestant Church.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Kennedy of Lexington R. F. D. 6. He is employed by the Linwood Manufacturing Company of Linwood, N. C.

They will make their home with the mother of the bride on R. F. D. 5, Lexington. We wish for them a most happy and prosperous journey through life. May their home be a devoted home to the Church and the Kingdom of our Lord.

L. E. MABRY.

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Younts-Barnes

Mr. Howard Walser Younts and Miss Ila Barnes were united in marriage on March 11 by the writer at the parsonage.

Mr. Younts is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Younts of Yadkin College, N. C.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barnes of Mocksville, N. C., R. F. D. 3

Our best wishes for them and a happy Christian home.

L. E. MABRY.

FACTS ABOUT WASHINGTON

John Wanamaker listed the following features in the life of George Washington, the first Presidnet of the United States:

He was born on Pope's Creek, Westmoreland county, Virginia, February 22, 1732, a descendant from an old, titled English family.

At the age of 14 he started to become a seaman, but gave it up in obedience to his mother.

At 17 he was a surveyor and was studying the Indians on their warpaths.

At 19 he was Adjutant General of the Militia.

At 20, by the death of his half-brother Lawrence, July, 1752, he became heir to Mt. Vernon, valued at $200,000.

He was married at 27, and was a farmer until 1774.

In January, 1775, he was appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army.

He died December 14, 1799.

His last words were. "It is well."

Such are some of the facts that boys and girls should know and remember about the "Father of His Country."

These are the bare facts. About him, as about all men who did great things, there are many good books and biographies.

I think it is proper to say that from youth I have been greatly benefited by reading the biographies of men who did something.—Selected.

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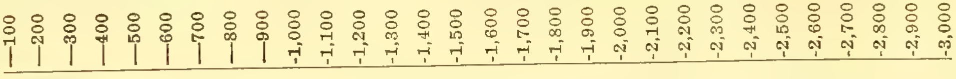

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IS IT POSSIBLE?

Is it possible that Methodism will ultimately destroy itself? To some this may seem a foolish question, but listen to what John Wesley once said. The author of "The Leaven of the Saducees" quotes Mr. Wesley as follows: "I am not afraid the people called Methodist should ever cease to exist in Europe or America, but I am afraid lest they should exist as a dead sect, having the form of religion without power. If Methodism is ever overthrown it will be at the hands of her scholars who neither believe her doctrines, nor practice her polity! These are the men from whom it must purge itself, or fall by its own weight." Was John Wesley correct in his views or was he just another old foggy? Is anything that miminizes sin and destroys the spiritual life in our young people right or wrong? Should money or spiritual life come first?

Has Methodism any right to do this or that just because the world does it? Did Christ get His standard of morals from the world? In II Thes. 2:3, Paul says: "For that day shall not come, except there came a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition." Dr. Clark says the Apostasy referred to here is world-wide apostasy of the church, and that in that day the world will have succeeded in eliminating from our churches everything that can save a sinner. G. L. REYNOLDS.

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Members of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity at Brown University chartered a plane to fly to the Dartmouth-Brown game.

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The Uniting Conference of the Methodist Church Will Meet April 26 In Kansas City's Great Auditorium

Above—Night view of the Municipal Auditorium, where the Uniting Conference will be held. The lighted marquees indicate the front (north) side of the building.

To the right—View of the main arena of the Municipal Auditorium, set up for a band concert. For the Uniting Conference, the platform will be moved to the far end of the lower floor, and the floor will be filled with seats and desks for the 900 delegates. The arena comfortably holds 11,000 persons. With the lower floor devoted to desks for delegates it will hold approximately 10,000.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Obituary Committee for Rev. G. F. Millaway

I am appointing as the ministerial members of the obituary committee for Rev. G. F. Millaway, Rev. A. D. Shelton, Rev. W. F. Ashburn and Rev. J. W. Braxton. The laymen on the committee will be named before the next session of conference.

An Omission

Last week, in writing about Orange Chapel church on the Saxapahaw charge I might have said that this is the home church of Mrs. H. L. Isley, wife of the pastor of the Randolph charge.

Many Churches Raise Delegates' Expenses

For the past several weeks I have had cards and letters from a number of our pastors saying they had raised delegates' expenses in full. I have not tried to run the names of these churches for various reasons. Inasmuch as the amount asked for is comparatively small it is to be expected that the most of the charges will raise this and the list will be long. Then too, it was assigned to me to boost the raising of the World Service by keeping the names of all churches before the people which reach the quota and it did not seem wise for me to take two pages in addition to this one. But this work of raising delegates' expenses is important and all of us appreciate the work done by pastors and people.

A Sunday On Halifax Charge

Easter Sunday was spent on the Halifax charge, Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr., pastor. The appointments were at Bethesda at 11, Ringwood at 3 p. m. and Hollister at 7:30 p. m. My visit to Halifax charge is always attended by tender memories as this was my first charge. It was in Bethesda church where I preached my first sermon as a pastor. And it was in the village of Brinkleyville that we set up housekeeping. Here we received favors and were shown kindness which we shall never forget. The Bethesda church is one of our old organizations and has been a tower of strength to our cause in the days gone by. This was the home church of the Rev. W. H. Wills, D.D., one of the pioneers in the Methodist Protestant church. He is buried in the cemetery there. Several years ago a number of his descendents were active in the church, however, the most of them have either passed to their reward or have moved to other sections of the state. The church building has undergone some repairs recently which will add considerably to its appearance when finished. The family of Brother N. M. Harrison, father of Rev. N. M. Harrison of High Point College, has placed memorial windows in the pulpit in memory of Brother Harrison who for a long period of years was one of the leaders of this church. The windows consist of a larger one in the center and two smaller ones, one on either side. This will not only be beautiful and appropriate to his memory but it will furnish some ventilation to the minister which will be most acceptable in hot weather. Other repairs are to be made on the inside and the building is being painted on the outside. All of the members of Brother Harrison's large family have gone out from the community except Mrs. Harrison and two daughters, Mrs. H. W. Mitchell and Miss Ethel, however, they keep the home open and the Methodist Protestant ministers who pass that way may still drop in and find as genuine southern hospitality as is to be found anywhere. Congregations in the Bethesda church are not large any more, however, on last Sunday morning we had a goodly number of interested persons out for the services.

At Ringwood where the service was held in the afternoon the membership is very small as it has always been but in it are some very loyal people. The congregation there Sunday afternoon was considered good for that place. While there are a few people in the church who were there in my first days in the pastorate yet largely a new generation has grown up. Several people who are members of other churches attend our services there and help to make the congregations larger.

There was a splendid congregation present at Hollister on Sunday evening. This church has the best building on the charge. When the town of Hollister sprang up something like a mile from the former Lee's Chapel church about twenty-five years ago it was decided to move to a new location in the town. Consequently a new building with several Sunday school rooms was erected and the old building was disposed of. While Hollister did not develop as a city as some people thought it would, due to the principal industry being removed from there, yet it is the logical place for the church. A few of the ones who were active in Lee's Chapel church are still in the new church and in addition many new ones have either grown up or moved in so that now there is a splendid group.

This is Brother Howard's fourth year on this charge and he is very popular with the people. He is one of our best young preachers and is doing a good work. The financial situation in all of our eastern territory is much more difficult than it is in the central and western but he is carrying on any way. While the charge will not be able to meet all of its assessments yet I trust it may make a good showing. The people I talked with seem to be much in favor of Methodist Union and I think the situation will work out very satisfactorily in this section.

The Final Effort For World Service

Now that the time for raising delegates' expenses has officially closed I trust our churches will make the best possible use of the remaining two Sundays in raising World Service in full. The General church needs this money badly and we need to have the blessed experience of raising it.

The Meeting of the N. C. Branch

This Wednesday and Thursday many of the women of our church will be meeting here in High Point in the North Carolina Branch of Women's Work. I trust they may have a profitable meeting.

Pastors' Reports *(Continued)*

West End. Dr. R. M. Andrews, Pastor.—Church has decided to pay $1,500.00 on church debt this year. $550.00 has

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A Good Suggestion

President Straughn has suggested that April 23rd be observed throughout the three Methodist Churches entering into union as a day of communion and prayer. All pastors are urged to make much of it; that it be a day of intelligent meditation upon the deep meaning of this great Christian movement. That the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be observed and that prayers be offered that a new spiritual life shall come into American Methodism.

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The Uniting Conference

Here is a sketchy list of some of the happenings scheduled other than the regular duties outlined for the delegates:

Tuesday night, April 25th. A reception to all delegates.

Morning watch services each day at 7:30; meeting for prayer testimony, singing and a brief address by some outstanding speaker.

4 p. m. each day preaching services.

May 6th. Handel's Messiah will be given by 500 voices.

May 6th. All women delegates will be entertained at tea 2:30-5:30.

Each Saturday the National Broadcasting System presents "Religion in the News."

Sunday, April 23rd. The Columbia Broadcasting System presents a congratulatory program from England 5 to 5:15 E. S. T. The King of England is to speak.

April 25th. The Mutual Broadcasting System presents a world review of Methodism from 11:30 to 12 p. m.

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Pastor H. L. Isley reports that Shiloh, Randolph Charge, has paid the World Service budget in full.

Dr. Paschall reports that First Church, Burlington, has sent in its quota of delegates' expenses to the Uniting Conference.

Pastor J. H. Trolinger reports that Seagrove-Love Joy Charge has paid its allotment on delegates' expenses to the Uniting Conference.

Community Church, Thomasville, has this week sent in their apportionment in full for delegates' expenses to the Uniting Conference.

Christianity A Religion of Impartiality

In the very best of people is sometimes found the mercenary touch—the commercial attitude, the expectation of rewards for service. They set the level of their righteousness by their expectation of recognition instead of by their desire to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly before the Lord. Peter said, "Master we have left all"—what shall we receive? Satan accused the Partiarch Job of serving God for profit. "Does Job serve God for naught?" All who knew Job recognized his uprightness, but they also recognized his ability to get on in the world—he was a successful business man. And so Satan insinuates that that was the source of his devotion to the Lord. But Job's integrity was fully established in the subsequent trials he passed through making him a model for righteous living for all time, showing that the hour and wage question is not to be injected; there is no "Union-scale" of wages, no official Time Keeper's record preserved for the last day. Self-salvation is a vain, empty thing, with the Christian; for if man could save himself by his works then Christ need not to have died, and heaven would be filled with so much "high hatting" there would be no pleasure for the lowly saint.

Neither does the color of the skin count with God. The white race has a superiority complex, a feeling of greater importance in the world of affairs than other races, and yet the color of the skin will have neither merit nor demerit in the Great Day of Judgment when the secret of all hearts shall be disclosed. And then may be recognized those whose sighs and cries because of the sins of earth have daily risen to heaven, whose hungering and thirsting for righteousness have kept them busily engaged in seeking *it* instead the place of honor for unusual service and gifts may the "Come ye blessed of My Father inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

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Pastor O. B. Williams reports that North Davidson Charge has paid in full the apportionment for delegates' expenses to the Uniting Conference. Also that Canaan and Bethesda church have in hand or in pledges their full amount of the World Service budget.

How our delegates may go to the Conference: Dr. Forlines by train from Westminster, Maryland; Brother J. B. Hicks, by train from Henderson; Dr. Pritchard and A. J. Koonce by train from High Point; Mrs. Hammer, Dr. Taylor, W. F. Redding, Jr., and Mr. J. N. Norman Wills in Brother Redding's automobile; Drs. Paschall, Andrews, and M. A. Coble in automobile; we are not sure whether Drs. Brown and Bates and Brother L. L. Wren will go by train or automobile.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Rev. O. L. Easter

PAUL ESTABLISHES CHURCHES

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, April 16

By REV. O. L. EASTER

Lesson Text—Acts 14:1-7, 19-23.

Golden Text—As a wise master builder I laid a foundation: and another buildeth thereon. I Corinthians 3:10.

Paul and Barnabas are in Iconium laying the foundation for the building of Christianity and it is not surprising that they encounter hardship and opposition. The builder always finds the laying of the foundation rugged work, for he must clear away so much foreign material from the site in order to get a true foundation for placing the building. All Christianity is deeply endebted to St. Paul that he so courageously built this foundation as a *wise* master builder, for we who are now building thereon are building sure because of this good work. Starting with Jesus and following through with all the pioneers like Paul and Barnabas, we are forever blessed that they hewed true through rocky opposition, with sacrificial labor until a level was struck for the foundation of a building that would have been a wreck on any other level.

We are told that as they preached in the synagogue a multitude of both Greeks and Jews believed, but that the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and made their minds evil affected against them. To some it is the savor of life and to others the savor of death according as men receive it. Just as the same sun melts wax and hardens the clay, or as the sun and rain, which make the living plants grow and bear fruit, are the instruments of decay to those which are dead. And those who believe against Christianity are just as missionary as the Christian and often more zealous than some, and they find it easy to turn the mind of the multitude against Christ. It seems that there is nothing which the world resents so much as an attempt to carry out a better measure than existed before. Beethen says that the world never let a man bless it but it first fought him; it never let him give it a boon without first giving him a buffet. If with one effort you should raise a tree twenty feet high, so as to make it forty feet high, you would not do more violence to its roots than you do to society, when you attempt suddenly to elevate it above its former level. If there were a hundred violins together, all playing below pitch, and one musician should take a master violin and bring it up to the true key it would cause all the others to sound horribly discordant and it would bring down wrath upon the true violinst. So with any reformer who tries to sound a true note in a discordant world. Thus Paul and Barnabas had to flee Iconium to avoid the assault of this reaction. Rather than compromise their preaching they fled to another city hoping to find a location that would yield to their gospel.

At Lystra quite a new problem faced them that proved just as dangerous and even more perplexing. On healing the impotent man the people rose up and tried to make Paul and Barnabas out as gods. It is a significant incident in Christianity. How were these men going to behave when success and acclaim came to them? We remember here that before the resurrection of Jesus the disciples were very anxious to be "first" in Christ's new kingdom. Now here is Paul, with Christ seemingly out of the way, being acclaimed as a god himself. What a temptation! Does it bring him joy or satisfaction? Of all the fear and misery Paul ever exhibited he expressed it on this occasion. In the prison houses with burning stripes on his back Paul was found serene and happy; at Lystra with oxen and garlands at the gate for his worship Paul is seen renting his garments and crying in fear that he was being defeated. These people had missed Paul's whole message, for they had failed to see Paul's beloved Master in it all. This shows the deep devotion that was from the first in the hearts of the Christians for Jesus who was the author and finisher of their faith. When Napoleon was on St. Helena, he once said to Count Montholon, "Can you tell me who Jesus Christ was?" And when the Count declined to answer, he said: "Well, then, I will tell you. Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne and I have founded great empires; but upon what did these creations depend? Force. Jesus has founded His empire upon love, and to this very day millions would die for Him. . . . I think I understand something of human nature and I tell you all these were men as I am man. No one else is like Him. Jesus Christ is more than a man. . . . I have inspired multitudes with such devotion that they would have died for me . . . but to do this it was necessary that I should be present with my books or my words or my voice. . . . I have often thought of this. This it is which proves to me the divinity of Jesus Christ."—From *History of Napoleon.*

Thus Paul, believing in a Risen Lord felt that physical factors play no such part in his loyalty to Jesus Christ, for he ever lives and reigns supreme.

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CHILDREN'S HOME

The Home is needing a large, heavy roaster for each kitchen. Dr. Dixon has ask that the booklet fund pay for these. We can easily do this if you, the friends of the Home, will send in money for the histories you have. Let's do this at once.

MABEL RUSSELL,
1915 N. Main St.,
High Point, N. C.

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West End Church at its second quarterly conference chose Brothers L. M. Foust and C. S. Routh as nominees for the delegates to the annual conference, this fall.

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Pastor Strickland, First Church, Charlotte, went forth hunting for HERALD subscriptions last week and as a result secured the quota for his church. Brother Strickland writes that if a pastor goes after the HERALD subscriptions strong enough he will get them. That's true. Thank you, "Tommie."

WITH THE POETS

Elizabeth Vera Idol

LILACS

By Amy Lowell

Amy Lowell, born in Brookline, Massachusetts, in 1874, of a long line of publicists and poets, is one of the best and most versatile of our modern American writers. Very early she made up her mind to be a poet, and for a number of years she studied definitely for that profession, reading the classics of all schools, studying the technique of verse, writing much, but never attempting to publish anything. Since her first volume of poetry, published in 1912, she has produced many other volumes of verse, critical essays, and a monumental biography of John Keats. She died in 1925, and her posthumous volume, *What's o'Clock* won the Pulitzer Prize for that year.

It is in the brilliant colors with which her works are studded that she excels. Marguerite Wilkinson says of her: "The colors, scents, textures, and outlines of life are the materials Miss Lowell uses in her poetry." Another characteristic quality is the flashing, startling motion she imparts to her verse. She has been called the poet of the external and often in her poetry motion takes the place of emotion.

Lilacs illustrates as well as anything she has written most of her outstanding characteristics. It is written in free, unrimed verse combining in cadenced measures long and short lines that catch the sway and swing of the lilac bushes. The fresh, elusive fragrance of the lilacs brings the spirit of spring as completely as any flower that blooms, and Miss Lowell has caught all of this.

The poem opens with simple, descriptive words that describe the colors of the flowers:

"Lilacs,
False blue,
White,
Purple,
Color of Lilac."

Then we are led to deserted farmhouses or sites of old houses that all of us have known, where year after year lilac bushes have continued to grow, neglected and uncared for, but leaning forward as if they were seeking to find again the sights and sounds that long ago had been the life of the household:

"Lilacs watching a deserted house
Settling sideways into the grass of an old road;
Lilacs, wind-beaten, staggering under a lopsided shock of bloom
Above a cellar dug into a hill."

No other flower is more friendly, more of an inspiration to so many people, for few other flowers are found so nearly everywhere:

"You tapped the window when the preacher preached his sermon,
And ran along the road beside the boy going to school.
You stood by pasture-bars to give cows good milking,
You persuaded the housewife that her dishpan was of silver
And her husband an image of pure gold."

From the very earliest times poets have realized and expressed the romantic longings of people in the springtime to leave their prosaic occupations indoors and find release in the beauty of a blossoming springtime world. So the "quill-driving clerks" are tempted:

"You called to them: 'Goose-quill men, goose-quill men,
May is a month for flitting'.
Until they writhed on their high stools
And wrote poetry on their letter-sheets behind the propped-up ledgers."

Apropos of these very clerks we can almost see the smile of the author as she pokes gentle fun at the Puritanic characteristics that keep them

"Writing inventories in ledgers, reading the 'Song of Solomon' at night,
So many verses before bedtime,
Because it was the Bible."

She takes us back with something akin to wistful nostalgia to the haunting memories of days long gone by:

"You are of elm-shaded streets with little shops where they sell kites and marbles,"

but in the next line removes us in mood from childhood and transports us to the philosophic musings of maturity:

"You are of great parks where everyone walks and nobody is at home."

With a geographic description not unlike Walt Whitman Miss Lowell traces the presence of the lilacs throughout New England, and more than that, she pictures them as the very breath, color, fragrance, and spirit of New England in the springtime. She sums it up thus:

"May is lilac here in New England,"

and

"May is a full light wind of lilac
From Canada to Narragansett Bay."

So she comes, in the last stanza, to identify herself and her native New England with the lilac, as all of us, at one time or another, are led to identify the best of ourselves with some loved manifestation of nature:

"Heartleaves of lilacs all over New England,
Roots of lilac under all the soil of New England,
Lilac in me because I am New England,
Because my roots are in it,
Because my leaves are of it,
Because my flowers are for it,
Because it is my country
And I speak to it of itself
And sing of it with my own voice
Since certainly it is mine."

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is a rather solemn reminder that two weeks from now the Uniting Conference will be in session. I am constantly under a sense of burdensome responsibility which grows with the proximity of the meeting. In no sense at all do I feel alone in this. Nine hundred of us will get under this burden. Perhaps I sense the magnitude of the affair because I have been so close to it and realize just what must be done and what are the possible consequences.

Anyhow, all of us will go up to this place with the further feeling that we are about our Father's business and that if honestly and earnestly we seek His leading none of us need be afraid.

Registration card credentials have been mailed out to all delegates and alternate delegataes. Where the regular delegate cannot attend please advise your conference president *at once* so that he may notify the alternates in order. The president of the conference will notify me immediately of any change—his authority for the change is important.

Delegates will report to the Auditorium as soon after reaching Kansas City as possible; find the Registration Booth, present the credentials and get whatever information as may be necessary.

Day of Prayer for Methodist Union

Sunday, April 23, 1939, is the last Sabbath day prior to the assembly of the Uniting Conference. All Methodist churches are being requested to make this a day of prayer for this great gathering. It is in God's name we meet; it is His church going through the rebirth and renewal; we are but His servants. I do most earnestly urge all our pastors to bear this in mind. Prepare for it; speak concerning it. Bring your people to the altars and tarry there.

The Daily Advocate

A daily paper, ably edited by representative persons from all three churches, will be published in which detailed verbatim reports of everything said and done will be given. It will be a most valuable medium of keeping informed. Reports and speeches in their entirety will be printed. No newspaper, however full of information can approximate what will be found in this issue. It will cost $1.50 for the entire conference and will be mailed anywhere in the United States at that price. Send your name, address and money either to Mr. Chas. Reiner, 516 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, Md., or to Miss Edith Beck, 613 W. Diamond St., N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Prospectus, giving in full the reports of the eight great subcommittees on the principal subjects to be worked out, Missions, Education, Ministry, Publications, Pensions, Rituals, Conferences, Ministry,—also may be had for $1.00 at either of the above addresses. This is also a most valuable possession for any who care to follow the great debates and decisions. Copies have already been mailed to the delegates.

April 30—April 30—April 30

This is the end of the story as a financial record for the Methodist Protestant Church. Beloved, oh, my beloved, pastors and people—the time draws so very near. This is the last chance to put your church on the Honor Roll as having met your World Service payments in full. Do not wait. Whatever monies you have in hand send it to your conference treasurer at once. If the full amount is not in hand, well—get it somehow. And the Lord bless you.

The Appreciation Year Poster

There are a few of these lovely posters left although at one time it seemed we would not have enough. I have had many requests for them and at the time had to say "no." Now. First come, first served. Send fifteen (15) cents in stamps and they are your's while they last.

And now, my love to you all.

Jas. H. Straughn, *President.*

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THIS PLEASES

Curry: "I think we will have all the World Service on time." Braxton: "Delegates' expenses will be sent to Treasurer Allen, Monday the 10th, and W. S. Budget, Monday the 17th." This is in full for Mt. Pleasant charge. Auman, by phone today (10th): "Community Church will pay W. S. in full. All churches on North Davidson charge planning to do the same. Understand that First Church, Thomasville, plans to pay W. S. in full." (Brother Auman is chairman of that district). Madison: "Mt. Pleasant and Lawndale have paid W. S. in full. Hope to raise it at other churches soon. All churches will pay Delegates' expenses in full. Some have done so already." Surratt: "Expect to send in full payment this week for W. S. and Delegates' expenses."

I am sure that this can be many times duplicated, if I had reports from other pastors. I hope to have many more by next week.

Brother Irwin, the President of the Florida conference, writes that he thinks they are about two-thirds out on their entire allotment. Brother Clowers, a pastor of the Virginia conference, writes that his four churches have paid in full, and that he helped to raise the allotment at another church—his home church. All of this is encouraging. I hope to have a good word from some other conferences by next week.

Much can be done in these remaining weeks. May there be no let up on any charge until the day arrives when we must write *finis* to this undertaking.

April 10. S. W. Taylor.

P. S. Certificates are ready for all churches paying W. S. Budget in full. Please give me name of churches doing this and I will send certificates on to President Pritchard for his signature. He will then forward certificates to churches that are to receive them.

S. W. T.

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MINISTERS MEET

Dr. J. E. Pritchard will speak on the "Coming Uniting Conference" at the Piedmont Ministers Meeting, Monday, April 17, at 10:30 o'clock at Grace Church, Greensboro.

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With the Uniting Conference just two weeks off, as we write, we are becoming aware of the need of haste on the part of all pastors and people in raising the apportionment for delegates' expenses that they may send it in in time for the conference treasurer to disburse it before, or by April 22.

High Lights of Appreciation Year Campaign

Well, here comes a new church this week ready to take its place with the others who have gone over the top in raising World Service in full. This church is Hickory Grove on the Guilford charge, Rev. J. B. Trogdon, pastor. A letter from Brother Trogdon last week brought this good news and he said that Fairfield church expected to go over the top this past Sunday. I hope they did and if they did I want to put the name of this church right up in this column. Now Mr. Make-Up Man, add the name of Hickory Grove church on the Guilford charge to the list of churches run last week and let them look down on us from that exalted position. Remember all you have to do to get in this column of honor is to raise your World Service in full and write the president of the Annual Conference about it and your church's name will go right up there. Now we want a long list for next week. Who will be next?

Liberty.
Siler City.
Piney Grove, Siler City Charge.
Pleasant Grove.
Mt. Pleasant, Cleveland Charge.
Julian, Tabernacle Charge.
Concord Church, Saxapahaw Charge.
Hope Church, Siler City Charge.
Lawndale Church, Cleveland Charge.
Hickory Grove, Guilford Charge.

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The President's Letter

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already been subscribed by Sunday school classes and part has been paid in. Congregations have been good, Men's chorus has been organized, five members received into church, Woman's Auxiliary very active, Young People's offering between five and six dollars.

Saxapahaw Charge, Rev. M. C. Henderson, Pastor.—Sunday school rooms at Concord church have been paid for and will be dedicated the first Sunday in April. This church also hopes to raise World Service in full.

Siler City Charge, Rev. Aubert Smith, Pastor.—Siler City Church: Appreciation Year Apportionment paid in full, delegates' expenses paid, subsidy paid in full, pastor paid to date, A. C. expenses paid, regular offerings taken for Children's Home, Young People's Day offering $32.50.

Whitakers, Rev. W. L. Loy, Pastor (M. E. South Pastor serving our church)—The congregation of the Methodist Protestant Church at Whitakers gave an excellent financial report of their work at the first quarterly conference held February 19th.

Flat Rock, Rev. J. A. Burgess, Pastor.—Women have planted shrubbery around Flat Rock church; making special effort to raise W. S. by April 30th.

Tabernacle Charge, Rev. Eugene A. Lamb, Pastor.—Heating system installed at Tabernacle, Julian has raised World Service in full, best Thankoffering services during pastorate, Young People's Day services held at both churches with good results. February Thankoffering services held.

First Church, Charlotte, Rev. T. E. Strickland, Pastor.—Congregations at all services good, pledged $100.00—in full of General Conference claims, Young People's Day services held with fine results.

Shelby-Caroleen, Rev. H. D. Garmon, Pastor.—All appointments filled with increasing attendance, seven professions, one addition, plans being made for spring revivals, pastor's salary almost paid to date, effort being made to raise budgets, fine spirit of cooperation.

Rev. Fred R. Love Bereaved

On returning home last night I learned of the bereavement that has come to Rev. Fred R. Love, pastor of the Pleasant Grove charge in the accidental death of his brother near Savannah, Georgia. I am sure a large number sympathize with the family.

Appointments

Sunday, April 16, 11 a. m. Grace Church; 7:30 p. m. Calvary.

Sunday, April 23, 11 a. m. Welch Memorial.

J. E. Pritchard.

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CHRISTIAN COURAGE

Chrysostom before the Roman Emperor was a beautiful example of Christian courage. The emperor threatened him with banishment if he still remained a Christian. Chrysostom replied, "Thou canst not, for the world is my Father's house; thou canst not banish me." "But I will slay thee," said the emperor. "Nay, but thou canst not," said the noble champion of the faith again, "for my life is hid with Christ in God." "I will take away thy treasures." "Nay, but thou canst not," was the retort; "for, in the first place, I have none that thou knowest of. My treasure is in heaven, and my heart is there." "But I will drive thee away from man, and thou shalt have no friend left." "Nay, and that thou canst not," once more said the faithful witness; "for I have a Friend in heaven, from whom thou canst not separate me. I defy thee; there is nothing thou canst do to hurt me."

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Our Children's Home is to have an exhibit at Kansas City, showing pictures of all the buildings, grounds, and the children. Arrangements are made for all philanthropic institutions of the three uniting denominations to have their work presented there throughout the conference, and on May 14th, an afternoon will be devoted to this phase of the work of the Churches at the conference.

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We have the promise of several Herald agents and pastors that there will soon be sent in subscriptions and the Herald subsidy from the churches. Next week will be our last week to direct the affairs of the Herald in person until the Uniting Conference is over. Our arrangements have not yet been completed for our absence, but we hope will be made in a few days. But we sure would appreciate.

HABITS MAKE AND BREAK US

By NATHAN HOWARD GIST

What we are is largely determined by habits which we formed in the past. Human behavior follows a certain routine. We are creatures of our thinking, which develops into certain trends. As a man thinks, so is he. "Sow a thought and reap a habit" is a true proverb.

Much of our life is in the conscious mind. We realize what we are doing. We direct our own lives. But much of our life is in the subconscious mind, and we act involuntarily because we have established a habit. Reflexes, concepts, intuitions have been created, and we obey them without knowing it.

At first we are master of the habit because the conscious mind is the supreme boss. What it says goes. But after a time that boss steps aside, and the subconscious mind has the right of way. By long practice, by constant usage, by the frequency of repetition the thought that has been sowed is reaped, and a habit is the harvest.

Then we become the slaves of our habits. We do without thinking. We act without motive. We have allowed certain thoughts, good or evil, to burrow so deeply into our consciousness that they have complete control of our destinies. Most of this is accomplished in the first ten or fifteen years of our lives, and by 25 our fate is largely sealed. We don't change many of our habits, or our ways of thinking and general ways of living after that time. Our habits hold the balance of power, and we do their bidding.

But even after 25 habits are formed, and they continue to make or break us. If life is one long battle, it is not a battle against poverty, against outside enemies, against diseases as much as it is, or should be, a battle with ourselves, with our complexes, against pernicious habits which are ever striving for mastery.

Habits can be conquered, broken, nullified, or amended, but not without continuous struggle, a fight that must never end.

The one who is lonely needs to study himself. The one who is afraid of imaginary troubles must multiply inner reinforcements. The one who doesn't know how to say "No" must learn how. The one who is shiftless must revise his program by first making himself over. He who minimizes his own ability must emulate the one who is achieving by sheer will power. He who is his own worst enemy because loose habits control him must attack his antagonists on a hundred battle-fronts.

He who procrastinates, who always feels that tomorrow will afford a better time for his good intentions must place on the walls of his home and the walls of his mind the motto, "Do it now." The one with the ungovernable temper must find strength and poise and reserve power in a placid and calm frame of mind. He who is geared up to a high pitch and living on his nerve rather than on an even keel of common sense and sober judgment must learn to relax.

Habits may make or break us, and it is just as true that we can make or break our habits. It behooves us, therefore, to remain masters.

THE INCOMPARABLE CHRIST

More than nineteen hundred years ago there was a Man born contrary to the laws of life. This Man lived in poverty and was reared in obscurity. He did not travel extensively. Only once did He cross the boundary of the country in which He lived; that was during His exile in childhood.

He possessed neither wealth nor influence. His relatives were inconspicuous, uninfluential, and had neither training nor education.

In infancy He startled a King; in childhood He puzzled doctors; in manhood He ruled the course of nature, walked upon the billows as if pavements, and hushed the sea to sleep.

He healed the multitudes without medicine and made no charge for His service.

He never wrote a book, and yet all the libraries of the country could not hold the books that have been written about Him.

He never wrote a song, and yet He has furnished the theme for more songs than all the songwriters combined.

He never founded a college, but all the schools put together cannot boast of having as many students.

He never marshalled an army, nor drafted a soldier, nor fired a gun; and yet no leader ever had more volunteers who have, under His orders, made more rebels stack arms and surrender without a shot fired.

He never practiced medicine, and yet He has healed more broken hearts than all the doctors far and near.

Every seventh day the wheels of commerce cease their turning and multitudes wend their way to worshipping assemblies to pay homage and respect to Him.

The names of the past proud statesmen of Greece and Rome have come and gone. The names of the past scientists, philosophers, and theologians have come and gone; but the name of this Man abounds more and more. Though time has spread nineteen hundred years between the people of this generation and the scene of His crucifixion, yet He still lives. Herod could not destroy Him, and the grave could not hold Him.

He stands forth upon the highest pinnacle of heavenly glory, proclaimed of God, acknowledged by angels, adored by saints, and feared by devils, as the Living, Personal Christ, our LORD and SAVIOUR.—*The Roadside Beacon.*

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I do not know anything that gives more discouragement than the Lord's work if it is done in the wrong way.—*Jock Troup, Scotland.*

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The North Carolina Branch of Woman's Work, is meeting in First Church, High Point, this week. The attendance is large.

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We appreciate the courtesy of the *North Carolina Christian Advocate* in allowing us to use the cuts on the front page of the HERALD this week. Our readers can get some idea of the size and arrangement of the auditorium. The North Carolina delegates of our Church will be quartered in the Robert E. Lee hotel just across the street from this building.

THE HEAVENLY PARADISE

By Rev. W. A. Ledford

Heaven early becomes instilled, in the minds of most children, in Christian lands. Their first Prayer partly accounts for it. "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep; if I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take." The Lord's Prayer accounts for more of it. "Our Father who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it it done in heaven." Its blessed that such first impressions are most often lasting.

The different words, and figures used in the Scriptures, to describe heaven, have been fascinating and alluring to me. The home of many mansions, the holy city, the New Jerusalem, the Promised Land, the glory world and Paradise are among the most familiar, and most gripping ones. Scholars speak of Paradise, as a garden, park, and the abode of the sanctified souls after death. To me, the most beautiful part of any city are the gardens, and the parks. The thought expressed in Paradise, is that of regaining through Christ, the Garden of Eden lost through the fall of man.

We find the word "Paradise," three times in our Bibles, Jesus uttered it from the Cross; answering the prayer of the penitent thief. The penitent thief addressed Him as a King, and with such authority he was answered. The unselfish prayer, which did not ask for pardon, reward, honor, or any personal advantage received a most gracious answer. Bossuet calls attention to the promptness, company and repose in it, "Today with Me in Paradise." There was no annoying delay. It was just like God to give him more than he asked. The request was as pleasing, as that of Solomon's and equally rewarded.

Paul writing to the Corinthians, rather reluctantly and apologetically; speaking of visions and revelations, confirms the fact that he was caught up into Paradise. We do not understand that Paul was ashamed of the experience, but regarded it as a sacred secret for his own faith and consolations. Let him tell it. "I know a man in Christ Jesus, fourteen years ago (whether in the body, I know not; or whether out of the body, I know not; God knoweth), such as one caught up even to the third heaven. And I know such a man . . . how that he was caught up into Paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. On behalf of such an one will I glory: but on mine own behalf I will not glory, save in my weakness."

In Christ's letter to the church at Ephesus (Rev. 2:7), the word Paradise occurs again. "To him that overcometh, to him will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise (marginal reading, Garden) of God." Comparing this last garden with the first one in Eden, we find that the occupants of this last one have more privileges, and liberties than the first ones enjoyed. In Eden they were forbidden to eat the fruit of the tree of life, while no such a prohibition is made in this last one. The only requirement to eat of the tree of life was to be an overcomer.

The three passages of Scripture where we find the word Paradise, all record an experience. They have this in common. Through the grace of God, and the forgiving prayer of Jesus, a dying robber was saved. Scholars differ as to where Paul had his Paradise experience. Some thing it was in Damascus: others think it was on some of his missionary journeys. Perhaps, he saw the Christian's inheritance, which is incorruptable and unfading. It was the day of final victory for the overcomers at Ephesus. We are indeed thankful that Paradise is associated with experience, not theory.

There are many unanswered questions concerning our heavenly Paradise. No matter what heights we may reach, still there is a veil intervening. We have not had the curtain of time lifted for us, as it was for Paul when he was caught up into Paradise; or John on the Isle of Patmos. The questions will remain unanswered, so long as we know in part, and see through a mirror, darkly. But our limited knowledge does inform us, who the Heavenly Paradise is for. It is for those hungering and thirsting after righteousness. It is for those, willing to be strangers and pilgrims on the earth, and wait for the promises of God to be fulfilled, in the heavenly world. In the midst of a crumbling, passing habitation, they have a building in the heavenlies.

Another thing we can be assured of; namely, that we, like Daniel, should face Jerusalem, our New Jerusalem, our heavenly Paradise more, and be unlike Demas, love the things of this present world less. I am not ignoring the unfortunate on the Jerico road, nor such hymns, as "Rescue the Perishing"; "Help Somebody Today." I am pleading for a renewed sense of heaven, when we delight in such hymns, as "The Sweet Bye and Bye," "The Home of the Soul," and "We Are Bound For the Promised Land." On the modest tomb stone of the world famous Dwight L. Moody, I read, "He that doeth the will of God, abideth forever." Better times will come, when more turn their faces to God; and pray not for their wills ,but that the will of God be done. God saw Daniel and Saul of Tarsus praying, and He sees us.

Laytonsville, Md.

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A church is not made by those afraid
Lest some one else gets ahead;
When every one works and nobody shirks,
You can raise your church from the dead.
And if you work for the Lord—not praise,
Your brother will help you, that's true;
Your church then will be what you want it to be,
For it's never your church—it's you.

—*Northwestern Christian Advocate.*

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PRAYER

May we therefore never affect the spirit of self-distrust in order to escape a duty that is difficult, nor under-estimate the effective power of Thy cooperating spirit in a willing man's heart. With great causes halting the spiritual movements faltering, wilt Thou reinforce with Thine own power the hearts and minds of our leaders in church and state. Bring together in fruitful mutuality men and women of varying gifts that in their cooperation they may serve more effectively. —*W. C. Covert.*

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The palace of joy is occupied by the sons of God.

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Osborne

Mrs. Adelaide Kivett Osborne passed away at her home in Worthville on March 7, having reached the age of 76 years. For many years she was a very active member of Bethany church. When the infirmities of age prevented her attending church, she gave liberally of her means for the support of the gospel ministry. One daughter and four sons survive.

The funeral service was held at Bethany on March 8 by the pastor and Rev. Ben Millican. Burial took place in the church cemetery.

H. L. ISLEY.

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Davenport

The Bethany community was saddened on March 10 when it was learned that Miss Jane Davenport had closed her eyes to the scenes of this world. For many years she made her home with Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Gaster, Mrs. Gaster being her sister. She had reached the age of 86 years. In her passing Bethany church has lost one of her faithful members. The home in which she lived has for many years been the home of the pastor. May the Lord comfort Brother and Sister Gaster and the other relatives.

The funeral was conducted by the writer on Sunday afternoon, March 12, burial taking place in the nearby cemetery.

H. L. ISLEY.

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Anderson

Little Lois Esther Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Anderson, budded on earth September 16, 1935, and blossomed in heaven March 30, 1939. All that medical skill could do was done to save her life, but for reasons unknown to us the Lord saw fit to take Lois to Himself. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Porter Anderson, are leading members of Bethel church. Heaven will seem nearer to them now that Lois is there. Besides the parents, one little brother and sister survive, Steve and Delette. May the Lord bless and keep for His own service the parents and grandparents of this child.

Funeral service was conducted by the writer at Bethel on March 31, and burial took place in the church cemetery, the grave being completely covered with beautiful flowers.

H. L. ISLEY.

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Mrs. John B. Ogburn

At Flat Rock Methodist Protestant church, near Summerfield, on April 4 at 3 o'clock, was held the funeral service for Mrs. Laura Davidson Ogburn, 73, wife of the late John B. Ogburn. Surviving her are one daughter, Mrs. Russell Blackburn of High Point; two grandchildren, Russell Blackburn, Jr., of High Point, and Anne Ogburn, of Marion Junction, Md.; two brothers, G. C. Davidson, of Fayetteville, and Dwight M. Davidson, of Gibsonville; and a number of nieces and nephews, including Dr. H. H. Ogburn and Miss Hilda Ogburn, of Greensboro.

She was an earnest Christian and loyal member of Flat Rock M. P. church. She was intensely interested in everything that concerned Flat Rock church and the upbuilding of the Kingdom of Christ. Her means, her thought and her heart were placed at the command of the church and the Kingdom. Her life was rich and beautiful and strong and inspiring to others. Her place in the heart of the church was large. The church will feel keenly its loss in her passing. Her memory in this church will be fresh as long as the present membership lasts. Her service was faithful, her reward is glorious.

The writer was assisted in the service by Rev. W. F. Ashburn of Greensboro and Rev. J. R. Hutton of High Point, and her body was laid to rest in Flat Rock cemetery.

J. A. BURGESS.

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Garner

James Monroe Garner was born March 3, 1850, and passed away in Randleman on March 24, 1939, making his earthly sojourn 89 years. His entire life was spent in Randolph county. Those who knew him well said he was a fine Christian gentleman, his church affiliation being at Bethel church, Randolph charge. He was a great uncle of Rev. D. I. Garner, pastor of our church in Mebane.

The following children survive: Mrs. Loula V. Cox, Mrs. J. L. Hinshaw, John, James, Robert, and William Garner.

Last rites were held at Bethel on Sunday, March 26, by the pastor, Rev. W. F. Ashburn, and Dr. J. D. Andrew. His body was buried in the church cemetery.

May the Lord bless and comfort the bereaved.

H. L. ISLEY.

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CAMP MEETIN'S COMIN'

Bring out dat olde religion,
An' air it out today;
Camp meetin' time is comin',
And it ain't far away.
Ole Satan's had you cornered,
And workin' in his fold;
An' dat is jes de reason
Dat you is been so cold.

He sho' is got de big head,
'Cause you is slidin' back,
And done got off de main line,
And quit de gospel track.
De way you used to hollah,
And shout and sing and pray,
You'd think de ole religion
Had got in you to stay.

It grieves de good Lawd, brother,
How you is gone astray,
And leavin' dat religion
In such a shameful way.
So fetch it out dis mornin':
It means so much to you:
And dust and scrub and polish,
Until it looks like new.

Den take it to de front porch,
And hang it up so high,
Dat every one will see it
When dey is passin' by.
And if de moths has gnawed it,
Jes use de gospel spray;
Camp meetin' time is comin',
An' it ain't far away.

LEFT WITH THE CAT

Our beautiful black and white cat, "Boots," is now about thirteen months old. He had never been separated from either my wife or me until recently, when my wife went to visit her relatives for two weeks.

Though very affectionate, Boots had never been a "lap" pet; he preferred to lie at our feet. But the evening of my first "batching" day all this changed. I had hardly sat down to read, when the cat jumped into my lap. He looked intently into my face, then snuggled down, purring.

Every night of my wife's absence it was that way. Invariably, in the morning Boots looked the house over carefully, in the hope that his mistress had returned—then offered me every consolation at his command.

Whereas, formerly, he had stayed out frequently until bedtime, he was now with me every minute. As an experiment, I put him out; he wouldn't leave the porch, and insisted on coming back in.

He had been trained to stay off my desk. But during that two weeks I never sat down to write that he didn't get on the desk and lie near my elbow. When I used the typewriter I had to push him off my lap repeatedly.

Naturally, I wondered what would happen when Mrs. Eubanks returned, whether he would continue this new system of special attention to me. He did not; after his first joyful greeting of his mistress, he reverted exactly to his former habits. He couldn't have told me more plainly in words that I now had other company and could do without the extra loving.

Ordinarily, this cat is the most playful I have ever seen, but during my wife's absence he never played. Several times I tried the little games he had always enjoyed, but all he wanted to do was to lie in my lap.

And then some people say that cats are dumb!

L. E. Eubanks.

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THERE ARE HOMES

So long as there are homes to which men turn
At the close of day;
So long as there are homes where children are,
Where women stay—
If love and loyalty and faith be found
Across those sills—
A stricken nation can recover from
Its gravest ills.

So long as there are homes where fires burn
And there is bread;
So long as there are homes where lamps are lit
And prayers are said;
Although a people falter through the dark—
And nations grope—
With God himself back of these little homes—
We have sure hope.

—Grace Noll Crowell.

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Our civilization cannot survive materially unless it is redeemed spiritually. It can be saved only by becoming permeated with the spirit of Christ and being made free and happy by the practices which spring out of that spirit. Only thus can discontent be driven out and all the shadows lifted from the road ahead.—Woodrow Wilson.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

"WHAT SHOULD A CHURCH MEMBER BELIEVE?"

Topic for April 16, 1939

By REV. RAYMOND W. WHITE

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, April 10—Brotherly Love. I John 4:20, 21.

Tuesday, April 11—Prayer to a Common Father, Matt. 6:9-13.

Wednesday, April 12—Power of God's Word, Heb. 4:12, 13.

Thursday, April 13—Mystery of Godliness, I Tim. 3:16.

Friday, April 14—Jesus Christ, the Foundation, Matt. 16:15-18; I Cor. 3:11.

Sunday, April 15—World Evangelism, Mark 16:15-20.

The Text—Ex. 20:13-17; Matt. 5:1-12.

To the Leader

This is the first of a series of three topics calling attention to certain important elements in church membership. After the great ingathering at Easter, it is very appropriate to consider the essential elements of church membership approved unto God. Protestants are often accused of being careless in the matter of preparing their candidates for church membership and preparing their members for the duties which fall upon them individually in this new relationship. This may explain why many churches lose so many members.

In this first topic we are to consider certain religious beliefs. Space will not permit us to mention all of the religious beliefs entertained by Christians. Time will not permit you to discuss but a few of them. Unless you do some well-directed reading and much careful preparing, you may prove to be an empty bucket for the thirsty travelers in your group. You will note the topic reads "what should," and not "what does," a church member believe. Your pastor can and will cheerfully help you. Take advantage of his systematic training and be guided in the proper channels of thought.

Question for the Open Forum

1. What are the marks of a Christian? A Christian church-member?
2. What have we been taught to believe?
3. What do we believe of what we have been taught to believe?
4. What are we taught in our Apostles' Creed?
5. What is the relationship, if any, between reason and faith?
6. To what extent should a church-member accept church work assigned him?
7. What should be the place of the Bible in a church member's life?
9. What should be the attitude of a church member toward the mid-week service?
10. What is meant by "For me to live is Christ?"
11. What should a church member believe?
12. What helps a church member to discover what he should believe?

The Poet

There is a destiny that makes us brothers:
None goes his way alone:
All that we send into the lives of others
Comes back into our own.

I care not what his temples or his creeds,
One thing holds firm and fast—
That into his fateful heap of days and deeds
The soul of a man is cast.
—Edwin Markham.

Little Gems

He that will believe only what he can fully comprehend must have a very long head or a very short creed.—Colton.

Call your opinions your creed, and you will change it every week. Make your creed simply and broadly out of the revelation of God, and you may keep it to the end.—Phillips Brooks.

I take a whole Christ for my Saviour; I take the whole Bible for my staff; I take the whole church for my fellowship; and I take the whole world for my parish.—St. Augustine.

Belief consists in accepting the affirmations of the soul; unbelief, in denying them. —Emerson.

Topic Hints

Religious Belief.—There is power in religious belief. The attitude of indifference towards religious beliefs results in a lack of religious interest. We have often heard these words from some of the more educated and liberal-minded Christians: "Oh, well, what difference does it make, anyhow, what you believe? It is what you do that counts, not what you believe." The only way to account for such a statement is extreme ignorance or positive indifference to matters of religion. It is upon our real and vital beliefs that we act. Because actions count, beliefs are important. Religious belief is necessary to religious action.

The Bible: "The Bible is the great source book of Christian teaching." It is a record of man's experience with God. These men had a religious experience, acted on that experience, and recorded their movements under the guidance of divine wisdom. Growing out of their experience were instructions and exhortations for succeeding generations. The church member should believe that the Bible is a revelation of God and that the climax of that revelation is in Jesus Christ, God's Son. He should believe that the Bible is divinely inspired and divinely preserved to the end that the yearning soul might be nourished and eternally preserved by it.

The Apostles' Creed: Very early in the Christian Church there was a well-defined "form of doctrine." We find it in the Epistles of Paul and in the works of venerable figures like Ignatius and Polycarp, whose lives overlapped the lives of the Apostles. Their apparent knowledge of fixed form of words would be called a creed today. As time passed by the creed was created and expanded. The Apostles'Creed in its present form first appeared in the writings of a certain Pirminius about the year 730 A.D. It is regarded apostolic in its content rather than in its form. It, like the Christian creed of all varieties, goes back in origin to the very ministry of Jesus. The early creed was most intimately associated with the struggle against heresy which troubled the early Church for several centuries. The Apostles' Creed should claim the attention of church members and its content should become their belief.

Belief in God: "I believe in God" is the first statement found in our church members' creed. No effort is made to prove the existence of God. It is no declaration of opinions, but a statement of vital religious convictions. As the Bible writers were moved to record their religious experiences, so the authors of the creed were urged to write their convictions. It was a statement, not of what men thought, but of what God revealed to them. This first part of the creed states three very definite things about God. First, it declares a belief in the Fatherhood of God. Second, it declares a belief in the almightiness of God. Third, it declares a belief that God is the "maker of heaven and earth."

Belief in Jesus Christ: This second part of the creed contains almost twice as many words as all the rest of the Creed combined. It declares a belief in His being the Son of God, in His divine conception, in His virgin birth, in His suffering, crucifixion, death, and burial. It declares a belief in His resurrection, in His being at the right hand of God, in His coming to judge the quick and the dead. This declaration meant more to the early Christians than a confidence in the veracity of the history and prophecy stated in their creed. Their experience with Christ moved their hearts and pens to state their convictions. The church member should, like the early Christians, believe in the declaration set forth in this section.

Belief in the Holy Spirit: The third section of the Apostles' Creed deals with the Holy Spirit. "God the Father originated the plan of salvation; Jesus Christ the Son executed it; the Holy Spirit administers it." It declares a belief in the Church as a creation of the Holy Spirit and as the organism through which the Holy Spirit operates. It declares a belief in the forgiveness of sins which is the real work of the Holy Spirit in the Church. One can see that the forgiveness of sins is indeed the great issue with which the whole Creed deals. It declares a belief in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Our creed begins with the declaration, "I believe in God the Father Almighty." It ends with the glorious affirmation that we shall one day share the divine life. The church member should believe in these declarations which are based on God's word, the bread of life.

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A REPLY.

By less than any word you speak
To trouble selfhood at the root
I am aware that what I seek
Is doubtful and imperfect fruit.
And this small reed—How shall I draw
Its slender wisdom to the sea,
Who still must fashion in the low
That marks my own identity?
I am aware how great below,
How vast above the heavens are;
The purged humility I know
Who ride the pinpoint of a star.
But though blood brother to the sod,
I find the worth no less in me:
All dust is avenue to God,
And winged is all mortality.
—Carl Edwin Burklund, in the Lyric.

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Rev. and Mrs. C. P. Morris of Efland announce the birth of a son, Jerome Philip, on Wednesday, April 5, at Watts hospital, Durham. Mrs. Morris was the former Myra Vaden, of Danville, Virginia.

MISSIONARY COLUMN

MRS. R. M. ANDREWS, Editor
607 Guilford Avenue
Greensboro, N. C.

THANK-OFFERING

Amount previously reported—Fall		$ 874.40
Amount previously reported for February	$1,089.95	
Thomasville, Community	10.00	
Creswell	2.00	
Center, Alamance	7.75	
Rock Creek	5.00	
Union Ridge	4.00	
High Point, additional	.50	
Asheboro, Mrs. Hammer	7.00	
Total Feb. Thank-Offering		1,126.20
Total to date		$2,000.60

MRS. C. L. KEARNS, Treasurer,
N. C. Branch, Women's Work.
March 31, 1939.

MINNIS FUND

Amount previously reported	$1,257.74
Flat Rock, Vance	1.00
Junior and Senior Philathea classes, "Love Gift"	35.00
Pleasant Grove, Davidson charge, additional "Love Gift"	2.00
Lebanon, "Love Gift"	2.00
Dr. and Mrs. Andrews, West End, Greensboro	2.00
Charlotte, Richland	2.00
Miss Mary Wills, Grace, "Love Gift"	1.06
Bethesda, N. D., "Love Gift"	6.85
Canaan, N. D., "Love Gift"	5.00
Harmony	2.00
Thomasville, Community	50.00
Hope Church	49.34
Bethany, Randolph	1.00
Bethesda	2.15
Flat Rock	1.08
Total Minnis Salary	$1,420.16

MRS. C. L. KEARNS, Treasurer.
N. C. Branch Women's Work.
March 31, 1939.

ENFIELD AUXILIARY REPORT

During the Auxiliary year of 1938-39, the Auxiliary has held its 12 regular meetings, including two inspirational thank-offerings.

All regular meeetings have been conducted after the plans of the guide book, and the thank-offering services were held in accordance with the program outlined in the Missionary Record with an average attendance of 20.

Two new members were enrolled, but death claimed our greatly beloved and oldest member, Mrs. W. D. Bustin, which leaves an enrollment of 42 — one membership larger than last year.

With the cooperation of this group, we have kept the parsonage in repair, clothed Lessie Price, sent delegates to Branch and District meetings, sent two girls to Leadership Training School, showered one bride, remembered in a special way our pastor and two elderly members on their birthdays, made contributions to the Children's Home on home-coming day, accumulated Octagon coupons for the Children's Home, held study class meetings, observed bundle day for Pine Ridge, and observed World Day of Prayer.

Our social service has been thoughtful of humanity's needs through 800 visits, 127 trays, 236 flowers, 20 funeral flowers, 367 cards, 246 telephone calls, 10 baskets of groceries, 12 Christmas baskets to shut-ins, 36 quarts of milk, and 25 nights of nursing.

Through various means of securing money, we have met all pledges and all requirements of the Efficiency Chart, enabling us, we hope, to maintain our usual standard—an Honor Auxiliary.

But in reflecting over the year's work, the close marks a distinction from previous years, inasmuch as we are perhaps closing the last full year as a Methodist Protestant Auxiliary. And just as we have been loyal, may we as individuals and a group see the broader field ahead and pledge ourselves to increased loyalty in the Women's Work of New Methodism.

MRS. MYRA F. MANN.

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RECEIVED ON SUBSCRIPTIONS

Rev. C. G. Isley, Porter church	$3.50
Mrs. J. A. Gunn, Reidsville	2.00
By Pastor Ballard	
D. R. Isley, Mt. Hermon charge	1.00
Mrs. Graham Isley, Mt. Hermon charge	2.00
Mrs. Clifton Sharpe, Mt. Hermon charge	1.00
Mrs. George Holt, Mt. Hermon charge	1.00
Mrs. Robert Overman, Mt. Hermon chg.	.50
By Mrs. Washington Johnson.	
Miss Kathleen Shearin, Halifax charge	1.00
Mrs. E. T. Ellington, Halifax charge	1.00
O. B. Furr, Mill Grove church	2.00
J. F. Furr, Mill Grove church	1.00
L. W. McCoy, Mill Grove church	1.00
By Pastor Cook.	
Mrs. W. R. Carter, Littleton charge	1.00
Rev. D. D. Broome, Littleton charge	1.00
Miss May Shearin, Littleton charge	.50
By Pastor Broome.	
Claud D. Tedder, Guilford charge	1.00
Mrs. Aurie Kirkman, Mt. Pleasant chg.	2.00
Mrs. Elmer Smith, Mt. Pleasant charge	1.00
By Pastor Braxton.	
Rev. T. E. Strickland, First, Charlotte	1.00
Mrs. C. E. Dewese, First, Charlotte	1.00
Mrs. M. W. Hinson, First, Charlotte	1.00
Mrs. W. A. McCall, First, Charlotte	2.00
Mrs. B. W. Little, First, Charlotte	2.00
Mrs. Leon Blake, First, Charlotte	2.00
Mrs. J. M. Fowler, First, Charlotte	1.00
Mrs. J. M. Muse, First, Charlotte	1.00
By Pastor Strickland.	
Mrs. R. L. Cagle, Asheboro	1.00
By Pastor Taylor.	
R. E. Brinkley, West End, Thomasville	.50
Mrs. L. C. Sadbey, W. End, Thomasville	.50
By L. Binkley.	
C. C. Hemphill, Randolph charge	1.00
By Pastor Isley.	
R. M. Cox, Forsyth charge	2.00
Misses Johnsie and Dorothy Davis, Richland charge	2.00
By Pastor Grant.	
Miss Sallie Barrow, Kernersville charge	1.50
Mrs. J. W. Frazier, Kernersville charge	1.00
Mrs. George Higgins, Kernersville chg.	.50
Sent by Pastor Way.	
Mrs. J. A. Cooper, Siler City	1.00
Mrs. D. L. Johnson, Siler City	1.00
Mrs. C. E. Brady, Siler City	1.00
Evans Stone, Siler City	1.00
Miss Sallie Smith, Siler City	1.00
Sent by Miss Smith.	
J. H. Allen, on Annual Conference Subsidy	100.00

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Woman's Aux., Foss, Okla., for shoes	$ 2.00
The Ladies, Fordland, Mo., for shoes	.50
Mrs. Lane, Winston-Salem, for shoes	3.00
Whitakers Chapel, Enfield	5.00
Kannapolis S. S.	7.40
The Ladies class, Kannapolis S. S.	5.00
First church S. S., Winston-Salem	12.00
Graham S. S.	11.85
Cedar Cliff S. S., Mt. Hermon	1.48
Mt. Pleasant S. S., Mt. Pleasant	9.50
Concord S. S., Saxapahaw	3.92
State St. S. S., Lexington	3.83
Mrs. Williams, Concord, for her children	6.00
Fairfield S. S., Guilford	3.00
Siler City S. S.	5.00
First Church S. S., Lexington	5.00
Denton S. S.	6.20
Sapling Ridge S. S., Alamance	3.26
Bessemer City S. S.	1.00
Pleasant Hill S. S., Spring Church	2.02
Mill Grove S. S., Midland	3.00
Level Cross S. S., Lebanon	1.93
Worthville S. S., Randleman	10.00
Mt. Moriah S. S., Cleveland	1.00
Grace S. S., Greensboro	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Smith, Greensboro, personal	5.00
Woman's Aux., Monett, Mo., for shoes	.50
New Zion, Why Not	4.00
Mt. Lebanon S. S., Randleman	7.05
The Ladies, Dimondale, Mich., for shoes	2.25
Mrs. Ida M. Reibold, Baltimore, Md., for shoes	3.00
Mr. H. L. Horton, Pittsburgh, personal	6.00
New Hope, Vance	2.00
Friendship, Friendship-Love's Grove	7.28
Miss Ethel Brown, Neoga, Ill., personal	5.03
One of the Circles, Burlington, First church, for shoes	3.00
Woman's Aux., Enfield, for shoes	2.50
The Ladies, Opelika, Ala., for shoes	2.00
The Ladies, Bolivia, Mo., for shoes	.50
Young Ladies, Victory Memorial, Indianapolis, Ind., for shoes	1.50
Tabernacle, West Forsyth	2.00
The Ladies, Harger Memorial, Detroit, for shoes	3.00
The Ladies, Muncie, Ind., for shoes	2.50
St. Paul S. S., Greensboro, March and April	12.00
Woman's Aux., Denton, for shoes	2.00
Liberty S. S., Davidson	1.00
Yarborough's Chapel S. S.	1.49
Community S. S., Thomasville	10.00
Community Baraca class, clothing child	5.00
Flag Springs S. S., Why Not	2.00
Concord S. S.	20.00
N. C. Branch, by the Treasurer	191.40
Duke Endowment for 1938	2,230.56

Clothing and Other Gifts

Julian, 40 half-fallon cans of fruit and vegetables.

Caroleen, 17 chickens and 1 duck for Easter Sunday dinner: a number of packages of clothing for individual children for Easter.

We are profoundly thankful to all who contrbuted in any may to help make the above report possible. We had a happy lot

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FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Hawkins Chapel Church, Littleton Charge, D. D. Broome, Pastor.—Fourth Sunday evening Brother Broome brought a message from Hebrews 11:23-25.

First Sunday morning, in the absence of our class leader, Mr. C. F. Hawkins, Mr. W. B. Allsbrook of Roanoke Rapids, N. C., brought to us a speech, his subject, "Life." This message will surely be a guide to those who sit under the sound of his voice in helping to write a book of life.

Second Sunday morning we had an Easter program which was very good. Leader, Mrs Baldy Greene, assistants, Mrs. Willie Grey Mitchell, Mrs. Philip Hawkins, and Miss Eunice Greene. After the program. Brother Broome made a short speech and the offering was taken.

The Ladies' Aid met with Mrs. Ambrose Pittard March 15. Mrs. Claude Hawkins had charge of the program. Miss Virginia Hawkins read the scripture. The Lord's Prayer was led by Mrs. Broome, a paper read by Mrs. Claude Hawkins, "Two Types of Ladies' Aid Members." Business was discussed and refreshments served. We will meet with Miss Esther Hawkins Thursday evening. April 20. Miss Grace Pittard has charge of the program.

Glad Mr. Willis Hawkins, who underwent an operation for appendicitis, was able to be back at church Sunday. Sorry to note Mr. Fitzhugh Hawkins has been in the Roanoke Rapids hospital for some time; however, he returned home last week, which was good news to his many friends. But we learned Sunday he would have to return Monday for examination; the doctors said they might find it necessary for him to remain again. We hope for him a speedy and complete recovery.

Pink Pepper (a nickname) as most people know him, was in a car accident and is in the Roanoke Rapids hospital. We hope for him to return home soon.

MRS. CLAUDE HAWKINS, Reporter.

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Liberty Hill, Anderson Charge, Rev. T. M. Johnson, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointments Sunday morning, bringing a very helpful and inspiring message.

We were indeed glad to have Rev. Palmer Leonard of Greer, S. C., who is pastor of the Burnsview Baptist church, to be with us Sunday morning. He taught the young ladies' class, bringing a wonderful talk. The young men's class joined the young ladies' class to hear Mr. Leonard bring the Sunday school lesson. We welcome Mr. Leonard back any time.

The Easter program was rendered Sunday night with a splendid program. It just thrilled us so much to hear the small children saying their poems and singing. We appreciate the work and kindness of the leaders and all who took part in any way in the Easter program.

The regular prayer meeting will be held Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. Palmer Leonard promised to be there and conduct the prayer service.

We were proud to get the April Bulletin from our pastor. These Bulletins are very helpful to us and this one is about Easter, showing on it pictures and the Cross, a symbol of sacrificial service, and the lily, a symbol of life and purity. There were five paragraphs telling the meaning, Two Great Events, The Four Gospels, Nature's Setting for Jesus' Resurrection, and the Angel said: "He is risen; He is not here; behold the place where they laid Him."

The quarterly conference was held Saturday p.m. at Liberty Hill, with many discussions and plans made.

We were indeed glad to have Arthur Nalley and sister Lavenia, from Fairview church in our community for the week-end. Mr. Nalley has returned home from the Panama Canal where he has been for some time.

Our Sunday school, by the help of our kind and faithful superintendent, is still progressing. The total attendance Sunday morning was 139. The average of attendance for the last three months was 110. We hope the average will be lots higher the next three months as the weather is getting prettier, and we trust the Sunday school will grow more and more.

The Ganus Brothers quartet, of Georgia rendered a program of gospel and sacred music Sunday afternoon, which was very good. They are planning to be here again Saturday night, starting a music school for our church and community. They teach voice and all kinds of instruments. We do hope that there will be a large number to take the course, as we feel this is a great opportunity for the young people, as well as the older ones, for the upbuilding of our singing and music for the church. We welcome each and every one. The Ganus Brothers quartet is heard every Tuesday p.m. at 12:35 o'clock over W. S. P. A., Spartanburg, S. C. We were glad to have the Jones Sisters also, of Greenville, S. C., to render several songs for us. We appreciated the offering of $4.00 from the Sunday school to go to the Children's Home at High Point.

The Beginners and Juniors Sunday school class and the Junior Christian Endeavor society had an egg hunt at the church grounds Saturday afternoon. Miss Anita McClimon, finding the most eggs, received a gift from the leaders.

The picture of our church was taken by Mrs. Hooper, of Spartanburg, S. C., who helped plan the setting and planting of the shrubbery and flowers on the church ground last spring, and she had it put in the Spartanburg Herald. We are proud of our church and its loyal members who worked so faithfully in helping beautify the church and its grounds. Everything is looking beautiful now, as it is budding and putting forth green leaves and blooms.

MRS. JOHN D. McCLIMON, Reporter.

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Yarborough's Chapel, T. H. Vickery, Pastor, April 7.—There has not been a report from our church for quite a while, but we have been working and praying during this time.

There has been so much sickness in our church, it has kept us busy visiting them and trying to help them in our feeble way. We have been greatly saddened since our last report by the death of one of our members, Mr. A. M. Watson, and the father of some of our members, Mr. Edward Crook. Our hearts go out in deep sympathy for their families.

We have had some little work done on our church for the last few weeks, and are planning to recover it in the near future.

Our young people's meeting is moving along nicely. When we organized we had an enrollment of only 16; that was December 18, 1938. Now we have 33 members, all of whom seem to become more interested from Sunday to Sunday.

We gave the children an egg hunt on the church grounds Thursday afternoon, which they enjoyed very much.

Now that spring is here, let us all set out with new vigor and try to attend service every Sunday, and do our best to accomplish more for our Master than ever before.

LUCILLE GOSSETT, Reporter.

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Seagrove, Seagrove-Love Joy Charge.—Our pastor, Rev. J. H. Trolinger, filled his regular appointment Sunday at 11 a.m. He delivered a splendid message on the Resurrection. An Easter program was rendered Sunday night.

Sunday school is growing steadily. There were 95 present last Sunday.

The March meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary met with Mrs. Trolinger. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. A. C. Harris; vice-presidents, Mrs. D. J. Johnson and Mrs. J. M. Greene; secretary, Mrs. W. C. Auman; program committee, Mrs. J. M. Greene, Mrs. S. G. Richardson, and Mrs. D. J. Johnson; reporter, Mrs. Noah Williams; secretary of spiritual life, Mrs. C. H. Russell; secretary of missionary education, Mrs. L. A. King; secretary of Christian education, Mrs. J. M. Greene; secretary of stewardship and benevolences, Mrs. C. E. King; secretary of temperance and Christian citizenship, Mrs. S. G. Richardson; secretary of thank-offering, Mrs. D. J. Johnson; secretary of literature, Mrs. Noah Williams; pastor's aid secretary, Mrs. Nettie Allen; secretary of young people's work, Miss Vera Williams.

Last Monday afternoon a weiner roast was served to the Sunday school members on the church lawn.

Mr. Tasker Williams, of Littleton, is spending a few days with Rev. and Mrs. Trolinger.

MRS. NOAH WILLIAMS, Reporter.

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Central Church, Asheboro, Dr. S. W. Taylor, Pastor.—The Woman's Auxiliary brought to a grand climax their year's work by giving the men and boys of the church a Father and Son banquet, March 30. Mr. Robert W. Wood acted as toastmaster and a program of music and short talks by local people was interesting. Rev. N. M. Harrison brought to a close the delightful evening by showing pictures of Florida, Cuba, and High Point College.

The past four weeks were known as a tithing period in an effort to raise the balance of our $940 for Appreciation Year. The committee in charge hopes to report at an early date this amount paid in full.

Much interest was manifested in Loyalty and Dedication weeks running through March and including Easter Sunday. The sermons by the pastor, the Holy Week services led up to Easter, and it was a beautiful sight to see 12 persons kneeling at the chancel dedicating themselves in church membership. They were: Mrs. C. C. Newman, Vance Newman, Therell Brown, William Gray Lloyd, Maxton Elliott, Tyrus Whitley, Anna Jean Bulla, Leland Jane Thomas, Joseph Redding Bulla, Juanita Lassiter, Julian Huntley, and Charles Hector Rich.

The Denomination Program, with a number of children participating, was given at the Sunday school hour. The offering amounted to $27.77. The beauty of the church added to the sacredness of the day. A large rugged cross was in the background and the altar was banked with Easter lilies. After the services these flowers were carried to sick and shut-ins of the community. A large and worshipful congregation heard the pastor's hope-filled message on "Easter Weeping and Easter Rejoicing."

At 7:30 o'clock our young people's choir, under the direction of Mrs. Robert W. Wood, delighted us with the following program:

Prelude.
Hymn No. 220—"Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned" (Stennett).
Scripture Lesson—Mark 16:9-20.
Offertory, "May Nights" (Palmgren), Lacy Lewis, Jr.
"The Lord Is Risen Today" (Vail), "Behold How He Loves Us" (Chandler), the Choir.
Violin Solo: "Salute d'Amour" (E. Edgar), James Hendrix.
"Low in the Grave" (Lowry), "My Friend of Calvary" (Lorenz), "Hark the Bells" (Truselle), the Choir.
Piano Solo: "Moonlight Sonata," (Beethoven), S. W. Taylor, Jr.
"Lift Up Your Heads" (Fearis), "Rejoice, the Lord Is Risen" (Coerne), the Choir.
Soloists—Edna Mae Winningham; S. W. Taylor, Jr.
Hymn No. 479: "Jesus Shall Reign" (Watts).
Benediction.
Postlude.

Mrs. S. L. Hayworth continues a patient in Memorial hospital, Winston-Salem. Mrs. J. F. Lamb is a patient in a local hospital, and Rev. W. F. McDowell is ill at his home here. We hope for them all a speedy recovery.

MISS ESTHER ROSS.

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West End, Greensboro, Dr. R. M. Andrews, Pastor.—On Sunday evening, April 9, "The Song of Triumph," Easter Cantata, was presented to an appreciative audience. The choir of 25 voices was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Virginia Hadley and directed by M. H. Waynick, Jr.

Circles met Monday, April 4—No. 1 with Mrs. W. V. Routh, Randleman road, with attendance of 21; No. 2 with Mrs. Paul A. Burns, Monday evening, having 15 present. Much interest was shown in planning the new year's work, spiritually and materially.

Following morning worship Sunday, April 3, the new officers for the Women's Auxiliary were installed in an inspiring and effective manner by Mrs. R. M. Andrews and Mrs. C. C. Lemonds, retiring president.

Recognition was made of all church members who made 100 points in the "Loyalty Campaign" during the month of March by the pastor, Dr. Andrews.

The Women's Auxiliary met Monday evening at the church, with Mrs. Jack Newman, new president, in the chair. Mrs. Jack Kimrey used "Prayer" as her devotional topic.

Delegates going to High Point for the annual meeting of the women's work of the North Carolina conference are Mrs. C. O. Love and Mrs. S. H. Stapleton. A number of others are going over for the two-day session, headed by Mrs. R. M. Andrews.

Dr. Andrews has planned a "Church Members' Visitation" for next week. The circle chairmen are cooperating with him, and all those visiting as well as those visited will, we are sure, be greatly benefited.

We extend sympathy to one of our members, Mrs. L. A. Michael, in the loss of her husband the past week, and to those of our number who are sick we hope for speedy recovery.

MILDRED STAPLETON, Reporter.

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Pine Bluff Church, Rev. C. G. Isley, Pastor.—Our Easter sunrise service held at the church Easter morning was a great surprise, as there were more people than we were expecting. I feel sure that all who attended earned something he or she did not know about the meaning of Easter.

We as a church are proud to say that our amount for World Service is now paid in full, and we can go into the new union with this deft off our hands; and as for the ones who raised this amount, we want to thank the Ladies' Auxiliary for their splendid piece of work.

CLIFFORD BARBEE, Reporter.

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Ringwood, Halifax Charge, W. M. Howard, Jr., Pastor.—We had our regular service Sunday p.m., April 9, with President J. E. Pritchard in charge. We were very glad to have Dr. Pritchard with us for our Easter service. He brought us a wonderful message. It was nice for those who knew him and hadn't seen him for years to meet with him again, and for those that didn't know him to meet him. We hope that he will make a visit to our church again soon. We were also glad to have visitors from Bethesda church. Come again.

Mr. Howard was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Neville Sunday. We would like to have had Dr. Pritchard also.

The Episcopal church had weekly Lenten service during Lent. Mr. Howard was the speaker on Friday night, March 24. He gave the congregation an interesting talk. We were glad to have him visit our church. He was the guest of Misses Williams at supper that night.

MRS. E. V. NEVILLE.

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Concord, Rev. E. O. Peeler, Pastor.—Since our last report we are so glad to welcome some new brothers and sisters into our church family. On Sunday, March 26, Mr. Dudley Beverley joined with us and last Sunday Sybil and Christine Winecoff and Mr. Leon Ketner joined with us. Sunday morning we enjoyed our beautiful sunrise service. The church was decorated so very pretty, and the singing was the sweetest I think I have ever heard, and the program was entitled "Thomas and the Risen Lord." Then at our morning service our hearts were made so happy when our pastor presented to the church a beautiful pulpit Bible given by Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ketner. Our thank-offering service was held on Sunday night of the 26th of March. This was a very helpful service. We all enjoyed the picture very much that Mr. Peeler borrowed from Rev. Mr. Ballard.

Our quarterly conference will be held on next Sunday afternoon. A series of services will start next Sunday at our church.

Our hearts were made sad last Saturday with Mrs. Lottie Brown Litaker when death came and took her mother almost suddenly. They will miss her presence, but what a comforting thought to know she was such a good woman and a wonderful mother. Death also claimed one of our Baraca men suddenly, Mr. Will Cox. Our love and sympathy go out to these dear families. Several of our women will attend the Branch meeting of the Women's Work at High Point.

BERTHA EARNHARDT, Reporter.

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First Church, Danville, Va., Rev. G. L. Reynolds, Pastor.—Welcome to our church, Mr. Willie Bass, Earl Sides, and George Sides, Jr.! We certainly were glad to see these young boys join the church and take the stand for Christ in their early youth. We enjoyed hearing Mr. A. D. Shelton, of Greensboro, during the 10 days revival, and also having him and our pastor in the homes for meals. We hope Mr. Shelton will come back often, and that he will always feel at home in Danville, where a cordial welcome awaits him at all times. We also appreciate Mrs. Alma Booth helping with our revival music.

The Christian Endeavor society is beginning plans for entertaining mothers on the Saturday night prior to Mother's Day. This will be a different form of honoring the mothers from any that we have used so far, so you mothers who want to have a good time are extended an invitation to be with the Christian Endeavor society Saturday night, May 13, at 8 p.m., at the home of Mr. Ryland Stephens on Keen street. The 13th may be an unlucky day, but we'll promise you won't be sorry you came.

Congratulations and best wishes for happiness and success to Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Jackson, who were married last Saturday

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night, April 8. Mrs. Jackson was formerly Miss Virginia Fowler, pianist for the church. Easter not only brought eggs and rabbits for the children, but it brought brides, grooms, and visitors to church. Mr. and Mrs. William Green, and Mr. Pat Saunders, of Lynchburg, Va., worshiped with us at the Sunday school hour, and we were so happy to have them join with us in the adoration of our risen Lord.

The Ladies' Auxiliary has purchased a silver-plated baptismal bowl to present to the church. They have worked hard saving pennies, nickels and dimes for some time, and the church as a whole wishes to thank them for this beautiful bowl.

ELEANOR TANNER, Reporter.

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First Church, Lexington, L. E. Mabry, Pastor.—We held our Easter pageant last Sunday morning entitled "The Festival of Life." There was a very large congregation at this ~~service. Everyone seemed to enjoy~~ this impressive program very much. At the night service Rev. Mr. Mabry gave a talk on the famous picture of "The Last Supper," by Leonardo da Vinci. This picture was placed before the congregation and a talk was given about each of the disciples, our Lord, and the artist of the picture.

A play is to be given at our church Saturday, April 15, at 7:30 o'clock, entitled "The Old-Fashioned Mother." Our pastor has directed this play in several high schools and stated that this is one of the best plays he has seen. The play is to be given by the Second Presbyterian church of Lexington.

The two men's classes of our Sunday school have united into one class beginning last Sunday morning. Mr. Phonse Bean will be the teacher and Mr. Cicero Hedrick will be the assistant teacher.

We are very sorry to report that some of our members have lost loved ones during the past two weeks. Mr. Cicero Hedrick's mother died here at her daughter's home two weeks ago. Mrs. Waitman was buried at the Shiloh cemetery.

Mr. William McBride and Mrs. W. L. Aaron's father, Mr. J. M. McBride, died last Tuesday at his home near Churchland. He was buried at Churchland Missionary Baptist church cemetery. Rev. Mr. Mabry assisted in both of the funeral services.

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Haw River Circuit.—You who may have read my last letter are perhaps wondering what happened to the Friendship building project. There seemed to be so little interest in the project as it was presented that we have adandoned it. However, we have discovered what the folks don't want, and in discovering that have found out what they do want. The upshot of that is: a committee has been appointed to undertake an entirely new building project; no addition to an old building, moved to a new site; but a new building on a new site. We expect to get busy on plans, costs, and the raising of the money, as soon as the Uniting Conference is over. I am personally very happy that the folks have made this decision, even though they arrived at it by a process of elimination.

Ordinarily the early appointment — 10:00 o'clock—at the churches on this charge is not as well attended as the later, 11:30, one. But last Sunday, at Friendship, and yesterday, at Midway, the attendance was extra large. I do not know what the attendance was at the Sunday school sessions following the preaching appointment at Friendship, but there were 108 present yesterday at Midway, which is something of a record.

An interesting feature of the Sunday school session at Midway yesterday was the gift of eggs to the children of the Children's Home by the children of the Sunday school. I do not know just how many there are in a basket—a large one—but it's pretty well filled. And maybe the children over at the Home will be filled when they eat them.

Fair Grove and Midway Sunday schools held Easter exercises yesterday. Fair Grove at the preaching hour, in the morning, and Midway at night. The offering at Fair Grove was a little less than last year. The offering at Midway almost doubled that of last year. I have not heard from the other two churches and so cannot report what they did, although I am hoping they did as well as Midway.

Several of the women folks plan to attend the Branch meeting at High Point this week. The Auxiliary made a fine record. The apportionment was $100, but $172 was raised. Included in this is $56 for the Minnis Salary fund, for which Mrs. Bates made herself responsible. (Perhaps I should say, she made herself responsible for $25 and raised $56.) While the year has been successful financially, it has been worth much to the women in the fellowshsip and inspiration they have gotten out of the meetings.

C. W. BATES, Pastor.

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DAILY PRAYER

If I can do some good to-day,
If I can serve along life's way,
If I can something helpful say,
Lord, show me how.
If I can right a human wrong,
If I can help to make one strong,
If I can cheer with smile or song,
Lord, show me how.
If I can aid one in distress,
If I can make a burden less,
If I can spread more happiness,
Lord, show me how.
If I can do a kindly deed,
If I can help someone in need,
If I can sow a fruitful seed,
Lord, show me how.
If I can feed a hungry heart,
If I can give a better start,
If I can fill a nobler part,
Lord, show me how.

—Grenville Kleiser.

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THANKFULNESS

I'm thankful for the dawn of day,
For useful work and buoyant play;
I'm thankful for the faith of friends,
For humble heart that condescends.

I'm thankful for the trees and flowers,
For sapphire seas and cooling showers,
I'm thankful for the world of books,
For chanting birds and purling brooks.

I'm thankful for the sun at noon,
For silent stars and crescent moon;
I'm thankful for the gift of prayer,
For blessings I can freely share.

I'm thankful for the right to live,
For daily chance to serve and give;
I'm thankful most to God above
For His protecting, perfect love.

Grenville Kleiser.

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Here are some important tips on tires recommended at the meeting of the Society of Automotive Engineers for use by operators of large fleets of buses and trucks, whose yearly investment in tires outranks that of the average motorist a thousand to one. They apply also to passenger cars.

1. If you wish to increase the nonskid life of your tires from 15 to 30 per cent, keep them at the proper inflation by weekly checkups. Running even four pounds below proper pressure on the tires of a passenger car may mean as much as 16 per cent loss in tread-wear.

2. When the tread wears smooth get a complete retread job. By this you can obtain from 70 to 80 per cent of the original mileage, said J. E. Hale of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company. For a tire with a tread life of 20,000 mile retreading should bring the total mileage up near 35,000. Taxicab companies do this regularly and expect their tire casing to be retreaded at least two or three times. The cost of a good retread job is about half the cost of the original tire.

3. Realize that high speed driving cuts tire mileage. Rubber is much less resistant to wear when warm than when cold. A 4-ply tire on a medium priced motor car has the air temperature in the tube increased by something over 70 degrees when traveling 65 miles an hour, due to the heat generated by the continual and rapid flexing of the tire. In terms of pressure this temperature rise means an increase of 5 pounds per square inch.—Science News Letter.

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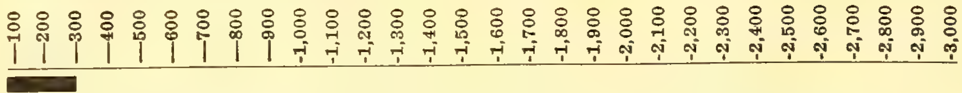

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OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

I want to say something more in regard to having more helpers in the Home. I think we should have more experienced helpers. It is all right to have the older children to be helpers, provided there are enough of older helpers to teach them how to do the work, and also teach them how to save to make the most of what they have. I found that it is a most difficult thing in Children's Homes to get them to realize and appreciate the good things that are sent in to them. So many of us, when things come easy, it seems to be perfectly natural that we do not realize the self-denial of some who have made it possible for us to have so many nice things. So in a Home where so many different homes go to make up the Children's Home, it takes precept upon precept and line upon line to remind children of their dependence and appreciation of others. We must teach and train them. They must be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord to build Christian character. I do not think recreation will build Christian character, but I do know that Daniel purposed in his heart not to defile himself with the things that would not strengthen his body; and that was the secret of his wisdom and Christian character; not recreation but pure, holy living. Daniel denied himself and all you Bible readers know what happened to him in only ten days time.

Then again I feel there is too much stress put on recreation. Some of us older people had enough recreation when we went to school and walked three and four miles and did the work that was ours in the home morning and evening. I do think if we can not have more help in the Home, we should not have so many in our care. It is not enough to put food and clothe children, but the child's soul is the most important thing. The question is, can we provide for all that we have in our care, and have we lifted the responsibility off some ones and are responsible for accepting more than we can, and are providing for; in other words, have we bit off more than we can chew? We find in I Timothy 5:8, "But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel."

So in closing, let us try to do what we know is the most needed at the present, which I think must be to build Christian character, which I feel would be much honor if we have a fund in honor of Mr. H. A. Garrett and could be called the Garrett fund separate and apart from all other collections.

MARTHA PARSONS.

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OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

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of children on Easter; for nearly all of them had something new to wear, and they looked well in their Easter attire. All of them join in this expression of appreciation for your care of them.

The Duke Endowment gift this year is $1,062 short of last year's gift, but it is about the usual annual gift. This will enable us to balance our budget as of April 1st, and then we must depend upon your gifts for the next seven months.

Yours in His service,
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Still the Pioneers

(The Old Frontier's Word to the Uniting Methodists)

By Dorothy Brown Thompson

Here where the voice of power was mighty in the land,
Where bison hooves beat thunder as hunted herds were thinned,
The smokes of council signals moved ever back and back,
As prairies took the white-man's brand-a wavered wagon track.

They ploughed the long grass under; they fenced each man his field;
They suffered flood and dust storm, and neither made them yield;
They knew guerilla raidings and dread of border wars,
An grimly took their losses, and did not count the scars.

Abreast of every danger and stern frontier released,
In every group a leader, came preacher and came priest,
Who rode their threatened circuits, who broke the stubborn sod,
And held their flocks through hazard, to decency and God.

Now do their children's children—so is the dream fulfilled—
Live in the strong assurance their father's faith had willed;
Their homes spread wide to plenty, their city's towers rear
A prosperous dismissal to yesterday's frontier.

Yet judge you not too swiftly the pioneer is gone,
His dreams live in his children, and still their word is "On"
Where teacher followed trapper, where hard-won missions stood,
They still are pioneering for larger brotherhood.

In reaches of the spirit they stake out God's own claims
Against the pull of habits, the tyranny of names;
And staunch to a disordered world, is worthily begun
Their long-due answer to that prayer—"that these may be one."

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Brother L. L. Wren Ill

Brother L. L. Wren of Siler City, one of our lay delegates to the Uniting Conference is ill and will not be able to attend the conference. This, of course comes as a great disappointment to Brother Wren who for a long period of years has been very active in the affairs of the church. Inasmuch as Brother Wren cannot attend Brother J. H. Allen of Reidsville, the first alternate, has been called to go in place of Brother Wren. In addition to the illness of Brother Wren sorrow has come to the family in the passing of Mrs. Wren's father, Mr. Marcel Folley, aged 93 years, on Monday night of this week.

Continue to Raise Delegates' Expenses

Since the entire amount asked for delegates' expenses to the Uniting Conference evidently has not yet been raised I am urging churches which have not raised this fund yet to continue to put forth the effort. It will be better to get this fund in to Treasurer Allen somewhat later than not to send it in at all. So, pastors and churches, do not fail us at this time.

Time Growing Short For Raising World Service

Again I am reminding our churches that the time is growing short in which to complete raising World Service. To make certain that this fund gets to the General Conference Treasurer by April 30th, the end of the General Conference year, it will be necessary to put this money in the mails by next Monday, April 24th. This money must go first to Mr. J. H. Allen, the Treasurer of our Annual Conference and he will send it to headquarters. Now that Mr. Allen is going to the Uniting Conference I am presuming that he is making all necessary arrangements for this fund to be handled in his absence.

Appreciation Year Certificates

Dr. Taylor who is chairman of the Southeastern Area of the Appreciation Year Campaign tells me that the certificates are ready for the churches which have raised the fund in full. As Dr. Taylor and I will be away attending the Uniting Conference for the next few weeks I suggest that the matter of mailing out the certificate wait until we return.

A Sunday Morning At Grace Church

Last Sunday morning was spent with Grace Church in Greensboro, Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, pastor. This has been one of our most important churches for a long period of years. This church originally was in South Greensboro but later was moved more nearly to the center. Still later it was changed to the present location some few blocks to the northwest of the business part of the city. The building is one of the most expensive and beautiful in the conference. But this is somewhat offset by the heavy debt which the congregation is trying to handle. The fact of the heavy indebtedness has kept the church from taking the lead in financial matters concerning the Conference and the General Church in recent years. Brother Carroll has done fine work in helping the people to solve their problems. He is very popular not only with his own church but with the people of Greensboro generally. There was a fine congregation present last Sunday morning and it was an inspiration to preach to them. I trust they may continue to find joy in carrying forward the work of the Kingdom that has been committed to their hands.

A Sunday Evening At Calvary

Last Sunday evening was spent with the Calvary church in Greensboro, Rev. R. C. Stubbins, pastor. This church will be fifteen years old the last of this month. A large number of the charter members came from Grace Church when that church moved to its new location. It was thought then that a church should be established in South Greensboro. So a new congregation was formed and a new building was erected. While this church has not grown as rapidly as some of us thought it would yet it is one of our best and most progressive churches. While the building did not cost as much as the one at Grace yet the debt was once quite a load, however, it has been reduced from time to time and soon it will be paid in full. The regular payments twice each year on the principal remain the same but the interest charges have been greatly lessened. If my memory serves me correctly in 1941 the payments are to end. This will be a glad day for this church. Then they can go ahead and build more Sunday school rooms which are badly needed. This church now has its fourth pastor, the date Dr. Gerringer having served this church for three years, Dr. Bates six, the writer four and Brother Stubbins is serving his second. A splendid congregation assembled last Sunday evening and it was a pleasure to be present and to preach to them. Brother Stubbins is popular with his people as he always is and things seem to be moving nicely. I trust they may continue to have good success.

The Uniting Conference

On Wednesday morning of next week the Uniting Conference which is to merge our Church and the M. E. Church and M. E. South into one large denomination will meet in Kansas City, Missouri. Our fourteen delegates are to be housed in the Robert E. Lee Hotel right near the auditorium where the meeting will be held. Any one wishing to communicate with any one of our delegates can do so by addressing that person in care of the Robert E. Lee Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri. Please remember that this conference is meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, and not in Kansas City, Kansas. At this conference great issues are to be decided. It is true that the plan of Union adopted by the three denominations guarantees the general principles to be incorporated into the new church but many details must be worked out and much machinery must be set up to enable it to operate.

Sunday, April 23 To Be A Day of Prayer

Dr. Straughn, the President of our General Conference is calling on all of our churches everywhere to make next Sunday, April 23, a day of prayer for the Uniting Conference. I trust our people may fall in line and use the day for this purpose.

Announcements

Sunday, April 23, 11 a. m. Welch Memorial.

Sunday, April 23, 9:41 p. m. Starting to the Uniting Conference.

J. E. Pritchard.

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West End, Greensboro, sent in delegates' expenses in full.

Concord Church, Concord, reports all finances up for the year.

Reidsville reports full quota of $500.00 paid on W. S. and delegates' expenses paid in full, Pastor Ballard reporting.

Pastor T. G. Mdison reports Pleasant Hill Church, Cleveland Charge paid W. S. in full; all churches paid delegates' expenses.

To all our pastors, Herald agents and reporters; while the editor is way at Kansas City, Mrs. Andrews will look after all correspondence, credit subscriptions paid to the Herald. Continue to send all mail to Box 2017.

The editor will supply by airmail reports from the Uniting Conference each week. Brothers Carroll and Braxton will assist in keeping the Herald giong out on time until we return.

Brother C. P. Morris reports that both Mrs. Morris and the boy are at home in Efland, doing nicely and wishes to acknowledge the many flowers and cards from friends, and regret the necessity of our starting on Sunday.

All our delegates-elect except Brother Wren are expecting to start for Kansas City Sunday; we regret the illness of Brother Wren which prevents his attendance upon the conference.

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The Uniting Conference

Now that the time approaches when your delegates shall go to this, the greatest Conference of Methodism of a hundred years, if not for all time; you would like to know all we can tell you about it. First, let me tell you just where your delegates will be seated in that vast auditorium. You remember that it can seat ten thousand people. There are four tiers of seats extending from end to end. Two central tiers each tier with twelve seats and there are twenty-two rows. The tiers on the side each ten seats with nineteen rows. The North Carolina delegates are seated in tier B, row 2, and 3. That is very close up to the front. Your delegation surely has drawn a desirable position.

The Uniting Conference edition of the *Christian Advocate* is on my desk. It is named the *New Pioneer* and it is just full of facts about the conference. It gives us the programs for the evening sessions, which we pass on to you. Two Methodist Protestant ministers appear on this program. Following this interesting bit of news we are publishing "Methodism Working Forces" by Dr. Thomas Potter. It reached us too late for publication last week. But before we released the aforementioned contributions we must tell you about "The Diary and Daily Meditations" issued by our Board of Publications. It is beautifully done, handsomely bound and is just chuck full of valuable information, and besides the meditations written by our own men there are blank pages upon which the delegates may jot down the thoughts which visit them on the wings of inspiration and might otherwise escape them. Well done, Brother Perkins. And now here are the evening programs, and other interesting facts.

Programs For The Evenings

Tuesday, April 25, 8 P. M.—Reception under the direction of the local committees in Kansas City.

Wednesday, April 26, 8 P. M.—The opening night. The President of the United States or his representative.

Thursday, April 27, 8 P. M.—The president of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, Dr. George A. Buttrick.

Friday, April 28, 8 P. M.—Foreign Missions night with addresses by Dr. John R. Mott and Bishop Arthur J. Moore.

Saturday, April 29, 8 P. M.—Youth night, with the address by Dr. Harold Case.

Sunday, April 30, 8 P. M.—Worship service, the preacher being Dr. J. N. R. Score, of the First Methodist Church at Ft. Worth, Texas.

Monday, May 1, 8 P. M.—British night, with addresses by the Rev. Robert Bond and the Hon. Isaac Foot.

Tuesday, May 2, 8 P. M.—Pageant presented by the Publishing Agents.

Wednesday, May 3, 8 P. M.—The program arranged by the Departments of the Local Church of the Boards of Education.

Thursday, May 4, 8 P. M.—Home Missions night, with addresses by Dr. J. W. Hawley, Bishop A. Frank Smith and Bishop E. G. Richardson.

Friday, May 5, 8 P. M.—Laymen's night, with addresses by Hon. Alf Landon and Governor Hoey of North Carolina.

Saturday, May 6, 8 P. M.—Oratario, *The Messiah,* presented by local groups in Kansas City, under the direction of Powell Weaver.

Sunday, May 7, 8 P. M.—Worship service, the preacher being Dr. Ernest F. Tittle, of the First Methodist Church, Evanston, Ill.

Monday, May 8, 8 P. M.—Addresses by Dr. Albert W. Palmer, president of Chicago Theological Seminary, and Dr. Ralph W. Sockman.

Tuesday, May 9, 8 P. M.—The Ecumenical Church, with addresses by Bishop Parsons of California and Professor E. E. Aubrey of the University of Chicago.

Wednesday, May 10, 8 P. M.—Education night, under the Departments of Schools and Colleges, with addresses by Dean Lynn Harold Hough and Dr. Umphrey Lee.

Thursday, May 11, 8 P. M.—Women's night, with address by Dr. Georgia Harkness.

Friday, May 12, 8 P. M. — The Declaration of Union Service.

Saturday, May 13, 8 P. M.—The Negro in Methodism, with addresses by President Matthew W. Davage and President Henry N. Snyder.

Sunday, May 14, 8 P. M.—Worship service, the preacher being Dr. J. C. Broomfield, of Fairmont, W. Va.

Women's Activities

Women's Night at the Uniting Conference, May 11, will present as principal speaker one of the outstanding women of Methodism, Miss Georgia Harkness, professor of religion at Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass., the nation's leading woman theologian and a persistent spokesman for those who believe that women should be given greater recognition in the governing councils of the Methodist Church.

In charge of that program will be the presidents of Methodism's four leading women's organizations: Mrs. J. W. Shell, Uniontown, Pa., of the Women's Auxiliary of the Methodist Protestant Church; Mrs. J. W. Perry, Abingdon, Va., of the Southern Church's Woman's Missionary Council; Mrs. Thomas Nicholson, Mount Vernon, Iowa, of The Women's Foreign Missionary Society, Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mrs. W. H. C. Goode, Sidney, Ohio, of The Woman's Home Missionary Society, Methodist Episcopal Church.

Women attending the Conference as delegates or delegates' wives will be guests at a tea given at the Newbern Hotel, May 6, by the Kansas City committee on women's activities, Mrs. Fred Lamb, chairman.

The Kansas City women's committee will also sponsor a number of tours throughout the city for women attending the Conference. The tours, to be held after 4 P. M. each day, will be as follows: April 27, Goodwill Industries; April 29, William Rockhill Nelson Gallery of Art; May 1, Institutional Methodist Episcopal Church, South; May 3, Kansas City National Training School for Deaconesses and Missionaries; May 5, Shawnee Mission; May 8, Spofford Home and Interdenominational Home for Girls; May 9, Bethany Hospital.

About Foreign Missions

The foreign missions interests of Methodism will have their day at the Uniting Conference Friday, April 28. John R. Mott, a Methodist Episcopalian and one of the world's greatest authorities on foreign missions, and Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Episcopal supervisor of Southern Methodism's work in foreign fields, will be the principal speakers at the evening program. Bishop Francis J. McConnell, president of the Methodist Episcopal Board of Foreign Missions, will preside. The Rev. J. W. Hawley, president of the Methodist Protestant Board of Missions, will offer prayer. Mr. J. K. Li, a Chinese, and Madame Saito, a Japanese, will sing. Their appearance on this program while their nations are at war will be a peculiar testimony to the spirit of brotherhood engendered by Christianity. The Rev. Ralph E. Diffendorfer and Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon will introduce missionaries for the Methodist Episcopal and Southern Methodist Churches.

Youth Rally

The first national rally of young people of all three Methodist churches will be held in Kansas City during the Uniting Conference on Saturday, April 29. Ten thousand or more young people, many of them from other denominations, are expected to come to the Conference that day by train and automobile, singly and in caravans, from as far away as three hundred miles.

The group will be addressed at a rally in the evening by the Rev. Harold Case, Scranton, Pa., on the subject, "The Challenge to Youth." Miss Marjory Wingett, a Methodist Protestant; James Farmer, a Methodist Episcopalian, and Miss Cletus Baker, a Southern Methodist, will be the co-chairmen at the Rally. The three youth speakers will be Miss Harriet Lewis, Methodist Episcopalian, "What Youth May Expect in the Methodist Church"; Donald Barss, Methodist Protestant, "What Youth Will Give to the New Church," and George Wesley Jones, Southern Methodist, "The Challenge of Tomorrow." A dramatic cavalcade, "Calling All Youth," by Harold Ehrensperger, will be presented.

In the afternoon, 1:45 to 3:45 P. M., these young people will meet in seminar groups.

The general committee for Youth Day is composed of the Revs. Edward D. Staples, F. L. Gibbs, Carl C. Seitter, Walter Towner, Harvey C. Brown, and Hiel D. Bollinger; and Thomas R. Pendell. The Kansas City committee is composed of the Revs. Carl Webb, O. W. Prince, and Lee Soxman; and William Gregg, Miss Pearl Chapin, Miss Connie Burns, Donald Taylor, Miss Marjory Wingett, Miss Alice Mae Ecker, Horace Kimbrell, Miss Marie Nipps, Verle Buffington, and Miss Cletus Baker.

"The Most Acute Problem"

Bishop Paul B. Kern discussed last week in *Zion's Herald* three problems of unification in a most interesting way, but the most acute he said was what is to happen in that period between the close of the Uniting Conference and the meeting of the General and Jurisdictional Conferences. To quote him:

"There are two ideas, rather divergent, before us. One plan, slated to be recommended, calls for the making immediately effective of new Conference boundaries and organizations just as soon as the old Conferences can disolve. In the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, that would mean next fall. The new discipline and pattern of board organizations would go into effect at once. Since no new general-board personnel can be chosen until the Jurisdictional Conference, the old board will be authority to continue, but they will administer the new Discipline until the new boards shall come into actual being. These old boards shall operate in their old churches and seek some adjustment of responsibility in border communities where each church is represented. The Annual Conferences shall be authorized to create *ad interim* conference boards or committees until after the General Conference, when the new regular boards can be elected. Each of the three churches would continue its financial plan in order to maintain its organizational life. It has been suggested, as an alternate detail of this plan, that the territory might be divided roughly between the two major denominational groups, and the Southern boards administer in the Southeast and South Central areas, and the Northern boards in all the rest, pending the beginning of the new board regime.

The other plan is much simpler. The Uniting Conference should set the date when the present general and Conference organization and boundaries should cease and the new order begin. This date should coincide approximately with the date of the Jurisdictional Conferences after the General Conference. The new Conference boundaries should be determined by the Uniting Conference, but the present Conferences would be given time to liquidate their program, adjust their financial and educational interests, and go out of existence coincidental with the coming into operation of the new organization and boundaries. All present general boards would continue until their successors could legally function, and they would administer the program with which they are familiar and for which they have trained personnel. In every overlapping situation, agreements of *ad interim* cooperation could be made effective. The financial plan of each church should continue until the new financial program can be staffed and made effective by the General Conference. To care for a legal situation, the Uniting Conference would authorize the new Annual Conferences, upon call of the bishops, to meet within twelve months or less of the first General Conference to sit as Conferences in the new church operating in the new boundaries for the purpose of electing clerical and lay delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences. In most cases this would be a very simple procedure, and it would not be difficult in those areas where boundaries are radically changed.

I strongly favor the second of these plans for the following reasons: (1) It gives the Conferences time to get adjusted to the new relationships and the new program. And time is of the essence of success and harmony in this matter. (2) It gives continuity of administration and program. The present boards and officials were not chosen to administer the new program. They are not familiar with it, they have no literature or Conference organization with which to promote it, and, being only temporarily in office, they would naturally do little more than mark time. The life of our program would remain in suspended vitality for a long period of transition; confusion and criticism would be rife in the local churches and Conferences. But on the slower process the present administrators can keep a program going and set the house in order for their successors. (3) Our life will be tragically disrupted by a sudden abolition of all present Conference boundaries. I realize that in many instances lines will not be redrawn, but in many others from Baltimore to San Francisco they will. What, for instance, will happen to the Conference pledges given to the Woman's Missionary Council by Conferences like Baltimore, Holston, Missouri, Oklahoma, Virginia? Chaos is in the offing there. (4) The slower program of liquidation is the only one that will safeguard our financial structure. Our connectional claims are none too popular anyway. If the impression goes out over the church that for two years the people are being asked to support boards that have only temporary life and that cannot administer effectively a program all connection with which will soon terminate, I greatly fear its effect upon the morale of our benevolences and our financial safety. No temporary board could borrow money to carry its program should financial returns be disappointing.

It all comes down at last to this: Either we must have a very early General Conference, or we must make sensible and adequate provision for carrying on our life and activities until the new church can actually function following a General Conference in 1941 or 1943. The church must not be left in a state of suspended animation after the tumult and the shouting dies away at Kansas City.

As we understand it there are possibly more of our people interested in the right solution of this problem than most any other problem about which there is likely to be much difference of opinion. Each plan carries with it some difficult situations. However, we are hoping that a satisfactory solution may be discovered before the adjournment of the Uniting Conference.

METHODISM'S WORKING FORCES

A Stastistical Study of the New Church

By Thomas P. Potter

With the coming union of the Methodist Episcopal, the Methodist Episcopal, South, and the Methodist Protestant Churches, it is well to take inventory of the forces of the new Methodist Church and the investments that will be available in this group for bringing the kingdom of God to men.

This study is not made for the purpose of giving emphasis to the size of the new church, but that we may measure our responsibilities to the world in the joining of forces. With the elimination of overlapping agencies, a greater and more effective working force of the church should be the result.

Since the methods of reporting differ in the three churches —not all reporting on the same items——this study is not complete in all details. However, it gives a challenge to the new church for a consecration that will build, upon the foundations laid by our fathers, a structure that will worthily represent the Kingdom of God among men.

First in importance, of course, in the resources of the new church, is the personal power as represented in the ministry and membership of the church. In the United States, as of December 31, 1937, there were fifty effective and retired bishops, 24,900 ministers, members of conferences, 13,100 local preachers, and 900 deaconesses.

The work was carried on in nearly 700 districts, with 43,100 preaching places, grouped in 21,100 pastoral charges served by 17,800 members of conferences and 4,300 supply pastors. Those who served in special appointments numbered 1,250; 450 attended school and 60 were on leave of absence for travel and study.

During 1937, 120,000 children and 110,000 adults were baptized, 250,000 were received on confession of faith, and there were 7,386,000 full members. In the young people's societies there were 800,000 members and the 40,000 Sunday schools reported 550,000 officers and teachers and 5,600,000 members.

Churches numbered 42,700, parsonages 20,700, and these, with other properties used by the local congregations, had a reported value of $725,000,000. This sum was invested in

43,000 communities for carrying on the work of the Kingdom.

During 1937, for ministerial support, for buildings and current expenses, a total of $63,878,000 was paid, or $8.65 per member. For church benevolences a total of $11,324,000 was paid, or $1.53 per member. Total cash payments amounted to $75,202,000, or $10.18 per member.

In addition to the work of the pastoral charge, under the auspices of the Methodist Church, there will be 140 schools and colleges with 6,000 professors, 105,000 students, and property and endowments valued at $308,000,000.

Eighty-two hospitals are under the auspices of the new church, with 5,300 nurses and nurses in training, caring for 263,000 patients during 1937, with property and endowment valued at $73,250,000. There are 133 homes with 10,500 inmates, and 225 superannuate homes with a total value of $30,150,000. Forty-six deaconess homes are valued at $5,430,000.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society owns property valued at $9,390,000, and supports 600 workers. Good Will Industries number 50, and are valued at $3,000,000. The Publishing Interests represent an investment of nearly $10,000,000. This shows an investment in co-ordinating agencies of $437,220,000, making a total investment in the United States of over $1,162,230,000.

The new church will have work in thirty foreign countries, besides aiding the work in the autonomous Methodist churches of Brazil, Japan, Korea, and Mexico.

In these thirty countries there are 2,500 ministers, 3,900 local preachers, and 1,400 deaconesses. Thirteen bishops, together with supervision by bishops resident in the United States, have oversight of the work in 2,760 charges in 193 districts, served by 1,625 members of Conferences and 1,135 supply pastors. Two hundred men were in special appointments, sixty were in school, and forty on leave of absence.

During the year 19,400 children and 12,900 adults were baptized, 12,750 were received on confession of faith, and 355,300 full members were reported. There were 63,700 members of young people's societies and 16,400 officers and teachers and 315,900 were enrolled in 6,360 Sunday schools.

In Africa 27,800 members were reported, 67,800 in China, 67,000 in Europe, 97,500 in India, 62,100 in Malaya and the Philippines and 13,100 in Latin-America besides 5,500 in China and Japan that are counted in American Conferences.

The 2,835 churches, 2,060 parsonages and other local properties had a value of $29,865,000.

There was contributed by the charges $900,000 for ministerial support, $1,221,000 for local expenses, and $31,600 for benevolences, a total of $2,152,600 or $6.06 per member.

Under the parent Boards of Foreign Missions and the women's work there are 1,275 missionaries not including the wives of missionaries, 2,100 native members of Conferences, 16,500 other native workers in the mission fields.

Ninety-five hospitals, 65 homes, 42 deaconess homes, and 2,700 schools of various grades with 180,000 students are under Methodist supervision. In addition to the churches and parsonages there was reported a property valuation of $30,027,000, making a reported investment of $59,982,000 in the foreign field.

In the world-wide work of the Methodist Church, based on the reports for 1937, there were sixty-five effective and retired bishops, 27,400 members of Conferences, 17,000 local preachers, 2,300 deaconesses.

The work of the church was carried on in 900 districts with 24,860 charges served by 19,425 members of Conferences and 5,435 supply pastors. Men numbering 1,450 served in special appointments, 510 were in school and 100 on leave for study and travel.

During 1937, 139,400 children and 122,900 adults were baptized, 262,750 were received on confession of faith and there were 7,741,300 members and 400,000 preparatory members on roll. There were 863,700 members of young people's societies in the world church and 566,400 officers and teachers and 5,915,900 members enrolled in 46,360 Sunday schools.

The 45,535 churches and 22,760 parsonages with other properties used by the local churches had a reported valuation of $754,865,000.

The charges contributed $36,285,000 for ministerial support, $29,714,000 for buildings and current expenses and $11,355,600 for benevolences. This is a total of $77,354,600 or $10 per member. Special gifts for college and hospital buildings and endowments are not included in this total, among which there were three gifts in 1937 for hospital buildings totalling $9,500,000.

As a part of its work in building the Kingdom, the Methodist Churches had 2,890 schools and colleges with 285,000 students, 177 hospitals, 133 old people's and children's homes, 225 homes for superannuates, 88 deaconess homes, 50 Goodwill Industries, and their publishing interests. The total reported value of these properties is $467,247,000, making the estimated investments the sum of $1,222,112,000 for the work of the Kingdom.

If, according to the words in Deuteronomy, "one chose a thousand and two shall put ten thousand to flight," then our 27,400 members of Conferences, 17,000 local preachers, enforced by a property investment of almost one and a quarter billion dollars, and a budget of $77,000,000, should be "steadfast and unmovable," and "abounding in the work of the Lord." With nearly six million enrolled in our Sunday schools and seven and three-quarter million members, and with the Spirit of God directing the energies of the new church, we shall be able to go forward to be a very vital power in redeeming the world.

It is not by numbers and values that we shall win; but if these numbers and values are dominated and controlled by the Spirit of God, nothing shall be able to keep us from fulfilling Christ's great commission.

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NOTICE! FIRST DISTRICT

The Fifth Sunday Rally for the First District will be held at the Methodist Protestant Church in Enfield on the fifth Sunday in April or April 30. The meeting will begin at eleven o'clock and the usual plan of everybody bringing lunch and spreading it together will be followed.

Thank you very much,

W. M. HOWARD, JR., *Chairman.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Rev. O. L. Easter

PAUL WINS RECOGNITION FOR GENTILE CHRISTIANS

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, April 23

By REV. O. L. EASTER

Lesson Text—Acts 15:23-29; Galatians 2:1, 2, 9, 10.

Golden Text—A man is not justified by the words of the law, but through faith in Jesus Christ. Galatians 2:16.

The controversy which arose between the Jewish Christians and the Gentile Christians is truly a natural one and within itself is not a dark spot upon either group. The argument was purely that of the human mind. God in bringing salvation to men chose, for His own divine reasons, to bring it through human instrument; and as we know, humanity is of necessity a faulty and imperfect tool. Hence as we look from the Jewish point of view we can understand their side of the contention and see it not entirely bad but rather as a fault of vision; a fault which God encountered in using them as His instrument to bring the Messiah. Mrs. Gatty, in her *Parables From Nature,* gives a beautiful illustration of God's use, and our use of imperfect instruments in doing His work—imperfect apostles, imperfect churches, imperfect Christians, and yet really good work is done. She relates the story of a young minister, who insisted that everything must be squared according to his ideas of perfect right. On one occasion he undertook to tune the church organ in an emergency. He took the scale of notes and tuned it perfectly according to that. Then he struck the notes of Hayden's *Mass* in five flats, and was astonished at the terrible discords he made. An organ-tuner explained afterwards to him that his scale was right, his system was right, but if you stick too close to it, it sets you wrong. Most fifths, he said, must be left flat, some few made sharps, the octaves alone tune in unison, because the *organ is an imperfect instrument.* By making proper allowance for this imperfection, wonderful and harmonious music may be produced by it. We see in Paul's great contribution to this controversy God's wise and patient maneuver to make such allowances and adjustments in the Jewish church.

It had pleased God in the primitive times to choose the Jewish race from among the nations and make it the vessel of salvation; and, till the advent of Christ, those from other nations who wished to become partakers of the true religion had to seek entrance as proselytes within the sacred borders of Israel. In making them guardians of revelation God had to separate them very completely at this stage from all other aims which might have distracted their attention from the sacred trust. With the coming of Jesus this condition was forever changed; Judaism was a worthy shell that had been needed to incase the germ of God, but having now been shattered to release that revelation, was to be fundamentally discarded. It was the great task of St. Paul to show to these Jews that they could keep this sacred shell for a national relic but not as a universal capsule in which to imprison Christianity. He did not oppose circumcision for the Jews if they took the right attitude for it, but if they made that as a basis for salvation Paul approved it. To him the justification of all men was not by the law now, but by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. To Paul that was going to be burden enough for men in an unbelieving world without adding nonessentials to it.

So the discussion and debate took place and from its struggle came broader Jewish Christians and a Christian faith that is adequate in interpretation to save to the uttermost the lowest savage or the most cultured world citizen. Let us never forget to be grateful for the fact that this early church faced with human limitations believed and practiced the liberty of face discussion. This is not only right but it is the only safe way to find and know God's will for His world. Powder burned loose on the rock in open air makes a great blaze and smoke, but does little harm. That same powder confined in a rock produces an earthquake, or shatters a mountain. The nation or the church that tries to stifle face thought and free discussion is confining the powers of God's truth and sooner or later the eruption will come. Emerson has stated this process thus: "When the Master of the universe has points to carry in His government He impresses His will in the structure of minds." Thus Paul's mind afforded a landing field for God's greater will for the Jews and for His world gospel as brought by Christ. Had God allowed narrow Judaism to have won out in this controversy, both it and Christianity would have withered away into the past with other such national religions. The peach seed falling into the ground springs up into a sprout but left alone it has not the natural qualities within it to produce a fruitful tree; if it is grafted, however, it grows into a wonderful fruit bearing tree. So with Judaism; at first it sprouted the Kingdom of God on earth, but with the grafting of the body of Christ came its true fruitfulness in the world of men.

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TO THE OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF FLAT ROCK CHARGE

The Second Quarterly Conference will be held at Palestine Church on Saturday at 2 o'clock before the 5th Sunday in April.

J. A. BURGESS.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify the books of Mrs. Coy L. Kearns, State Treasurer of the N. C. Branch of Women's Work, and the Assistant Treasurer of Student Loan Fund, Mrs. P. S. Kennett, have been audited and found correct.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. E. W. TEAGUE, *Auditor.*

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There is always room at the top.—*Daniel Webster.*

High Lights of Appreciation Year Campaign

Well, here we have another list of churches to be added to the list run in this column last week as those who have reached the goal by raising World Service in full. The names to be added this week are: Friendship and Shiloh on the Shiloh Charge, Mebane Church, Pine Bluff Church and the Mt. Pleasant Charge—all churches on the charge. What a fine list this is! How this column is lengthening! Now, Mr. Makeup Man, put these churches right in the column following the ones of last week and let us see how beautiful they do look.

Liberty.
Siler City.
Piney Grove, Siler City Charge.
Pleasant Grove.
Mt. Pleasant, Cleveland Charge.
Julian, Tabernacle Charge.
Concord Church, Saxapahaw Charge.
Hope Church, Siler City Charge.
Lawndale Church, Cleveland Charge.
Hickory Grove, Guilford Charge.
Friendship, Shiloh Charge.
Shiloh, Shiloh Charge.
Mebane.
Pine Bluff.
Mt. Pleasant Charge.

Now if there are some other churches which have raised World Service in full please let the pastor or somebody write the president of the conference about it at once. Remember that this list should go to the president of the conference and not to the editor of the Herald. And as it is to be expected that names will continue to come in for at least two more weeks just send them to the president of the conference at 909 West College Drive, High Point, N. C. and this will be taken care of in his absence.

WHY IS THE DRINKING DRIVER DANGEROUS?

Professor Walter R. Miles, at one time Professor of Psychology at Yale University and who was Research Psychologist for eight years in the Nutrition Laboratory of the Carnegie Institute, outlines the following results on human behaviour from the ingestion of very moderate doses of alcohol:

1. Reaction time decreases 5 to 10 per cent.
2. Less uniformity in response; general effect is to produce clumsiness.
3. Power of attention is lowered and the field of attention is narrowed.
4. The subject gains a self-assurance which is deleterious to safe driving.
5. Other emotional changes may vary with different individuals.

It is estimated that alcohol figures in from seven to ten times as many accidents as is made apparent by obvious drunkenness.

The listing below of driving errors shows the characteristic behavior of drivers involved in accidents and is directly in line with psychological attitude produced by alcohol:

Exceeding speed limit.
On wrong side of road.
Did not have right-of-way.
Cutting in.
Passing standing street car.
Passing on curve or hill.
Passing on wrong side.
Failed to signal and improper signaling.
Car ran away—no driver.
Drove off roadway.
Reckless driving.

The undrunken drinking driver suffers from inflated ego and in consequence he exceeds the speed limit and is contentious for the right-of-way. His sense of responsibility is partially narcotized so he drives on the wrong side of the road, passes standing street cars, takes chances on a curve or at the top of a hill. Drink makes accidents.

WHEN A FELLER HAS THE BLUES

When a feller has the blues,
'Taint no use to ask his views
'Bout the country—how it goes—
Ef it hails or ef it snows—
Cotton up, or cotton down—
Worl' stopped still, or whirlin' 'roun'—
Never keers for any news—
That 'ere feller with the blues!

Sun may do his best to shine—
Blossoms purple on the vine;
Win's may sing in music sweet,
Rivers ripple at his feet;
An' the birds the boughs along
Jest may split their throats with song—
But he's lonesome as you choose—
That 'ere feller with the blues!

Where'd they come from? Day by day,
You kin see 'em on the way,
Jest a'trudgin' up the slope—
Drownin' all the bells of Hope!
Comin' in the door to chide you—
Drawin' up a chair beside you,
Sayin', "Hello! What's the news?"—
Them exasperatin' blues!

Then it is we know we're human—
Then it is the smile of woman
Is the only welcome light
That comes twinkling through the night!
Ef that smile o' hers has bound you,
Ef you feel her arms around you,
Be as happy as you choose,
With "Good mornin' " to the blues!

—*Atlanta Constitution.*

Conduct is three-fourths of life.—*Matthew Arnold.*

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

WHAT SHOULD A CHURCH MEMBER DO?

Topic for April 23, 1939

By Rev. Raymond W. White

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, April 17—Leave the past behind. Phil. 3:12-14.

Tuesday, April 18—Live in the Spirit. Gal. 5:22-26.

Wednesday, April 19 — Love his church. Psalm 122.

Thursday, April 20 — Labor whole-heartedly. Col. 3:23-24.

Friday, April 21—Line-up against the devil. I. Pet. 5:8-11.

Saturday, April 22—Look unto Jesus. Heb. 12:1-2.

The Text: Rom. 12:1-21.

To the Leader

This topic being the second of a series of three on the subject "The Christian and His Church," should be connected with the previous topic and end in a way that the following topic can be connected to it. Not a few people feel when they have acepted Christ and united with His church their work is done and they are prepared for heavenly safety. This is a false conception of Christianity and Church-life. A decision for Christ and His Church are the first two steps of an upward trail that ends in the likeness of Christ. One must keep stepping and in step with the Master. There are no elevators or escalators for the spiritually helpless in the Christian flight for there is no need for being spiritually helpless. In your discussion point out the importance of church-members using their spiritual heritage as a means of Christian growth. You will find much help in the booklet, "The Church We Love" by Lovejoy, published by the Abingdon Press, New York. The booklet contains 39 pages packed with rich material and sells for 25 cents.

Questions for the Open Forum

1. Is church-work essential? If so, why?
2. What Church-work should Church-members undertake?
3. How, if at all, does Church-work help the Church-member?
4. What opportunities does the Church offer her members for work?
5. What are the objectives of the true Christian Church?
6. How can these objectives be reached in our local Church?
7. To what extent should Church-members be engaged in world-wide moral issues?
8. To what extent should Church-members be trained to work?
9. Do you agree that the first requisite of a Church-worker is spiritual? Explain.
10. Can a spiritually minded Church-member do effective work without being trained? Explain.
11. In what way, if any, is our local church using her Church-membership?
12. Is our Church-work for the sake of Church-work or Church-workers? Explain.

The Poet

Let me but do my work from day to day,
In field or forest, at the desk or loom,
In roaring market-place or tranquil room;
Let me but find it in my heart to say,
When vagrant wishes beckon me astray,
"This is my work; my blessing, not my doom;
Of all who live, I am the one by whom
This work can best be done in the right way."
Then shall I see it not too great, nor small,
To suit my spirit and to prove my powers
Then shall I cheerful greet the laboring hours,
And cheerful turn, when the long shadows fall
At eventide, to play and love and rest,
Because I know for me my work is best.

—*Henry Van Dyke.*

Little Gems

Christianity is the spirit of Jesus Christ at work in the world.

The business of the Church is to produce Christ-like characters and equip them for Christ-like service.

The church is a workshop, not a dormitory and every Christian man and woman is bound to help in the common sense.—*Alexander Maclaren.*

Some Christians are like canned fruit—sealed tight to keep from working.

The modern church has never asked too much of men. It has always asked too little.

Topic Hints

An Eternal Objective: The eternal objective of the Church is to grow people into the likeness of Christ. We must not overlook this truth; we must not neglect it. The Church was made for people; not people for the Church. When the Church appeals for the services of her members, the appeal is in the interest of the spiritual growth of her members. Not a few people feel that the Church's claim on their services is merely to get Church-work done. This is a very limited view. It is true that Church-work must be done but the greatest need is found in the hearts of persons who ought to be at work for Christ and His Church. The Church suffers from the lack of Church-workers but the greatest sufferer is the Church-member who fails to work.

The First Essential: The first essential after conversion and admission into Church-memberhip is worship. R. C. Cabot was correct in saying, "Worship renews the spirit as sleep renews the body." Spiritual weariness is relieved in worship. No greater calamity can fall on a Christian than the loss of worship. Yet this essential is neglected by so many Church-members. The irregularity in Church-member's worship is the heartache of every earnest pastor. "If absence makes the heart grow fonder then a lot of people sure do love the church" is about all the consolation he gets except on occasion like weddings, funerals, and depression. The most demanding calls the Christian pastor gets is from people who have neglected this first essential. Church-members should go to Church.

Financial Support: "To contribute as God gives him the ability" is a pledge taken by every person when uniting with the Church. Many times official boards have hesitated to say much about Church-finances for the fear of embarrassing the poor. This editor's experience in almost twenty years in the ministry proves that the poor are seldom embarrassed by such appeals and often make the greatest sacrifices. Such an argument has often retarded the work of the Church and excused the financially able who spend huge sums of money on worthless and selfish enterprises. The Church has never asked her members to contribute beyond their ability. But many member have let their Church down by contributing less than their aility or nothing at all. A man's purity of heart is questioned when he refuses to contribute as God gives him the ability. It is just as spiritual to pay as it is to pray. We should contribute to the Church.

Talented Service: Every Church is in need of talented service. Every Church-member owes to Christ and His Church such service. His growing soul demands that a man use his talents in Christian service. For a long time the Church has been praying for the coming of the Kingdom on God on earth. For this we continue to pray. If we do not wish for His kingdom, we ought not to pray for it. But if we do wish for it, we must do more than pray for it we must work for it. This coming of the kingdom demands talented service. It is not hard for us to agree with this fact. The real difficulty arises when one is called upon for the use of talents. Often we have heard the excuse "I'm not talented." There is no living person who is not talented for something. Every person in the Church has a talent but too many wrap theirs in a napkin and hide it behind an excuse when the oportunity comes to use it. We should use our talents in the Church and in the world to the end that Christ's kingdom may come and that His will may be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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SPECIAL APPRECIATION YEAR NOTICE FOR MINISTERS IN THE SOUTHEAST AREA CONFERENCES

Your Appreciation Year committee has prepared an attractive "Appreciation and Honor Roll Certificate" suitable for framing for those churches which raise their World Service apportionment in full. Recognition can also be given on the same certificate for the annual conference budget. When any church in the conference listed below reaches its goal, please notify Dr. S. W. Taylor, Chairman, Asheboro, North Carolina. He will see to it that you receive your certificate signed by the General and Annual Conference presidents, etc.

Alabama, Alabama Colored, Florida, Georgia, Georgia Colored, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Mississippi, South Carolina, South Carolina Colored, Tennessee, Virginia.

We are urgently requestiong that your Appreciation Year money be sent to your conferencetreasurer in time to be forwarded to the office of the general conference treasurer by April 30. This fiscal year closes on that date.

F. L. GIBBS, Secretary
Southeast Area.

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Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.—Luther.

MISSIONARY COLUMN

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NOTICE!

Your Missionary Editor would greatly appreciate it, if contributors to this column would send material to me on or before Tuesday of each week. It will be a great help and convenience to me if you will do this.

Thank you.

MRS. J. ELWOOD CARROLL,
222 N. Edgeworth Street,
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REPORT OF THE TENTH ANNUAL MEETING

N. C. Branch of Women's Work

APRIL 12, 1939

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Branch of Women's Work of the Methodist Protestant Church met in regular session at the First M. P. Church, High Point, N. C. on April 12, 1939, at 10 a. m., Mrs. R. M. Andrews, President, presided. Muted organ music prepared the hearts and minds of the audience, as did the stately hymn and the Scripture lesson from Luke, for the earnest and inspiritng meditation brought by Mrs. Fred G. Holloway, who used as her general thought, the conference theme, "Looking Backward, Thinking Forward."

Seven officers, eleven departmental secretaries, and four district chairmen responded to the roll call.

The Recording Secretary briefly summarized the year's minutes and was called to the chair while the President gave her annual message and report. The thoughtful and purposeful message gave a resume of the women's work in the M. P. church, going back in its history to its organization and touching on the mile stones in its growth and development down to this, the sixtieth anniversary, which brings up to another milestone, the great task and great privilege of union.

The routine of business was broken at this point by Mrs. J. H. Allred's beautiful solo

Mrs. Andrews' report, which followed, gave a revealing glance at the multiplicity of duties, well-performed, and the interests which pertain to the office of president. It showed that she is on duty constantly as she gives so generously of her time and energy to the work. The report closed with the following recommendations:

1. In view of the process of church union in which we shall soon be involved, I recommend that the Branch shall consider sending one or more representatives to the next council meeting of the M .E. Church, South, or its successor, and such other meetings as seem advisable.

2. That we begin at once to make payments on the Minnis salary so that our Treasurer may send monthly payments of one twelfth of the total salary, if possible.

The report and the recommendations were accepted with a rising vote of thanks.

Mrs. Andrews also gave a very excellent report of her work as Missionary Editor of the HERALD. This was accepted .

The reports of the Secretaries of Missionary Education, Literature, and scholarships, and that of the Corresponding Secretary were read and accepted. Mrs. Pritchard stressed the increased interest in Missionary Education and Mrs. Speas showed a remarkably active year with an unusually large amount of literature distributed.

The joyous note which rang through the opening paragraphs of Mrs. Bowman's report presaged a most successful year. She was pleased to report success in the Thank Offering, increase in giving, interest in Appreciation Year, and the fact that the Spiritual Life is being emphasized by the auxiliaries. She read a list of ten honor and twenty standard auxiliaries and reported four new auxiliaries and two new children's organizations.

The following committees were appointed:

Resolutions: Mrs. H. C. Nicholson, Mrs. R. G. Willey, Mrs. Fred Cox.

Finance: Mrs. Coy L. Kearns, Mrs. S. W. Taylor, Mrs. C. W. Bates.

Courtesies: Mrs. E. L. Ballard, Mrs. J. H. Cutchin, Mrs. H. A. Garrett.

Credentials: Mrs. J H.. Walker, Jr., Mrs. B. J. Gregson, Mrs. Sam Pierson.

Awards: Mrs. George R. Brown, Mrs. A. H. Ragan, Mrs. E. A. Lamb.

Following prayer by Rev. J. C. Madison, recess was taken until 1:30 p. m.

Wednesday P. M. 1:30 o'Clock

Music from the organ called the delegates to the afternoon session. Congregational singing filled the spacious auditorium and Mrs. Fred G. Holloway, pursuing the theme of the morning meditation, read from the sixth chapter of Micah, connecting very skilfully our looking backward and thinking forward to our ideas of God.

The report of the Secretary of Young People's Work, Mrs. E. A. Lamb, was read by the recording secretary and was accepted.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. Coy L. Kearns, was again accepted with a rising vote of thanks. Her carefully kept accounts showed receipts of $10,561.67 and a balance of $297.49.

The Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. P. S. Kennett, reported paying to High Point College for students, $2,328.00, and the refusal of many applications because of lack of funds.

The Auditor's report was deferred as Mrs. E. W. Teague had not received the books. This report will appear in the HERALD.

Mrs. C. W. Bates suggested that, since the books had not been audited, the Minnis salary be completed. Mrs. W. C. Hammer moved that the Branch ask Mrs. Kearns to open the books for this purpose and that we make an effort to complete this fund. Mrs. George R. Brown offered an amendment to the effect that the money be raised today. Motion carried. An offering, totaling $36.86, was taken immediately after the vote. Mrs. Kearns stated that other funds had been turned in to her, leaving a deficit of eleven dollars. It was suggested that another offering be taken at the evening session.

The report of the Secretary of Student Loan Fund, High Point College, was read by Mrs. J. M. Millikan and was accepted by common consent. She told of granting twenty-two applications and denying seven others for lack of funds.

Mrs. C. W. Bates, Chairman of Districts, read her report, asking the District Chairmen to come forward and assist her. Four chairmen were present. Mrs. Bates suggested a chairmen' school to stimulate interest in this work.

A roll call of auxiliaries followed, the delegates standing in response.

Mrs. J. M. Stone, Secretary of Benevolences and Stewardship, gave a brief account of a very busy year, cutting short her report to introduce Dr. A. G. Dixon and Rev. Homer Casto.

Dr. Dixon gave facts concerning the Children's Home, a work which began in 1910, and which at present cares for one hundred and eighteen children at a cost of two hundred and ten dollars per child per year. The finances are in good condition, the budget practically balanced. As to the future, Dr. Dixon expects better days, but urged continued suport from local churches until the machinery of union is put in motion and adjustments are made.

Mr. Casto spoke briefly of Bethel Home and expressed his deep gratitude to the Branch for its loyal support.

Mrs. Hammer, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Bethel Home, was recognized at this time. She explained that due to the establishment of state and county institutions for the tubercular, the usefulness of the privately owned or charitable institution was waning. She spoke of the interest of the Branch in the splendid work done at this home and offered the following resolutions which had been previously approved by the Executive Committee:

1. That the Trustees of Bethel Home deed the Bethel Home property back to Mr. Casto.

2. That the same appropriation be made this year as heretofore.

3. That we continue our support as long as necessary.

Mrs. H. C .Nicholson asked the privilege of seconding Mrs. Hammer's motion for the adoption of these resolutions. Mrs. Andrews asked for a rising vote and received a unanimous affirmative. Mr. Casto thanked the Branch for this action.

Mrs. George R. Brown, Secretary of Christian Education, gave her report and told a story illustrating the value of Christian Education.

Rev. Homer Casto dismissed the session with prayer.

Wednesday P. M. 7:30 o'Clock

At the evening session Mrs. Fred G. Holloway continued her development of the theme, "Looking Backward, Thinking Forward," showing us God's perfect revelation of himself in Christ. An offering was taken for the Minnis Fund.

The evening was featured by a play on India, "Tara Finds the Door to Happiness." This was produced by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hicks, Jr., the parts being played by a group of young people of the local church, under the general direction of Mrs. E. A. Lamb, Secretary of Young People's Work. The play was well done and taught its lesson most effectively.

Thursday A. M. 9:30 o'Clock

The Thursday morning session was opened with congregational singing and a Scripture lesson by the Secretary of Spiritual Life, who introduced Mrs. Fred G. Holloway. Continuing her study of the conference theme, Mrs.

Holloway again held the undivided attention of her audience as she guided their thoughts to the topic, "Looking Backward and Thinking Forward to Our Ideas About His Church."

Mrs. Kearns stated that the offering at the evening session completed the Minnis Fund, bringing the previous day's offering to a total of $48.45.

Mrs. Andrews asked Mrs. H. C. Nicholson to come forward and read a letter from Mr. Minnis, which brought his greeting to the Branch and told in detail of the work he is doing and of the blessings the Lord has sent to this mission field. He thanked the Branch for the support and cooperation of the year and asked for prayer for the success of his efforts.

Dr. Bates also read a portion of a letter showing the extent of Methodist missions in India and the prospects of continuing our work there. Mrs. Andrews asked Dr. Bates to lead the prayer.

The minutes of the previous session were read and corrected.

Mrs. E. O. Peeler, Secretary of Spiritual Life, read a most satisfactory report which was accepted.

Mrs. R. A. Hunter, Secretary of Life, Memorial, Perpetual, and Sustaining Members, reported a total of thirty-six new members. The audience stood as the roll of Memorial members was read. Mrs. Andrews asked those present who had been made Life Members to come forward as their names were called. She greeted James Talton Bowman and Edith Marie Bowman, twins, children of Rev. and Mrs. James T. Bowman as the youngest Life Members ever enrolled. A rising vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Hunter for the most excellent report ever presented by a membership secretary.

A rising vote was also given Mrs. Hammer after she read her report as Thank Offering Secretary, for the Thank Offering had reached the goal.

Mrs. Andrews then introduced Miss Louise Best, returned missionary from Brazil, M. E. Church, South.

Miss Best brought greetings from the Western N. C. Conference of Women's Work, whose sessions she had been attending in Lenoir, and from Brazil. She told many interesting facts about Brazil's physical geography, products, climate, language, and the customs. She discussed the accomplishments of Methodism in Brazil, emphasizing the educational phase, its privileges and opportunities. Her entire address stressed the need of the work.

Mrs. Andrews thanked Miss Best in well chosen words for her most worthwhile contribution to our program.

The reports of the secretaries of Temperance and Christian Citizenship and of Pastor's Aid were read and accepted. Mrs. E. L. Ballard's report gave evidence of unremitting activity on her part and that of the 72 auxiliaries reporting to her.

Dr. Paschal of Burlington dismissed the session with prayer.

Thursday Afternoon 1:30

Business was resumed in the afternoon following a beautiful worship period in which Rev. E. L. Ballard led the group in singing. Mrs. Fred G. Holloway concluded her uplifting meditations, using the theme "Looking Backward and Thinking Forward to Our Ideas About His World." This series of inspirational talks has been one of the outstanding features of the convention and we are deeply indebted to Mrs. Holloway.

Dr. G. I. Humphreys of High Point College spoke of the growing institution which he represents. He showed its growth in physical equipment and increase in enrollment and stated that the ideal which motivated the administration is that spiritual growth shall keep pace with material growth. Pride in the past of the college and optimism as to the future pervaded his remarks.

Mrs. George R. Brown read a letter from Dr. Forlines which listed the needs of the Theological Seminary.

Mrs. C. W. Bates, Custodian of Records, asked that records of recording secretaries and treasurers which had not been placed in her keeping should be given her promptly. She also offered histories of the Women's Missionary Work at fifty cents each.

Mrs. J. C. Madison, Secretary of Exhibits, called attention to the display in an adjoining classroom and asked for more effective cooperation in the future.

Mrs. H. C. Nicholson, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, presented her report which was adopted. The resolutions follow:

In compliance with the recommendations of the president that we send a representative to meetings of the united church, which vitally concern our work, we recommend

1. That the President of the Branch attend these meetings or appoint some one to represent us.
2. That the $1,500.00 be raised for the Minnis Salary and that we begin now to work it and send it in monthly, if possible.

· Mrs. A. H. Ragan read the report of the Nominating Committee and moved the adoption of the report. Motion prevailed. The report follows:

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Pastors' Aid — Mrs. E. Lester Ballard, Reidsville, N. C.

Christian Education—Mrs. George R. Brown, Liberty, N. C.

Thank Offering—Mrs. Wm. C. Hammer, Asheboro, N. C.

Life, Memorial, Perpetual, and Sustaining Membership—Mrs. R. A. Hunter, Winston-Salem, N. C., R. F. D. 1.

Student Loan Fund of High Point College—Mrs. J. M. Millikan, High Point College, High Point, N. C.

Missionary Education—Mrs. J. E. Pritchard, 909 W. College Drive, High Point, N. C.

Spiritual Life—Mrs. E. O. Peeler, Anne St., Concord, N. C.

Young People's Work—Mrs. E. A. Lamb, Greensboro, N. C., R. F. D. 1.

Literature—Mrs. T. L. Speas, 226 Sunset Drive, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Benevolence—Mrs. J. M. Stone, 514 Fifth Ave., Greensboro, N. C.

Scholarships and Native Workers—Mrs. W. H. Neece.

Temperance and Christian Citizenship—Miss Pearl McCulloch, 1011 Martin Street, Greensboro, N. C.

Custodian of Records—Mrs. C. W. Bates, Brown Summit, N. C.

Delegates to Convention:
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Corresponding Secretary.
Mrs. George C. Haltom.
Mrs. J. M. Millikan.

Alternates:
Mrs. Carl Curtis.
Mrs. George R. Brown.
Mrs. E. O. Peeler.
Mrs. J. H. Cutchin.

Mrs. Coy L. Kearns, Chairman of the Finance Committee, distributed copies of recommendations from her committee, with auxiliary apportionments and information as to credits on World Service and Minnis Salary.

While these were being distributed, Dr. R. M. Andrews spoke in regard to the Herald.

Mrs. Kearns read the recommendations which were adopted. They follow:

Recommendations of the Finance Committee

1. That the budget for this year be, $6,000 for World Service, which shall include Minnis Salary and Thank Offering; $3,000 for N. C. Interests (The Children's Home, Bethel Home, Student Loan Fund for High Point College, and Branch Contingent Fund which includes our promotional work); and $1,000 for High Point College.
2. That the percentage for the N. C. Budget be, 50 per cent to the Children's Home, 20 per cent to Bethel Home, 20 per cent to the Student Loan Fund for High Point College, and 10 per cent to the Branch Contingent Fund.
3. That we pay $100 to the Editor of the Methodist Protestant Herald for space in the Herald.
4. That the Auxiliaries send their funds to the Treasurer promptly each month, and that no Auxiliary reduce its budget until it has tried faithfully for 12 months to raise the amount apportioned.
5. That the Treasurer print in the Herald once each quarter a summary of the work of the quarter, such as money received, new auxiliaries sending in funds, and any other items of interest.
6. That the Branch authorize the sale of the remaining Histories of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for 50 cents each.
7. That the Auxiliary apportionments for the year 1939-1940 be as follows:

Auxiliary Apportionments for 1939-40

	N. C.	College	W. S.	Minnis
Asheboro	$170.00	$50.00	$280.00	$100.00
Asheville	30.00	10.00	40.00	5.00
Albemarle	3.00	2.00	10.00	10.00
Baltimore, W. Forsyth	10.00	5.00	15.00	5.00
Bess Chapel	15.00	5.00	20.00	5.00
Bethel, Ala.	35.00	10.00	85.00	10.00

Bethesda, N. Davidson	20.00	10.00	55.00	5.00
Bethesda, Hali.	10.00	5.00	15.00	3.00
Burlington	215.00	40.00	450.00	30.00
Bellmont, Mt. Hermon	10.00	5.00	15.00	5.00
Bowers Chapel, Richland	5.00	2.00	5.00	5.00
Bethany, Randolph	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00
Calvary	75.00	27.00	193.00	25.00
Canaan, Denton	4.00	2.00	6.00	3.00
Charlotte	10.00	5.00	15.00	5.00
Charlotte, Richland	6.00	4.00	10.00	5.00
Chestnut Ridge, Orange	10.00	10.00	10.00	5.00
Concord, First	70.00	10.00	145.00	25.00
Concord, Saxapahaw	10.00	5.00	25.00	10.00
Canaan, North Davidson	3.00	2.00	5.00	5.00
Center, Ala.	5.00	5.00	15.00	2.00
Creswell	2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00
Chapel Hill, Davidson Cg.	3.00	1.00	4.00	2.00
Denton	15.00	10.00	20.00	10.00
Danville	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Eden	30.00	5.00	40.00	15.00
Enfield	25.00	15.00	40.00	10.00
Efland, Orange	25.00	15.00	30.00	10.00
Fair Grove, Why Not	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00
Flat Rock, Vance	20.00	5.00	20.00	5.00
Fountain Place	20.00	5.00	40.00	10.00
Friendship, Mt. Herman	60.00	15.00	90.00	5.00
Friendship, Shiloh	10.00	5.00	20.00	5.00
Fallston Circuit	20.00	10.00	30.00	10.00
Friendship, Friendship	2.00	5.00	5.00	3.00
Fairview, Anderson Cg.	3.00	2.00	4.00	2.00
Fairview, Glen Raven	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00
Gibsonville	50.00	10.00	75.00	10.00
Graham	30.00	10.00	70.00	20.00
Grace	117.00	35.00	148.00	50.00
Gray's Chapel	2.00	2.00	4.00	2.00
Gillburg, Vance Charge	7.00	5.00	12.00	2.00
Giles Chapel, Richland Charge	3.00	2.00	3.00	3.00
Harmony	10.00	5.00	20.00	5.00
Haw River	15.00	5.00	15.00	5.00
Haw River Circuit	20.00	10.00	70.00	- - -
Hawkins Chapel, Littleton	3.00	2.00	7.00	3.00
Henderson	100.00	25.00	190.00	10.00
High Point	215.00	50.00	275.00	50.00
Hickory Ridge	20.00	10.00	35.00	7.50
Hebron, Orange	10.00	5.00	10.00	5.00
Hope	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Hollister	10.00	5.00	10.00	7.50
Julian	10.00	10.00	10.00	5.00
Kannapolis	15.00	10.00	15.00	5.00
Kistlers Union	10.00	10.00	15.00	5.00
Kernersville	2.00	2.00	5.00	1.00
Lebanon, High Point	80.00	10.00	120.00	- - -
Lexington, First	10.00	5.00	10.00	7.50
Lexington, State Street	10.00	5.00	15.00	- -
Lineberry, Davidson	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00
Liberty	10.00	5.00	10.00	5.00
Lawndale, Cleveland Cg.	3.00	5.00	10.00	12.00
Love's Grove, Friendship	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Lincolnton	2.00	1.00	4.00	3.00
Littleton	3.00	1.00	4.00	2.00
Maple Springs	35.00	10.00	45.00	10.00
Matthews Chapel, Greenville	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Mebane	130.00	10.00	130.00	10.00
Midway, Shady Grove	3.00	2.00	3.00	2.00
Mitchell Grove, Guilford Cg.	2.00	2.00	4.00	2.00
Moriah	30.00	10.00	35.00	10.00
Mt. Carmel, Granville	10.00	5.00	25.00	5.00
Mt. Carmel, Lexington-First Ch.	4.00	2.00	2.00	5.00
Mt. Carmel, Forsyth	5.00	5.00	15.00	5.00
Mt. Herman, Mt. Herman Charge	30.00	15.00	55.00	10.00
Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant	75.00	15.00	125.00	10.00
Mt. Pleasant, N. Davidson	5.00	5.00	15.00	5.00
Mt. Pleasant, Cleveland Cg.	2.00	1.00	2.00	2.00
Mt. Lebanon, Randleman	2.00	3.00	30.00	20.00
Mt. Moriah, Cleveland Cg.	10.00	5.00	10.00	5.00
Mt. Zion, Pinnacle Charge	7.00	5.00	10.00	3.00
New Hope, Why Not	5.00	2.00	5.00	3.00
Oak Grove, Cleveland	10.00	10.00	15.00	5.00
Pleasant Hill, W. Forsyth	25.00	10.00	30.00	10.00
Pleasant Union, Mt. Pleasant	5.00	2.00	5.00	3.00
Pleasant Grove	10.00	5.00	25.00	10.00
Pinnacle, Pinnacle	5.00	5.00	8.00	2.00
Pine Bluff	2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00
Porter	2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00
Rehobeth, Granville	35.00	10.00	50.00	10.00
Reidsville	80.00	10.00	120.00	20.00
Rock Creek, Alamance	15.00	5.00	15.00	5.00
Rankin Memorial	3.00	2.00	10.00	5.00
Sapling Ridge, Alamance	10.00	5.00	10.00	5.00
Salem, Saxapahaw	5.00	5.00	10.00	2.00
Shiloh, Shiloh	25.00	10.00	40.00	25.00
Siler City	30.00	10.00	35.00	5.00
Spencer	3.00	3.00	5.00	2.00
Seagrove, Love Joy	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00
Spring Valley, Vance	15.00	10.00	20.00	3.00
Spring Church Circuit	20.00	15.00	40.00	10.00
Spring Hill	3.00	2.00	5.00	3.00
St. Paul, Greensboro	10.00	5.00	10.00	1.00
Shoals, Pinnacle-Mt. Zion	10.00	5.00	10.00	5.00
Saxapahaw Church, Sax. Charge	3.00	1.00	4.00	2.00
Tabernacle	90.00	15.00	150.00	20.00
Thomasville, First	40.00	10.00	70.00	5.00
Thomasville, Community	50.00	25.00	150.00	10.00
Union, Halifax	7.00	5.00	10.00	2.00
Union Chapel, Granville	50.00	15.00	70.00	5.00
Union Grove, Union Grove	3.00	2.00	3.00	5.00
Union Grove, Orange	10.00	5.00	10.00	5.00
Union Ridge	8.00	6.00	10.00	6.00
Vickery, Guilford Charge	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00
Weaverville	20.00	5.00	25.00	5.00
Welch Memorial	25.00	10.00	40.00	5.00
West End, Greensboro	32.00	18.00	45.00	5.00
West End, Thomasville	2.00	2.00	3.00	1.00
Whitakers	35.00	15.00	110.00	10.00
Winston-Salem	100.00	25.00	100.00	5.00

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Mrs. J. T. Bowman made explanation concerning the Contingent Fund.

Mrs. C. W. Bates, Chairman of Districts, presented nominations for District Chairmen. These were elected

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

District 1—Miss Blanche Hardee, Enfield, N. C.

District 2—Mrs. P. T. Hester, Henderson, N. C.

District 3—Miss Bessie Holmes, Graham, N. C.

District 4—.

District 5 Mrs. Howard R. Neece, 1502 Asheboro St., Greensboro, N. C.

District 6 —.

District 7—Mrs. Carl Curtis, Burlington, N. C., R. F. D. 13.

District 8—Mrs. Earl Vestal, Asheboro, N. C.

District 9—Mrs. W. L. Edwards, 915 S. Main St., High Point, N. C.

District 10 –Mrs. A. H. Ragan, Thomasville, N. C.

District 11 Mrs. Fred Cox.

District 12—Miss Marjorie Cranford, Denton, N. C.

District 13 — Miss Anna Cox, Winston-Salem, N. C.

District 14 — Mrs. B. L. Heavner, Vale, N. C.

District 15—Mrs. W. L. Little, Concord, N. C., R. F. D. 1.

District 17 Miss Montez Henderson, Easley, S. C., R. F. D. 4.

District 18—Miss Irene Holcomb, Weaverville, N. C.

Mrs. J. H. Walker, Jr. was presented as president of the local auxiliary. She read the report of the Credentials Committee which stated that 39 churches were represented with 128 delegates. Her report was accepted.

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FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

First Methodist Protestant Church, Charlotte, Rev. T. E. Strickland, Pastor.—Charlotte Church has been wonderfully blessed during the Lenten Season with several beautiful services. Friday night in the Tabernacle of the Church, the moving picture, "From the Manger to the Cross" was presented. This is a wonderful picture and I am sure that everyone present received a great benefit from this picture. The service Sunday morning was also very good. The Church was beautifully decorated with Easter lilies, and many lovely cut flowers. The spirit throughout the whole dale was radiant and the music furnished by the choir was very good and everyone enjoyed it immensely. Rev. Odell Brown, of Duke University, delivered the morning sermon which was very impressive as an Easter message. We enjoyed having Rev. Brown very much in our midst during the week-end and feel sure that when he returns to hold the revival meeting, that we will be wonderfully blessed.

We were very glad to have Mrs. W. A. McCall join with our church Sunday morning, and we trust that she will enjoy our fellowship and that we will be a great help to her. We were also glad to have the large number out for the services Sunday morning and evening.

The young people of the church presented the drama, "The Unlighted Cross," at the evening service. This was very impressive and I am sure everyone benefited from this drama. Lloyd McCall, Jr., gave a special number on the accordion. The spirit in this service was very good. The church was filled to overflowing.

We have been successful in meeting our quota in obtaining subscriptions for the Herald. We have also pledged the full amount of our World Service budget, to be paid next Sunday.

The workers' council met last Monday evening with Mrs. E. H. Stone, at her home on Park road. We are having a contest in our Sunday school with two sides, the Red and the Blue. At present the Red team is winning. We are taking a trip from New York to San Francisco to the World's Fair. This has helped the attendance both at Sunday school and church, as points are given to each individual who stays for service in the church.

Enthusiasm has been bubbling over in the Charlotte church during the Lenten season and we trust that it will continue to accomplish great things.

HELEN McCALL, Reporter.

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Union Chapel Church, Mocksville, Rev. K. G. Holt, Pastor.—Rev. Mr. Holt delivered an interesting sermon to us Easter Sunday night on the subject of "Easter." On account of illness and a death, Easter passed off very quietly in our community.

Mr. R. L. Baker is able to be with us again after being confined to his room, we are glad to state. Little Frances Hutchens does not seem to be inmproving much. She has been confined to her room ever since Christmas. We hope the spring days will restore her health again.

On April 4 our hearts were filled with sadness when we learned that Charlie Holman, 17, was dead. His death resulted from an appendicitis operation. He was a regular member of our Sunday school and will be missed greatly by all: he was interested in all the church activities and helped in every way he could. Burial services were held at Union Chapel, April 5, with Rev. K. G. Holt and Rev. W. S. J. Walker in charge. The body was laid to rest in the church cemetery.

He leaves behind, his father, two sisters, three brothers, and a host of relatives and friends.

The following poem has been written in remembrance of him by a group of his friends:

In our hearts your memory lingers,
Sweetly, tender, kind and true;
So sad, so hard, was the call.
His death was such a shock to all.

He attended Sunday school:
To be there regular was his rule.
He worked very hard at home.
Was not the kind of boy who liked to roam.

We feel that Charlie is safe in the arms of
Jesus.
There never to depart again:
We feel he was free from sin,
And we know he was at peace with all men.

His cheery ways, his smiling face to recall.
Yet again we hope to meet thee when the
days of life have fled,
When in heaven with joy to greet thee,
Where no farewell tears are shed.

This is the first member of our Sunday school to die in several years.

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Lincolnton, W. L. Harkey, Pastor.—A report from our church has not appeared in the Herald for quite a while, but we have not been idle. We have been bettering ourselves spiritually as well as financially.

Rev. Mr. Harkey has been bringing us messages filled with the Spirit of God. He spent two weeks in Lakeland, Florida, at a camp meeting a month or so ago, and since then he has been doing some wonderful preaching.

We are getting along very well financially. The expense for the delegate to the Uniting Conference has been raised. We have paid off a one hundred dollar debt of the church and are working hard on the larger debt.

There are two and three cottage prayer meetings being held each week in our church community and there are wonderful results. Many souls have been saved this way. We hope that more interest will be shown and these meetings will be kept going.

The Woman's Auxiliary held its meeting last Saturday in the home of Mrs. Eva Little. Officers for the coming year were elected. Mrs. W. L. Harkey was elected president, Mrs. Ted Eurey vice-president and secretary, and Mrs. Cass Leonard treasurer. The organization paid for the new song books which have been purchased for our church.

A wedding which was of great interest and surprise occurred Easter Sunday when Miss Margaret Harkey and Mr. Robert Beal were married. Mrs. Beal is the oldest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Harkey, and Mr. Beal is the son of Mr. Ed Beal and the late Mrs. Beal. Everyone wishes the couple much success and happiness in their life's journey together.

MRS. TED EUREY, Reporter.

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Seagrove, Seagrove-Love Joy Charge.—Our pastor, Rev. J. H. Trolinger, preached Sunday at 11 a.m., filling his regular appointment. He gave us an interesting message.

Our Sunday school is growing steadily, with an enrollment of 114. There were 92 present last Sunday.

Mrs. L. A. King, one of our members and teacher of the primary class is in Pinehurst hospital recovering from an operation. Several from here visited her last Sunday.

Mis Nova Yow, a faithful Sunday school worker and secretary of the adult class, is in bed taking a rest treatment for heart trouble. Prayers were offered Sunday in behalf of these good ladies, and we are hoping and praying they will both soon be restored to their accustomed places in church and Sunday school.

The Ladies' Auxiliary met Friday night, April 14, with Mrs. Noah Williams. A goodly number were present. Installation of the new officers featured the program at this meeting. Refreshments were served. The next meeting will be Friday night after the third Sunday in May, with the secretary, Mrs. W. C. Auman.

Mrs. D. J. Johnson, Mrs. Nettie Allen, Mrs. W. C. Auman, Mrs. Clyde Rusell, Mrs. A. C. Harris, Mrs. Charlie Russell, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Trolinger, and Noah Williams attended the Branch meeting at High Point Wednesday. Rev. and Mrs. Trolinger and Mrs. Johnson stayed over for Thursday's meeting also.

MRS. NOAH WILLIAMS, Reporter.

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Kernersville-South Winston, April 17.—The work on this charge has been going along at a normal speed. Attendance at Sunday school and church services at all the churches has been fairly good for the past few weeks.

The funeral service for R. C. Hunter, a member of the Kernersville church, was held at the Kernersville church April 7, 1939, at 2 p.m., conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. J. S. Cook, Presbyterian minister of Spray. Interment was in the Kernersville cemetery. An obituary will appear in the Herald at a later date.

This pastor was called to Flat Rock church on Flat Rock charge Tuesday of last week to conduct the funeral service of Paschal Wray, whose death occurred near Summerfield early Monday morning. The deceased attended services at Flat Rock church while he resided in that community. The wife and several sons and daughters survive, besides J. H. and J. M. Wray, brothers, who are members of Flat Rock church, and Miss Ida Wray, Mrs. Sam Troxler, Mrs. Cora Lester, and Mrs. Sarah Harrell, sisters, all members of Flat Rock church.

The second quarterly conference for the Kernersville-South Winston charge was held at the Kernersville church last Saturday afternoon with the usual attendance of officials. The regular routine of reports and incidental business was followed. Nominees for delegate to the next annual conference were selected. Paul Butner, of the Kernersville church, and Glenn Ingram, of Pine Grove church, were chosen.

The pastor and family are appreciative of numerous gifts from different members and friends since our last report. We thank each one for the gifts, which were appreciated. Mrs. Way has been the recipient of a number of gifts, among which was a beautiful hand-made quilt given by Miss Ellen Sharpe, member of Bethany church on Flat Rock charge. She also desires to mention two other gifts, a beautiful new dress given by Mrs. Clay Parrish, of Kernersville, and a beautiful hand-made rug given by Mr. and Mrs. Clay Pender, of Sandy Ridge church. All of these gifts are highly appreciated.

Since the reporter for the Kernersville church did not report the Easter program rendered at that church Easter Sunday night, I will mention it and make a brief comment. It was a very impressive service, "The Festival of Life," consisting of Easter music, recitations and exercises by the children, and a pageant by the young people. The offering, which was $4.00, has been forwarded to the conference treasurer.

Plans have been made to have a special service at the Kernersville church the first Sunday night in May for the Kernersville Post of the American Legion. Members of that organization will attend the service, and the writer, who is an ex-service man, will deliver a special sermon. Special music will be arranged for the service, which will be at 7:45 p.m.

The community of the Kernersville church was made sad early Monday morning when the news of the death of Mr. Leach Linville was heard. Mr. Linville and family were neighbors of their pastor and family, and they attended services at the Kernersville church occasionally. Funeral services are to be held Tuesday afternoon.

C. B. WAY, Pastor.

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Love Joy Church, Seagrove - Love Joy Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor.—We have been enjoying some fine messages delivered by our pastor, who has filled each appointment during the past month. A thank-offering service was held the fourth Sunday in March. A thank-offering was taken at the close of the service.

The junior, intermediate, and young people's department of the Sunday school gave a short, but interesting Easter program which took the place of the Sunday school Easter Sunday morning.

Our Sunday school has held its attendance well during the winter months. Now that spring has opened up, we hope to have an increase in attendance. We appreciate the cooperative spirit in our Sunday school work. We are proud of our record. Three ministers of the gospel have gone out from our school in the past few years: Rev. Paul Hamilton, Rev. Colon Reynolds, and Rev. Dallas Saunders. Our prayer is that more may be called into the Lord's service in the future years.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Russell and Mrs. Arthur Atkins attended the tenth annual meeting of the N. C. Branch of Women's Work at the First M. P. church in High Point last Thursday.

The Friendship Circle met in the home of Mrs. Frank Manness Tuesday night, April 4. There were 22 members present. At the conclusion of the program delicious refreshments were served. Mrs. Lonnie Russell invited the circle for the May meeting.

Since this will be the first meeting of our new year auxiliary work, we hope to make a good start. We want to meet all our apportionments for the next year, and we are going to work toward that goal.

REPORTER.

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Shilch, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor.—The second quarterly conference of Shiloh charge will meet Saturday, April 22, at Greer's Chapel. All members are urged to be present.

The C. E. society will conduct the monthly prayer service next Sunday at 11 o'clock.

The committee for the annual home-coming and memorial day, which is always held on the third Sunday in May, is busy preparing a program. We hope that many are planning to be with us on that day.

This Sabbath day our pastor brought us a very inspiring message on the subject, "The Value of Time." The scripture lesson was Matt. 25:1-14, the Parable of the Ten Virgins. He pointed out to us that time is short and there is none to be wasted with careless living. May we all strive to use our time in serving the purpose God has for each of us so that our capacity for heaven may be enlarged each day we are privileged to live.

MRS. KYLE SINK, Reporter.

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Mebane Church.—Since there has been no report from this church for quite a while, it does not mean the church is dead or inactive: the church is still moving forward.

Easter was a good day for us. At the morning service we received four new members by profession. At the evening service we had an Easter cantata given by the combined choirs of Mebane and Hebron churches under the direction of our choir leader, Mr. T. O. Pender.

The finances of the church are coming along very well. We have paid our World Service in full, also delegates' expense and annual conference expense. The church has been repaired and painted on the outside.

We were glad to have our annual conference president visit our church and preach for us on Sunday morning, January 15. The pastor and church appreciated his visit very much. The various organizations of our church are carrying on their work very successfully, and we are hopeful of this being the best year yet.

D. I. GARNER, Pastor.

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Harmony Church, Yarborough Charge, Rev. J. F. Furr, Pastor.—Our pastor has filled all his appointments since the last report, each time with a new and more interesting message. Our Sunday school is progressing very nicely under the leadership of our new superintendent, Ralph Hughes. There has been a great increase in attendance in the last two months, and we hope the coming months will bring a still better attendance.

The Woman's Auxiliary met with Miss Edna Hughes, March 25 at 3:30 p.m., with 10 members present. Mrs. W. H. Balentine was the program leader, and the following had part on the program: Misses Julia Medlock, Sudie Medlock, Edna Hughes, Marguerite Knight, Eleanor Knight, and Mrs. Henry Balentine. The auxiliary kept its same officers for the new year. They are as follows: President, Miss Kate Medlock; vice-president, Mrs. W. H. Balentine; secretary-treasurer, Miss Edna Hughes. During the social hour delicious refreshments were served, after which we adjourned.

Last Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock an Easter program was presented to a very large congregation by some of the young people of our church. The beauty of the church added to the sacredness of the program. The offering amounted to $8.15, which will go for the World Service.

Congratulations and best wishes for happiness and success to Mr. and Mrs. Hubert L. Simmons, who were married April 2. Mrs. Simmons was before her marriage Miss Sarah Simpson.

ELEANOR KNIGHT, Reporter.

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Spencer - China Grove Charge, A. Ridge, Pastor.—We are indeed glad to say we are still living with a greater determination than ever to press onward and upward for God's cause and Kingdom. Our church work is going on rapidly. Sunday school has fallen off some for the last while, but we have been having sickness for quite a while; but are still praying they will all get well and be back with us again.

Our Ladies' Aid is still working for a higher goal and we need the prayers of all Christian people.

We have organized a Christian Endeavor society and are praying that it will be a great blessing to all, especially to the young people, that it may lead them more closely to God each day.

Our pastor has been faithful. He has filled every appointment so far, and he and his family just seem like three of our family. We pray God's richest blessing upon them, as we all love our Heavenly Father for His many blessings. May God bless you all, every one.

MRS. TITUS WRIGHT, Ass't Reporter.

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Love's Grove, Friendship - Love's Grove Charge, Earl A. Cook, Pastor.—There has not been a report from Love's Grove church in quite a while, but the church has been wide awake, even if its reporter has been negligent.

Our pastor has been filling his appointments regularly with very interesting messages, one of which was on Easter morning following the Easter program by the children and young people.

On Easter Sunday night there was a pageant given under the direction of Mrs. W. L. Little and Mrs. H. M. Tarleton. This was a very impressive program and was attended by a large crowd.

I can faithfully say that I have never seen more interest taken in attending church at Love's Grove, especially the Sunday school. In recent months our attendance has been almost double the attendance over a year ago, and is still on the climb.

Last Sunday we had 151 in Sunday school, with several visitors; this is the largest attendance of the year, and we are striving to do a great work for the Master in days to come.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is having its regular meetings and are doing a great work.

Plans are under way for an addition to the church, of a new pulpit, altar rail, and choir loft. The committees are working faithfully and we hope that each member of the church will cooperate so that we may have this improvement in the near future.

CLAUDE WHITLEY, Reporter.

Friendship Church, Fallston Charge.—Sunday school and church services were attended by a large crowd last Sunday. Rev. Mr. Hethcox delivered a most helpful message concerning Stephen, the great steward.

Much work is being done to prepare a list as accurately as possible of the money, labor, timber, etc., given by each person helping with the building of our church. This information is to be written on paper and placed in the cornerstone of the church. The basement has not been finished as yet, but we are hoping to have the job completed soon.

Next third Sunday the annual memorial services will be held at this church. Preaching services to be in the morning at 11 o'clock and lunch on the grounds. The pastor appointed a branch committee, consisting of Cletus Wright, Fields Toney, and Mrs. Clem Martin, to plan a program for the afternoon.

The church will be dedicated on the third Sunday in June. Dr. Pritchard will preach at 11 o'clock, and Bishop Purcell, of the M. E. Church, South, will preach in the afternoon, followed by the dedication services.

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CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE!

Youth Day, April 29, 1939

Kansas City, Uniting Conference

Saturday, April 29, is Youth Day at the Uniting Conference. The following program hase been prepared by representatives of the the uniting churches. Ten thousand young people are expected to attend.

SCHEDULE

1:45-3:45 P. M.

SEMINARS for youth and youth leaders. There will be thirty or more discussion groups on youth problems.

4:00 P. M.

VESPER SERVICE. In co-operation with the Commission on Evangelism.

8:00 P. M.

UNITED YOUTH RALLY.

Chairmen:

Marjory Wingett, Methodist Protestant.

Roosevelt Crockett, Methodist Episcopal.

Cletus Baker, Methodist Episcopal, South.

Youth Speakers:

What Youth May Expect in the Methodist Church, Harriet Lewis, Methodist Episcopal.

What Youth Will Give To the New Church, Donald Barss, Methodist Protestant.

The Challenge of Tomorrow, George Wesley Jones, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Address: "The Challenge to Youth," Dr. Harold Case, Scranton, Pa.

Dramatic Cavalcade: "Calling All Youth," directed by Harold Ehrensperger.

Entertainment:

Night accommodations can be had in tourist camps and private homes as well as in hotels. For information about private homes write Rev. Carl Webb, Grand Ave. Temple Office Bldg., Grand Ave. at Ninth St., Kansas City, Missouri. There are good restaurants near the auditorium.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

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Woman's Aux., Montgomery, Ala., for shoes	3.00
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Woman's Aux., Denton, for shoes	2.00
Woman's Aux., Kansas City, Kansas, for shoes	3.00
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Henderson S. S.	10.00
Chase City S. S.	3.07
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Welch Memorial S. S., High Point	12.00

Clothing and Other Gifts

Philathea class, Rankin Memorial, High Point, a bundle of clothing for a boy.

The Easter outfits are all in and our girls were well cared for. A discerning man at First church, High Point, said they looked "beautiful." Others expressed delight at the way our girls were clad. We are thankful to the many groups of women who made, or purchased, the outfits and sent them in. A few outfits were sent in for the boys, and we did the best we could for the rest.

Extra Offerings

A few of our Sunday schools and churches have increased their offerings during either March or April, and we greatly appreciate their help. Note above two offerings from Friendship on Shiloh. Also note that because Liberty had paid out ahead of time on World Service, they could send us a bit more than double their regular monthly offering at Easter. We appreciate this. And we greatly appreciate all gifts of money and substance from whatever source they may come.

Home-Coming Day

The annual home-coming day will be held in June or early July. Please be planning for it. We are hoping to have Dr. J. H. Straughn as one of the speakers, so are waiting for him to give us a date on which he can come.

May the dear Lord bless each of you abundantly.

Yours in His service.
A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

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WE'RE ALL CHISELERS

Life's stone wall of resistance seems
To face all—weak and strong.
We're given tools to hew a trail,
And wend our way along.

With thoughts and deeds, we chisel bits
From this huge mass of rock.
Each one can serve us as a step,
Or be a stumbling block.

No one can carve your path for you.
You must do this alone!
Will your thoughts form rough stumbling blocks,
Or—each a stepping stone?

—Lyla Myers.

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

(Continued from Page Twelve)

Mrs. George R. Brown, Chairman of the Committee on Awards, presented cups for the highest percentage of efficiency in the four divisions of Young People's work as follows:

Precious Jewels, First Church, Burlington.

Sunshine Circle, State St., Lexington.

Mission Club, Concord.

Young People's Circle, First Church, Thomasville.

The report included two recommendations:

1. That posters be used by the groups, other than Precious Jewels, for keeping records.
2. That a chart be prepared to give as the basis of awards to Precious Jewels a basis more comprehensive than membership, dues, and public meetings, including, perhaps, activities of various kinds. The report and recommendations were adopted.

Mrs. E. L. Ballard read a most appreciative report from the Courtesy Committee.

Dr. S. W. Taylor asked the privilege of the floor to thank the Branch for its aid in raising the Appreciation Year allotment and to express the hope that the ladies would return home and redouble their efforts for this cause.

Dr. J. E. Pritchard, President of the Conference, was presented. Dr. Pritchard spoke briefly of the work of the Branch and conducted a brief but impressive installation service as the newly elected officers gathered at the chancel. Following the prayer at the close of the installation, the tenth annual meeting of the North Carolina Branch was adjourned.

MRS. R. M. ANDREWS, *President.*
MRS. S. S. HOLT, *Recording Secretary.*

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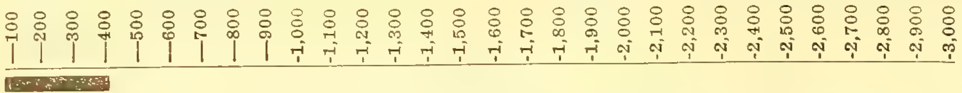

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WHAT KIND OF CHURCH?

By William F. Anderson

Helen Barrett Montgomery, in her superb Centenary Translation of the New Testament from the original Greek, suggests that the Acts of the Apostles might well be called "The Acts of the Holy Spirit." The very mood of the chief human actors compels a distinct and positive divine leadership. God in the person of the Holy Spirit takes charge of the enterprise. "We should obey God rather than men," said Peter.

The term "Holy Spirit" is used only three times in the Old Testament, but in the New it is used scores of times, and with an entirely new significance. It now takes to itself a tender, personal, persuasive, intimate relationship hitherto unknown and difficult to describe. The incarnation of God in man comes to its full flower and meaning. The chasm between God and man has been bridged over, and henceforth they live one and the same life. This is especially realized in the conquest of the world by the divine and human agencies working together, the Holy Spirit leading, in the building of the kingdom of God on earth. The confidence and commitment of the early church for this purpose is absolute to the point of death. Hitherto their conception has been "God for us." Now it becomes "God in us," and therefore God *for* us in a new and deeper sense.

Someone has said that the difference between the Holy Spirit and the Spirit of God, as we use that term, is that the former designation is the Spirit of God plus His experiences in the human as attained in the person of Jesus and in the person of His true believers. Pentecost is not a revelation apart from and different from the revelation in Christ, but the revelation of Christ in its fulness and completeness. The Holy Spirit *is* Christ in His ultimate intimate humanness. Did not Jesus promise, "When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth"? Here we have set in the very heart of redeemed persons the principle of progressive revelation.

In the findings of the Madras conference is this sentence: "The Christian church today is called to live and to give life in a world shaken to its foundations." This is a desperate call from the representatives of the seventy-two nations constituting that great gathering. But what kind of church can meet such a situation? It is a tragic moment in world history. So far as the past is concerned, there is world-wide consensus of opinion to the effect that we are at the end of an era; that we face a new order. Now, who is to be the chief agent in this new and higher revelation for the world's spiritual needs? Clearly, it is the Holy Spirit. It could not in the very nature of the case be any other.

Our historic heritage as regards the trustworthiness of Scripture truth is priceless. Thanks to the science of Biblical critical study, we now have an historic basis never before known for Old Testament and New Testament teaching. This is cause for real thanksgiving. But we have not proceeded upon this fully guaranteed and advantageous position. To use a figure of Ernest Renan, the church has lived all too long as if on the perfume of a broken vase. We have failed to apply fully the progressive feature of the Christian revelation.

God gave Himself once and fully to men in the now historic incarnation of Himself in Christ. The point that needs emphasis for present world conditions is that God is forever renewing this gift of Himself to His followers in the dispensation of His Holy Spirit. Even firmly established historic truth held smugly will not suffice in a day like this. There must be added a new and larger element of divine participation in human affairs. This can come only by a fuller realization of God's actual presence. The church needs a new baptism of God-consciousness as an indwelling presence. This alone will afford aggressive, all-conquering power. This hour calls for a Christianity vitalized, magnetized, electrified—the objective of it all being personal and social righteousness.

The union of our divided Methodisms at Kansas City will be a tremendous event. Already there are indications that other denominations feel the impact of our union. We can rejoice that in the good providence of God we seem to be placed as in a sense the pioneers in a great onward movement for a united Christendom. But new and stronger emphasis of our dependence upon the divine leadership is needed in all our striving for a better world.

Let the Uniting Conference lead the entire church in the realization that we are dependent, in our desperate helplessness, upon the Acts of the Holy Spirit wrought in us and through us for world redemption. The impact of our valiant youth upon this ideal is most heartening. The whole church should give itself in this eventful hour to the development of an obsession for nothing less than world redemption. Our God demands it; our bewildered and bewildering world pleads for it; our own hearts and consciences approve and compel it.

Let us hope that, from beginning to end, the Conference shall so live and work in the open vision of the great God, that, in days to come, its proceedings may be regarded as "The Acts of the Holy Spirit."—*Zions Herald.*

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The Day Is At Hand

For the past three years we have been talking about and planning for the Uniting Conference. Now that great day is near at hand. Already some of the delegates are on the way and within a few more hours the rest of us will be on the way. A hundred and eleven years ago our fathers organized themselves into what was then known as the Associated Methodist Churches. One hundred and nine years ago they adopted the name "Methodist Protestant Church." Many of us have never known anything but to belong to this church. We were born in Methodist Protestant families and began to attend church in Methodist Protestant Churches. It has been our church home all of our lives so far. Soon we are to pass into a larger fellowship. We are not joining any other church and the other two are not joining us. We are taking the best of all three and are making a new church to be known as the Methodist Church. This event is a mile stone in the history of the Christian Church. It is the most outstanding example of union on record. It will be somewhat difficult for some of us to adjust ourselves to the new order of things, however, I trust it is for the common good. Let our people everywhere be much in prayer that our representatives may be guided by the Holy Spirit in the choices which are to be made.

Where Mail Is To Be Sent

Those who find it necessary to write me in order to get the name of their church in the Appreciation Year Highlights will please address me at the usual address in High Point. Evidently there has been some misunderstanding about who to notify in order to get the name of the church in that column. Some have written me, some have written the editor of the Herald and others have written Dr. Taylor. But if your church goes over the top and you are entitled to be in the place of honor then address the President of the Conference at 909 West College Drive, High Point and Mrs. Pritchard will see to it that this matter is looked after. Those who wish to write me about any engagement after the Uniting Conference may address me at the Robert E. Lee Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri.

After The Uniting Conference, What?

Several people have asked me, some by letter and some over the telephone about the status of certain phases of our work after the Uniting Conference. This is something that I cannot answer now, however, it is reasonably certain that our Annual Conference work will go on for the remainder of this conference year just as in the past. Those who are anxious to know about certain things will just have to wait until the Uniting Conference speaks its mind on the subject.

Two Outstanding Events

During the past week it has been my good fortune to attend two events which I consider outstanding. The one was the Durham District Conference of the M. E. Church, South, on Thursday, held at Oak Grove church near Roxboro. I had been asked to preach the sermon at 12:25 p. m. Here I was treated with every courtesy. The auditorium was of fairly good size but several people had to stand during the three hours of the morning service. But to see those people stand in order that they might be in the conference was thrilling indeed. Somehow this great church has learned how to make much of the District Conference. A good many people were there from seventy-five to eighty miles away but they were there anyway. The meeting ran on scheduled time so that each speaker knew just how much time he had.

The other great event was the Duke University Centennial which was held on Friday. I confess that to be able to march in the Academic procession with the four hundred representatives of colleges and universities from several nations gave one a thrill that one does not often have. The addresses were of a high order and it was a great pleasure to have fellowship with so many people who are rendering outstanding service to this generation. It was my good fortune to be asked to represent Western Maryland College on this great occasion.

A Sunday Morning At Welch Memorial

Last Sunday morning was spent with the Welch Memorial Church in High Point, Dr. J. D. Williams, pastor. The Sunday school was in session when I arrived. There were 249 present as compared to 245 a year ago. A fairly good sized congregation was present for the morning service although the auditorium was not full by a great deal. This was my first Sunday morning visit to this church although I did preach for them one Sunday evening last year. For a number of years this church has occupied a rather prominent place in our denomination in High Point. It is located in the southeastern part of the city rather far removed from any of our other churches there. Being so far removed from the others has enabled it to serve a rather large section of the city without crowding any other one of our churches. The church seems to be well organized and seems to be functioning in a normal way. Dr. Williams, the pastor, is now serving his eighth years as pastor. Mrs. Williams has not been in good health for the past several months and in order for her to be with her daughter, Mrs. Hill, the parsonage has been rented and Dr. and Mrs. Williams and their son-in-law, Dr. Hill and Mrs. Hill have taken a house out near High Point College. The plan seems to be working well. The fact that the church was having a business meeting to look after some of its local problems made it impossible for me to come in contact with many of the people, however, it was a pleasure to be present and to preach to this congregation. It was also a pleasure to have in the congregation Rev. J. R. Hutton who is one of our honored superannuates and who lives in High Point.

For The Next Few Weeks

Since I expect to be attending the Uniting Conference for the next few weeks it will be impossible for me to visit any of the churches. So my letteers will be about the Uniting Conference. I am sure that there will be plenty for both the editor and me to write about without getting in each other's way.

J. E. Pritchard.

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A Message In Verse

BUILDERS

Surely some workman has builded the pillar as well as the spire;
The cross that the painter has gilded was fashioned in somebody's fire.
Surely some men dug in the ditches preparing a place for the well—
And some one has made with her stitches the flag that shall fly over all.

Some one has blended the plaster; and some one has carried the stone;
Neither the man nor the master ever has builded alone.
Making a roof from the weather, building a house for the King,
Only by working together, men have accomplished a thing.

All have a share in the beauty; all have a part in the plan;
What does it matter what duty falls to the lot of a man?
Each has a hand in the building; no one has builded alone
Whether a cross he was gilding; whether he carried the stone
—*Author Unknown.*

Get Acquainted With These Quintuplets

The talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can do well, and doing well whatever you do, without a thought of fame.—*Longfellow.*

It is not a question of what a man knows, but what use he can make of what he knows.—*J. G. Holland.*

Seest thou a diligent man in business he shall stand before kings.—*Solomon.*

A profound conviction raises a man above the feeling of ridicule. —*John Stuart Mill.*

A healthful hunger for a great idea is the beauty and blessedness of life.—*Jean Inglow.*

Pension Responsibility

One of the problems which shall require much consideration and possibly concession is the adjustment of the basis and responsibility of the annuity which the superannuate preacher shall receive, as the Uniting Conference gets down to business. Heretofore with us, if a minister should transfer his membership from one conference together after superannuation he would receive his stipulated annuity from the Superannuate Fund of the Conference where he last served. But there are those who want to change this plan so that he would draw upon the fund from both conferences instead of one. For instance, the conference where he first served, say for twenty or thirty years, would be expected to pay him annually out of its fund for those years, and the Conference in which he superannuates, shall pay him only for the years he served as a member of this conference. Of course, nothing is yet settled, but this change is in the air.

Methodist Home Missions

The fields served by the uniting conferences are 48 states in U. S., Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic. There are 4,114 workers receiving home missionary support. 291 of these workers serve foreign language groups; five in Latin mission in Florida; 33 in Texas Mexican Canferences; and a number in French work. There are 30 pastoral charges in Indian fields. Nearly 1,000 churches are now being aided through the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, totaling loans of more than $4,200,000.

The "Hot Spot In Unification"

But it is generally agreed that the "hot spots" in our deliberations is, how shall we set up the Board of Missions? Shall we have one board or three boards? Our Church is few years ago adopted the plan of one general Board of Missions, under which the affairs of our homeland and foreign fields are directed. Likewise the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal, South, consolidated their three boards into one; this was done before we unified our Boards of Missions. But it seems there are many in the Methodist Episcopal Church, may be some in the other two Churches, working hard to have a board of foreign missions, a board of home missions and a woman's board of missions set up. So we repeat here is one very hot spot and it may require quite a lot of time for it to cool enough to form into an acceptable, working plan.

After Kansas City What?

Nine hundred delegates from three Methodist denominations representing possibly eighty per cent of the Methodist people in the United States are now assembled in one of the largest auditoriums in America, for the avowed purpose of making these three great bodies one.

We are engaged in a tremendous task trying to build up an organization through which eight million members may express their longings, and endeavor to bring the kingdom of God more fully upon the earth. We have in our hands material enough to make a Discipline which ought to satisfy all the Methodists who are alive and who shall ever be born; but we doubtless are short on wisdom to do that thing. It is a gigantic task; a task that is challenging the wisdom of the wisest, the patience of the meekest, and the endurance of the strongest in this great body.

But as we look forward to the time when the last word shall be said, when the final paragraph of the plan is approved and these delegates shall scatter to the four corners of Methodism; we are wondering what then? Shall this organization be vitalized with divine energy, approved of God and ordained of Him as a means of grace and redemption of men? There are dangers ahead which every true servant of Christ in the Methodist Church must guard against.

That many may be tempted to boast and to trust in the organization, the wealth, and numbers of such a Church is not unreasonable to believe. Eight million people in one denomination is an immense host. One hundred forty schools, colleges, and seminaries, can train and fit for life, tens of thousands of youth. Missionaries in twenty or more countries giving their best to the cause of Christ in the far flung lines of Christian service, is nothing to be ashamed of; and an investment of over a billion dollars in hospitals, churches, parsonages and schools is enough to make one proud. But shall we let these things please us so well that we forget they are only means? For without the Spirit of God in those who direct them and the blessings of heaven upon their efforts, these all may be no more than a mighty gesture; fruitless of spiritual progress and a disappointment to our leaders. For the people of old who trusted in chariots, in arms, in numbers, and in wealth instead of in God, found to their sorrow and humilation that they were unable to stand before their foes. Therefore we should remember that "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

What we hope and really expect is, just as soon as our delegates return to their homes and our leaders in the local churches shall know what is expected of them, we shall experience no difficulty in putting those plans into operation. And while time and experience both shall be needed to adapt and to coordinate the machinery set up in Kansas City, a great majority of our people will gladly enter upon the task and will with prayer and patience see it through. So mote it be.

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PASTOR'S SUMMER CONFERENCE

Preparations are going forward for the Pastor's Summer Conference and Seminary Extension School. Two meetings of the directors have been held and plans have been completed as to certain phases of the school.

An important change has been made as to time of school this year. By unanimous judgment of the directors the time has been reduced to one week. The dates fixed are June 5-10—Monday noon to Saturday noon. We trust that this will be approved by our pastors. Arrangements will be made with the college by which pastor's wives will be entertained as was done last year. Further announcements will be made about that a little later.

Two courses will be given by the Seminary. Dr. Link will teach a course on "The Conduct of Public Worship," and Dr. Shroyer will give a course on "Jewish History and Literature Between the Testaments." Each of these instructors will be present for the full week.

In addition to this, a course is being arranged on the Discipline of the new church—the Methodist Church. Also lectures on other vital and timely subjects. A full statement of courses will be given through the HERALD just as soon as arrangements can be completed.

Dr. W. A. Parsons, of the M. E. Church and Dr. L. B. Hayes, of the M. E. Church, South, have been added to the Board of Directors.

We do trust that all of our pastors will be looking forward to the school and that they will make arrangements to be present June 5-10, with their wives.

S. W. TAYLOR.

PROGRAM
FIFTEENTH DISTRICT RALLY OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH
To Be Held At
ROBERTA METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH
Concord, North Carolina
April 30, 1939

Afternoon 3:30

Subject—Thy Kingdom Through Youth Growing.

Devotion .... Rev. H. W. Bell

Fifteen minutes program by the children from each Church in the District, as follows:

Albemarle.
Quartet .... From Albemarle Church
Concord.
Solo .... Margie Pittman, Concord Church
Friendship.
Kannapolis.
Love's Grove.
Mill Grove.
Pine Bluff.
Porter.
Roberta.
Hymn .... Congregation
Benediction .... Rev. D. T. Huss

Dinner Spread on the Grounds, 6:00

Evening 7:30

Mrs W. L. Little, District Chairman Ladies' Auxiliary In Charge

Devotion .... Miss Annie Margaret Tarleton
Hymn .... Roberta Choir
A Talk .... Mrs. J. S. Nesbitt, Reurn Missionary from Korea.
Report from Branch Meeting of Woman's Work .... Mrs. E. O. Peeler
Quartet .... Albemarle Church
Report from Auxiliaries
Hymn .... Congregation
Benediction .... Earl A. Cook

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When we cannot see our way,
Let us trust and still obey;
He who bids us forward go,
Cannot fail the way to show.
Though the sea be deep and wide,
Though a passage seem denied;
Fearless let us still proceed,
Since the Lord vouchsafes to lead.
—*Anon.*

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Brother O. B. Williams reports that North Davidson charge has paid its World Service "Appreciation Year" budget in full.

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Brother Surratt reports that Graham has paid its World Service for Appreciation Year, and also Delegates' Expenses to the Uniting Conference, in full.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By REV. W. H. YOKELEY

PAUL CROSSES INTO EUROPE

International Sunday School Lesson for April 30

Lesson Text—Act. 15:36, 16:4-15.

Golden Text—When he had seen the vision, straightway we sought to go forth into Macedonia.

One of the most comforting and strengthening beliefs of the Christian is the indwelling presence of the third person of the Holy Trinity; the Holy Spirit. I can easily believe that the old hymn of the church:

"Holy Spirit faithful guide,
Ever near the Christians side.—"

There to give Divine guidance in every walk of life from the smallest to the greatest. Our whole life calls for guidance and left alone we grope as a blind man or blunder as a mayope and finally end life hopelessly against a solid wall of hopelessness and failure. Let us learn this lesson well. Let us not make claims for our religion or ourselves that we cannot substantiate in our personal lives.

Our lesson tells how the Gospel was first sent to Europe, and I believe the message is always sent by God, not that man makes plans but that God's plans are made and must be carried out. His plan of Salvation was FINISHED at Calvary. He has never done anything without organization. His Universe is perfectly organized, so I say His plan of spreading the Gospel and not our plan must be carried out. That is why the word "forbidden" and "the Spirit of Jesus suffered them not" is used. Paul's plans were good, the harvest was white, there were souls to save in Asia and Bithynia but the Spirit directed a left face and a march toward Troas; then the cry of all Europe, yes, and my cry and your cry "come over and help us" for our forefathers brought the same message across the Atlantic that Paul carried across the Mediterranean.

How thankful I am that this lesson comes at this time . . . we are completing the Union of the three great branches of Methodism. We believe when the Spirit directed the Apostle toward Europe that was a crucial time in the history of the Christian Church, others have followed and today we feel that another crucial time is here.

In the past Spirit led men have walked in the front lifting high the cross as a symbol of their faith, so today men filled with the Spirit, led by the Spirit dare a great undertaking for God and His Kingdom. And at home our hearts swell with prayers of joy, thanksgiving and praise because we feel it is all in God's plan and we too are going into an Extended Land. Let us pray for those who labor these days for the furtherance of the coming Kingdom, for the new Church.

Paul could not make a Christian Macedonia with all his eloquence and zeal. Again the Spirit led but not by a vision but by an inward urge down by the river where prayers were wont to be made and spoke to the people there about Christ. There was a woman prepared by the Spirit for the message who heard and she and her house were baptized. I remember one time Jesus had to turn aside on His journeyings (John 4:4) and another woman was saved and she too called others. In all the examples we have of saved men and women of the Bible all became workers in the Kingdom, for there was always something to do.

Not always does the Spirit speak to us in a vision but to those who are faithful in their calling the Spirit leads. Perhaps by the teaching of the word, seeing the need and the inward urge that you are fitted and sent for the work and God's directing hand in our outward circumstances. But always there is something for us to do. And more than in any other day since our Lord was here we need to feel the presence of the Spirit. "And straightway we sought to go forth into—" our world to live, to serve, and to be . . . that we might know and obey the laws of the Spirit, that the Spirit might know and lead us. Again we must say; the great men of our Church cannot make it what it should be unless you and I serve in our place and ours too must be a life of positive conviction and effort. It must be Spiritual. Straightway we must find our place and go to work, wherever our place is in the work of the vineyard. Lydia began work at once and gave aid and comfort to the messengers of Christ, keeping them in her home and from that day forth she was doing all she could do to prosper the work to all the ends of Europe. Perhaps I am indebted to this Godly mother more than I know. I wonder if any boy or girl, man or woman, Japanese, Chinese, or American can place their hand on your shoulder that day and say "He did it unto me." Are you doing what you can? Can you on this Lord's day sing: "I'll go where you want me to go, I'll do what you want me to do."

If not in person—a gift given in the spirit carries the giver.

PROPORTIONAL GIVING

By FRANKLIN J. KENNEDY

One of the war-time posters sticks in my memory. It read, "What good is your money anyway, if we lose this war?" That question may be asked again when we consider our giving to the church. Suppose we withhold our money, and the church and Christian religion go down for want of our support. What good will that do us? What rewards of security, culture, and liberty shall we then spend our money for?

Where religion fails, the government steps in with heavy taxation. Part of the confusion of our day is due to the fact that government is trying to achieve what religion ought long ago to have accomplished.

One has to be unselfish to give in the right spirit, but, if one were very selfish and very intelligent at the same time, one would give generously. Perhaps one can't be selfish and intelligent at the same time, but it still follows that good sense supports the giving of a consecrated portion of the work of Christ.—In *Zion's Herald.*

WITH THE POETS

Elizabeth Vera Idol

LUCINDA MATLOCK

By Edgar Lee Masters

In the years from 1912 to 1914 a great renascence of poetry swept over America. In 1912 Harriet Monroe began to publish the magazine, *Poetry*, established for the purpose of encouraging new poets. It was in 1914 that Robert Frost's *North of Boston* went through five editions after having been hailed as a new and masterly achievement when it was produced early in the same year in England. Amy Lowell, Edwin Arlington Robinson, Vachel Lindsay, and Carl Sandburg were among those who published their first volumes of verse in this same year—verse, that was most of it new in form and different in subject matter.

Before this time Edgar Lee Masters had composed a great quantity of verse in the traditional forms, but it was in 1914, after having come under the influence of *The Greek Anthology,* that he published *Spoon River Anthology,* his most famous book and one that is still a landmark in American writing. This book contained over two hundred epitaphs in which the dead of a small midwestern town are supposed to have written the truth about themselves. The poems, which are all short, are written in free verse that is often metrical and frequently rhythmical, and that depict the men and women of a typical community; thus expressing life as it is everywhere. There is no doubt that this book paved the way for much of the realistic exposition of community life that has developed into one of the most widely exploited themes of American writing. Louis Untermeyer says of *Spoon River Anthology*: "The book ascends to a definite exaltation and ends on a plane of half-victorious idealism. Native to its roots, it is stark, unflinching, unforgettable."

The epitaph from which Masters re-created *Lucinda Matlock* records the passing of a woman ninety-six years old. There may have been nearby the graves of her eight children, who, according to the dates, died before the mother was sixty years old. According to the convention often governing old gravestones this one may have given the place as well as the date of her birth; it records that she was the wife of Davis; and again following the custom, there may have been some adaptation of the classic "requiescat in pace." That, doubtless, was all. But from these meager facts Masters in a few lines of real poetry has sketched the long life of such a woman, spent among the surroundings of such a small town in America in the early days of last century.

In two lines he suggests the normal life of any attractive young girl growing up in a small town. Upon what seemingly small incidents the great issues of life hang! Because of a youthful prank of changing partners on the return from a moonlight picnic Lucinda married Davis, lived with him seventy years, bore twelve children, and attained the fulfillment of a long life filled with all the varying experiences that make life rich. The joys and sorrows, the toils and pleasures, the simple recreations and moments of exultation and exaltation which are woven into the fabric of life are gathered into eight or nine lines and made vivid by means of a dozen suggestive verbs. Then briefly Masters writes of her placid acceptance of death as a transition made welcome by so many years of living—"a sweet repose."

The philosophy of life in the closing lines of the poem is that of one who has transcended all the hardships and, looking back, is enabled to see that it is only insofar as we accept life in all of its different guises that we are able to rejoice in it. No weaknesses, no weariness, no anger nor discontent, no whining against circumstances can lead to a complete enjoyment of one's destiny:

I went to the dances at Chandlerville,
And played snap-out at Winchester.
One time we changed partners,
Driving home in the moonlight of middle June,
And then I found Davis.
We were married and lived together for seventy years,
Enjoying, working, raising the twelve children,
Eight of whom we lost
Ere I had reached the age of sixty.
I spun, I wove, I kept the house, I nursed the sick,
I made the garden, and for holiday
Rambled over the fields where sang the larks,
And by Spoon River gathering many a shell,
And many a flower and medicinal weed—
Shouting to the wooded hills, singing to the green valleys.
At ninety-six I have lived enough, that is all,
And passed to a sweet repose.
What is this I hear of sorrow and weariness,
Anger, discontent, and drooping hopes?
Degenerate sons and daughters,
Life is too strong for you—
It takes life to love Life.

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REV. J. F. MINNIS WRITES

In a personal letter from Brother Minnis he has this to say about conditions in India:

Things look very bright in the work right now. We have never been so happy about the work. It now looks like we might get a break and have some new additions. We could baptize 50 or 75 right now but I believe in much preparation before hand so that they will be ready when they are finally baptized. It is true that we are all wondering what the next day will bring forth. There is a great awakening in the land and we fear that if the National Congress gets full power it will be very hard on mission work. But so far we see no hope of that happening. The National Congress is growing by leaps and bounds but they are more or less divided so we think that possibly nothing will be done for some time yet. They have not won sufficient districts to give them full power.

We, like you, wonder what will happen in Europe any moment. We read the dailies and are able to keep up with the times just as you at home. It is true that when I am away from home I may not see the paper for a week but when at Dhulia I have the Times of India printed in Bombay which gives all the world news.

We are now preparing for Easter. In former years I called the preachers and made a program and each took turns in the services during Easter week. But this year I shall take all the services except Palm Sunday and Easter. Our church will be lighted by then and we shall have services each evening. We do not have evening services so have not had the lights connected to save expenses.

I am happy that unlike conditions of which you wrote we in Dhulia are working harder to bring our best into the Union. The Bombay annual conference will meet with us next fall even though we are not entirely merged. We have decided to get acquainted and be ready to work together when the time finally does come. Union will not make much difference with us so I think except help us in exchange of men.

Our work being very small we always have the same faces with us and after union we hope that we may have a change once in a while. With the new church we have a new home for the pastor and as a whole we are proud of what we have to offer to the sister church. It is true that while we have almost nothing compared with them, yet as far as we go we have no apologies to make for it. I personally think that great days are ahead for the Christian Church in this land. Just imagine an annual increase of more than 50,000 with hopes of moving the wheels a bit faster. We are now praying and hoping to get mass movement started in this side. I feel like the day of reaping draws near. Never in the history of the mission have we received so many invitations to visit and give services. It is true that we are still very fearful lest there be a hitch and something come in the way. Do not let me leave the impression that we have smooth sailing. My, how we are praying and working to save trouble in the future and Satan is just as busy as ever. The forces of evil and darkness are busy and we are having a steady fight within and without. We need your prayers. I beg of you and your members to pray as never before for our work. It appears to be harvest time but we are not sure that we shall be able to reap as well as we hope. So call upon our people to pray that darkened minds may be lighted and men may come to know and understand and accept salvation. I am greatly enjoying the work and regret that the hot season is here and after 3 weeks I must get out of it for a spell to get a rest and gain new strength for hard work ahead.

Kindly give our regards to your family and best wishes and prayers for a good year at West End.

Sincerely,

J. F. Minnis.

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Rev. E. A. Lamb reports that Tabernacle Charge has sent its Appreciation Year World Service in full to Treasurer Allen.

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Rev. C. L. Grant reports that Brower's Chapel, Richland Circuit, has raised World Service apportionment in full.

High Lights of Appreciation Year Campaign

In each issue of the Herald including that of May 11 we will run the names of the Churches which have raised World Service in full, adding the names from week to week which are sent in to the President of the Conference who has been conducting this column for these past few weeks. Inasmuch as the names of churches have gone to about three different sources we are not certain that the list is correct or that all have gotten into this column that belong there. But remember that this is the column of honor and that the printers of the Herald will save this type each week and for the next three issues will add the names that are sent in from the office of the President of the Conference. The fact that he will be away attending the Uniting Conference makes no difference for Mrs. Pritchard will open the mail and will send in such names as are sent to the President of the Conference. Now here is the list with the names of the churches and charges which have gone over the top. Look at them and take off your hat to them.

Liberty.
Siler City.
Piney Grove, Siler City Charge.
Pleasant Grove.
Mt. Pleasant, Cleveland Charge.
Julian, Tabernacle Charge.
Concord Church, Saxapahaw Charge.
Hope Church, Siler City Charge.
Lawndale Church, Cleveland Charge.
Hickory Grove, Guilford Charge.
Friendship, Shiloh Charge.
Shiloh, Shiloh Charge.
Mebane.
Pine Bluff.
Mt. Pleasant Charge.
Burlington First.
Asheboro.
Friendship and Loves Grove.
Pleasant Hill on Cleveland.
First Church, Charlotte.
First Church, Thomasville.
First Church, Concord.
Flat Rock and Spring Valley on Vance.
Reidsville.
Who will be next?
Shiloh Church, Randolph Charge.
Fairfiield Church, Guilford Charge.

J. E. Pritchard.

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Rev. G. L. Curry reports that Denton and Canaan churches have raised delegates' expenses and World Service apportionment in full.

MISSIONARY COLUMN

MRS. J. ELWOOD CARROLL, Editor
222 N. Edgeworth St.
Greensboro, N. C.

TO THE WOMEN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA BRANCH

In Session at High Point, N. C.

Dear Friends:

Greetings. Be assured that though thousands of miles separate us, yet we meet with you in this your possibly last meeting as a separate branch of the Methodist Protestant Church. What a great pleasure it would be for us to quietly slip in and sit with you for the two days you will be together at High Point. No, indeed we do not want to come home. We have just arrived and gotten the work started. So we only desire a short visit and time to enjoy a bit of fellowship with you. It is your fellowship that we miss most while away from you. We are happy in the work and are so busy that we never have time to be homesick. But it would be an inspiration to sit with you and listen to your speeches and reports and plans for the future. And we would enjoy speaking to you about the work here. The Lord has wonderfully worked for us since returning. The new church, the picture of which you have doubtless seen, was a wonder to us. It has been little less than a miracle in the building and in the way the Lord provided the funds. Though we had but about $1,000 when the work was begun, yet we never had to stop the work for lack of funds. When funds gave out there was a way opened and so it has continued all the way. Now we are so happy about the way the Lord has provided that I fear that we are almost proud. No, I dare say, you wouldn't think it a beautiful church, but we do, and we think that we made $3,000 go a long way. The graceful arches on the inside make it worshipful and, I hope that you will pardon me for saying, makes it very attractive. We all wish that you could see it and sit with us on the new rugs and worship with us.

In quite another way the Lord has blessed us in the building of a home for the pastor and a hall for the smaller children. Our Sunday school is graded so now we have this nice hall, 15 by 40 feet for the children who are too small to go to the other school. Mrs. Minnis tells me that there are about 40 children in the hall. This house is just across a side street from the church. So it is convenient for junior church. Years ago on this lot we had a house but it fell down the last year we were here. When I went to the city authorities to ask for permission to rebuild they informed me that in the city planning scheme there was a road to be built right through this lot. This then left no room for a house. But after much prayer and not a little persuasion they removed the road and gave us permission to build. But with the new church we could not ask the Board of Missions for extra funds for the addition we needed. So we used some of the money in a retiring fund of the preachers. It was not bringing them much interest in the bank so the Mission offered to give them the rent until such time as the fund could be repaid. So we now have a nice home for the pastor and a good hall for all meetings for which we do not care to use the church. And the beauty of the house of which I write is its size, good workmanship, and cheapness. It actually cost $475.00 to erect this house of the best of stone. We haven't made a picture of it yet. You will see it later.

The hot weather is beginning and we have just returned from our annual cool season tour. We have enjoyed a most excellent hearing this season. We spent much of our time with the poorer people, which are the untouchables, sometimes called outcaste. You doubtless will ask how many became Christians this year? I must disappoint you again by saying that not a soul has been baptized. But we have more hopes today than ever before. We have some what appears to be sincere enquirers. I pray that we may not be disappointed in them. I want to ask you to pray also with us that they may have the courage to take the second step and leave the old world behind. It indeed is a new world for them in every respect. There are two different groups who seem interested and if only we can once get a start then we hope that a mass movement might break out here. The people are thinking as never before but it is hard to persuade them to make the start. Now you may be surprised to learn that we are not centering our efforts on the individual man. Our hope is on the family which means the caste. In all active mass movements the work has been done almost entirely within the family. When a group in one village decided to become Christians, then they went to see their relatives in another village, almost always working within the same caste. In this way the advance is made by the new converts while the preachers came after, teaching and preparing them for baptism and church membership. There is such a group right now of about twelve or fifteen families which is showing a lot of interest. It is our hope that they will ask for instruction at an early date. I am expecting a delegation from another village today. But this delegation is of an entirely different family. They are not of the out-caste group but they are called backward groups and are becoming Christians in large numbers in another state about 200 miles from here.

So you see that we really do need your prayers that we may have knowledge from the Lord to properly direct these early stages so that they will mean bringing more with them. We hope that you will be able to find a few moments in this meeting to pray for those who seem interested, for the preachers who will teach them and for those of us are to direct the work. These are great days in India. They are trying days, in that we do not know what the day may bring forth. We are not worried greatly about the state of affairs, for we believe that the peoples of India are trying to find their feet. We just pray that nothing will happen within the land which will be an hinderance to the progress of the Lord's work.

This being the beginning of the hot season, I am alone, Mrs. Minnis and James have gone to the Hill Station where Jess, Jr. and Betty Jean are in school. James will begin school now and will study there until we return at the beginning of the rains. After that he will study at home. He is too little to leave 1,200 miles away from home. I will not go for another month. I have a lot of work about the compound to do before Easter. Right now I am having a well dug. The boys and I will do all the work. We began yesterday morning and have gone about 10 feet already. We hope to finish within a week. Besides this there are tiles to be relaid before the rains and a new water pipe line relaid. While the weather is so hot I cannot get out much after the early hours of the morning. We put up a tent top over the well we are digging. You would laugh were you to see it but you should also appreciate a bit of shade if you had a minute in this sunshine. The sun from ten until about four is just like a great ball of fire. So you understand why we all grow lazy—you would too.

We all continue well and so far have been able to keep on the go. Mrs. Minnis just last week took Jess, Jr. to the hospital for the removal of his tonsils. He has gotten along well, so I hear.

When you read this in High Point I too will be leaving Dhulia for cooler air. But I assure you that we shall be thinking of and praying with you during the time of your meeting.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your sincere efforts this year in our interest. May God richly repay you for all your efforts. We are grateful.

The Lord bless you and keep you, is our prayer for everyone of you.

Sincerely,

J. F. MINNIS.

NOTICE TO AUXILIARY TREASURERS

We have two obligations of importance just now. One is the payment of $125 of Mr. Minnis' salary each month. That means that either a few auxiliaries whose apportionments to Minnis salary is large must pay that part of their budget, or a good many must send in small amounts each month. We are calling attention to this now in order that there shall be no last minute collections and no month for our missionary to go without the payment of the salary we have promised. Please do something about this now.

The other obligation is to High Point College. Let us not lose sight of the fact that the college needs its share of our budget by June. We have been urging payment of High Point College apportionment by April for several years, but due to the urgency of Appreciation Year World Service, we granted to all churches desiring it the privilege of postponing payment to High Point College until May or June. Please keep this in mind.

Yours very sincerely,
MRS. R. M. ANDREWS, *President.*
MRS. COY L. KEARNS, *Treasurer.*

SEVENTH DISTRICT MEETING OF WOMAN'S WORK

The spring meeting of Women's Work of the 7th district was held at Mt. Hermon church on Sunday afternoon, April 2.

Mrs. Carl Curtis, district chairman, presided and conducted the devotions. Special music was furnished by members of the local church.

At roll call it was found five auxiliaries in the district and two others were represented. Belmont auxiliary has recently been reorganized and is planning more active work. All other auxiliaries reported satisfactory work and budgets paid in full.

Mrs. Worth Trogdon of Tabernacle church reviewed the study book "Moving Millions." Her presentations showed much study and understanding and made the story very interesting and instructive.

The old officers reelected for another year are: Mrs. Carl Curtis, district chairman; Mr. H. A. Garrett, secretary.

The next meeting is to be held with the Siler City auxiliary.

MRS. H. A. GARRETT, Secretary

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT

To the Tenth Annual Meeting of the N. C. Branch of Women's Work

By MRS. R. M. ANDREWS

Two little girls in a foreign land; the tender sympathetic heart of a Christian woman; receptive minds in the home-land, influenced by divine compassion; such were the forces that brought into being the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Through a succession of events that the world may call chance, but which we believe were directed by Providence, the door was opened for the women of our church to enter Japan. The inspiration came from God and His hand prepared the way that our church might have a closer fellowship and a more diligent co-operation with Him in the great task of saving the world.

Those of you who are familiar with the history of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society by Mrs. E. C. Chandler, have recognized the opening sentences of this message as the opening sentences of that volume.

Since the W. F. M. S. was the first church-wide organization for the women of our church it seems fitting that looking backward in women's work should begin at this point. Regrettable though it is, the W. F. M. S. never reached its hope of becoming truly church-wide. But it should be said here, as an everlasting tribute to the zeal of this first organization of the womanhood of our church, that its N. C. Branch with 49 auxiliaries raised for foreign missions alone in 1928, the year preceding the merging of all Women's work in our church. $6,054.80. As we compare these figures with the $6,352.41 raised by the combined forces of all our auxiliary women in North Carolina this year for World Service, which means Foreign Missions, Minnis Salary, Home Missions, Educational Institutions, and Religious Education, we can see very clearly that there is no occasion for us to feel puffed up now.

Since the organization of the W. F. M. S. in 1879 of the Women of the M. P. church have sent out and maintained forty-one missionaries on the foreign fields: Japan, China, and India. We entered Japan in 1879, China in 1909, and India in 1922. Our work in foreign lands is educational as well as evangelistic.

Our Denominational Woman's Home Missionary Society was organized in 1893. This organization's first mission was to foreigners in the city of Pittsburgh, Pa. Later, attempts at Americanization and Christianization of foreigners, were made at Empire and Dillonvale, Ohio. Operations at all these places have been discontinued. Alvan Drew Industrial School at Pine Ridge, Ky., ministers to the boys and girl of a section of the Cumberland mountains. North Carolina has a bit of missionary work unique in the history of the Methodist Protestant church, in its Bethel Home, at Weaverville, N. C. This is a low-cost Christian home for tubercular patients. It was begun in June, 1919, and has been operated on faith, by the Rev. Homer Casto. The Woman's Home Missionary Society of North Carolina and later the Women's work has contributed regularly to the support of this home for several years.

The Children's Home, at High Point, established through the faith and works of a small group of women of the N. C. Branch of the W. H. M. S. has challenged the support of the Methodist Protestant Church in N. C. as no other single enterprise of the church has ever done.

The first auxiliaries of the N. C. Branch of the W. F. M. S. were organized by Miss Annie L. Forrest December, 1899. They were: Lebanon, High Point, Randleman, Asheboro, Liberty, Greensboro, Burlington and Tabernacle.

The first meeting of the N. C. Branch of the W. F. M. S. was held at Greensboro, N. C., March, 1900. Five of the eight auxiliaries were represented.

At the suggestion of Mrs. J. F. McCulloch, of sainted memory, Miss Frances Sutton, now Mrs. Bibb Mills, organized a group of thirty women of Grace Church, Greensboro, into a W. H. M. S. in the spring of 1908. Ten other auxiliaries were organized by Miss Sutton before the meeting of the North Carolina Annual Conference that year. The N. C. Branch of the W. H. M. S. was organized in 1908 at the Liberty Annual Conference, with eleven auxiliaries.

We shall glance at only a few milestones along the way since 1879. At the fourth meeting of the Executive Board of the W. F. M. S. the secretary made a statement, rare in the history of missions: "The receipts of our Treasury, thus far, have been greater than the demands upon it—and the question arises, "Does not this surplus indicate for us a wider field?' "

At the 15th Executive Board meeting of the W. F. M. S. which took place in 1894, advice excellent for today was given thus: "There is so much in present day literature pertaining to missions, that no meeting need be dull. Don't ask anyone in this busy age to come to a poor missionary meeting."

The Woman's Missionary Record was the official organ of the W. F. M. S. from 1885 'til the merger in 1928, when its name was changed to The Missionary Record, and it became the official organ of the Board of Missions of the M. P. Church. As the Woman's Missionary Record, it was edited by Mrs. J. F. McCulloch of Greensboro, president of the N. C. Branch of W. F. M. S. from 1903 to 1920. During the greater part of the editorship of Mrs. McCulloch, the magazine was published by her husband, Dr. J. F. McCulloch. The W. H. M. S. had a small share of space in this magazine—during part of its history.

Grace Church, Greensboro, paid the salary of Dr. Roberta Freagle, the first M. P. medical missionary to foreign lands, from the time she went to China in 1920 until she returned seven years later.

In connection with the 25th or silver jubilee year of the W. F. M. S. the financial goal was set for $10,000 throughout all the branches. This goal was exceeded by $3,467.00.

In 1919 every branch of the W. F. M. S. more than met its apportionment. A great cause for thanksgiving and praise was the payment of all indebtedness on our mission properties both in Japan and China at that time.

Several of our missionaries have been recognized for their outstanding contributions to the uplift of their chosen fields, by the governments of the countries in which they have labored. The N. C. Branch of Women's Work, under its various names has been honored in having several of its members serve on the Board of Missions. We also furnished the Convention its President for one four year term. Two of our officers are at present officers of Convention.

The works that have been wrought by all who have labored for God, in our beloved Zion, will be revealed only at the last day, when the great book of records shall be opened.

We celebrate this year the 60th anniversary of the establishment of woman's work of our church. The Methodist Episcopal Chuch W. F. M. S. is celebrating its 70th year, its W. H. M. S. its 59th year, and the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, its 61st year.

As we enter a union with these women, one group of whom have work in nine foreign countries, and the other in nineteen; whose missionaries are numbered by thousands, whose home mission activities embrace work for orphans, for the needy, sick, Indians, mountaineers, Negroes, Italians and Mexicans, besides Deaconess work, and educational institutions, we have a great task and a great privilege as we become a part of a new church whose women are united for service, with the great purpose of knowing Christ and making Him known.

And now as we think forward we may well consider a dream of John Wesley's.

Once in a crisis of the night, Wesley found himself, as he thought, at the gates of Hell. He knocked and asked who were within. "Are there any Protestants here?" he asked. "Yes," was the answer, "a great many." "Any Roman Catholics?" "Yes, a great many." "Any Church of England men?" "Yes, a great many." "Any Presbyterians?" "Yes, a great many." "Any Wesleyans?" "Yes, a great many."

Dissappointed and discouraged, especially at the last reply, he traced his steps upwards, and found himself at the gates of Paradise, and he repeated the same questions. "Any Wesleyans here?" "No." "Any Presbyterians?" "No." Any Church of England men?" "No." "Any Roman Catholics?" "No." "Whom have you, then, here?" he asked in astonishment. "We know nothing here," was the reply, "of any of the names you have mentioned. The only names of which we know anything here is 'Christians,' We are all Christians here, and of those we have a great multitude, which no man can number, of all nations, and kindreds, and peoples, and tongues."

Sensing an undercurrent of feeling in North Carolina, that our church is about to be taken away from us, I began to think about my message for today, and there came into my mind a circumstance that happened toward the end of the earthly life of Jesus, in which His last recorded question has great prominence. It was one of the most penetrating questions He ever asked; "Simon, Son of Jonas, Lovest thou Me more than these?" Simon answered, "Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee." Jesus replied, "Feed My lambs." Jesus then asked the question again, "Simon, Son of Jonas, lovest thou Me?" Simon said again, "Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee." Jesus' reply this time was "Feed My sheep." Then Jesus asked the same question the third time, "Simon, Son of Jonas, lovest thou Me?" Peter was grieved because He said unto him the third time, "Lovest thou Me?" And he said unto Him, "Lord, Thou knowest all things, Thou knowest that I love Thee." Jesus said "Feed My sheep."

We need in these days of preparation for church union to think very earnestly of these questions of Jesus. Verily they are of more importance to us than Methodist Union, however important that is. There are lambs in the Kingdom of God that need feeding and care, lambs that are going to grow up and after a while be the sheep. They need very careful tending. They must be taught to follow the Great Leader Jesus Christ, who said, "If ye love Me keep My commandments."

We have long been, like Peter, looking around to see what was going to become of somebody else. But when Peter asked, "What about this other man?" our Lord said to him "Follow thou Me!"

We need to follow Jesus more closely and church union will be consummated much more easily than if we try to look after somebody else's affairs.

Jesus didn't say "Do this, or that of the other thing," but simply, "Follow Me."

If I follow Him, will I be content to do no more for Him next year than I did last year? Industry and commerce are constantly changing and expanding to bigger things. Few of us want to read the same books or magazines we read last year. We want a better dress than the one we wore last year, we don't want the same things for dinner today that we had yesterday. Something bigger and better in almost every sphere of life appeals to us. We want to climb a higher mountain tomorrow than we climbed today. But what of our love for God? Is it leading us to take more stock in the big business Jesus established, the enormous task of teaching all nations to observe His way and be obedient to Him?

Jesus gave as the first and greatest commandment "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul, mind and strength, and thy neighbor as thyself." Here is love for our neighbor next to loving God. The two are bound so closely together that each of us may well ask ourselves as did Jesus of Peter again and again and again, "Do I love my Lord? If I love Him how much am I proving it by my dealings with my neighbor?" After all, do we love our neighbors as we do ourselves? We build churches for ourselves, what about our neighbors? A ministers who once asked a wealthy landowner for some money for foreign missions. The man said, "I don't believe in foreign missions, I won't give anything except for home missions. I want to give to benefit my neighbors." "Well," said the minister, "How much land do you own?" "About five hundred acres," was the reply. "How far down do you own it?" the minister asked. "Why I never thought of it before, but I suppose my land goes half through the earth." "Exactly," said the minister, "and I'm asking help for your needy neighbor whose land joins yours at the bottom."

Since the earth is a sphere, each man's property joins each other man's property at the center of that sphere. And certainly to a believer in Christ all men are neighbors. A true Christian must not only realize that all men are his neighbors, but he must love them as he loves himself, Jesus went about doing good, not to the people of his own social set, but to the lost sheep.

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FOURTEENTH DISTRICT RALLY

Bess Chapel Church, Sunday, April 30, 1939
10:45 o'Clock

Hymn—Congregation.
Devotional—Rev. Mr. Garmon.
Special Music.
Welcome—Miss Blanche Houser.
Response and Introduction of Speaker—Rev. T. G. Madison.
Address—Rev. D. M. Nifong.
Special Music.
Remarks—Rev. W. L. Harkey.
Lunch

1:30 O'CLOCK

Hymn—Congregation.
Devotional—Rev. R. L. Hethcox.
Greetings—Rev. T. G. Madison.
Music and Songs by Wofford College Glee Club.
Business Session.
Benediction.

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No man nor any body of men is good enough or wise enough to dispense with the tonic of criticism.—Huxley.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Asheville S. S., Feb., March and April	$10.61
Mt. Carmel S. S., Forsyth	3.40
Mrs. John Yarborough, Cross Anchor, S. C.	5.00
Shiloh S. S., Shiloh	10.00
Shady Grove S. S., Connelly Springs, March and April	2.00
Liberty Hill, Anderson, regular and Easter offering	6.00
Ladies' Bible Class, R. I. Ave., Washington, D. C., clothing child	5.00
Saxapahaw S. S., Saxapahaw	3.10
Liberty Grove S. S., Mt. Pleasant, regular and Easter offering	2.00
Saxapahaw, Orange Chapel, S. S.	1.00
Chapel Hill, Davidson	2.10
Brower's Chapel S. S., Richland	7.70
Bethel S. S., Flat Rock	1.88
Men's Bible Class, First church, Thomasville	15.89
Rock Creek S. S., Alamanco	1.15
Mt. Hermon S. S., Mt. Hermon	3.76
Baraca Class, Mebane	5.00
Friendship S. S., Haw River	5.00
Maple Springs S. S., Forsyth	5.00
Charlotte S. S., Richland, March and April	10.68
Danville S. S.	3.39
Brown Summit S. S.	1.50
Mr. H. L. Horton, Knoxville, Pa., personal	3.00
Bethel S. S., Alamance	4.65
Fair Grove S. S., Haw River	1.04
Pleasant Grove, Thomasville	18.00

We thank you for these offerings with which to keep carrying on the work which you have committed to our hands.

Our Graduating Class

This year we have four girls and one boy to graduate from the Jamestown High School. They are: Mildred Lanier, from Chapel Hill church on Davidson; Ruby Walker, from Weaverville; Natalie Cashatt, from High Point; and Margaret Robbins, from First church, Lexington. The one boy is Roland C. Garmon from our First church, Charlotte. They graduate on Monday, May 8th. Only the boy is at this time planning to enter college. One of the girls wishes to enter a school for beauty culture, and another one wishes to take training in some hospital. Pray for them as they seek to find their places in life.

Children's Home Day

Just before starting to the Uniting Conference, Dr. J. H. Straughn, president of the General Conference, wrote us: "Providence permitting, and also counting the uncertainties of my life after the Uniting Conference, we'll make it Thursday, June 22nd, and pray nothing may interfere." So we can now work definitely toward Thursday, June 22nd, for Children's Home Day and Home-Coming Day here on the Children's Home grounds. We want you to come. Yes, we are hoping for a good delegation from every charge in the conference. Let's greet President Straughn with the largest gathering of Meth-

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Christian Endeavor Topic

HOW SHOULD A CHURCH MEMBER GIVE?

Topic for April 30, 1939

By Rev. Raymond W. White

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, April 24—Give as Abram gave. Gen. 4:18-20.

Tuesday, April 25—Give his talents. Matt. 25:14-23.

Wednesday, April 26—Give his time. Eph. 5:14-17.

Thursday, April 27—Give cheerfully. II Cor. 9:6, 7.

Friday, April 28—Give proportionately. I Cor. 16:1, 2.

Saturday, April 29—Give his all. Mark 10:23-30.

The Text—Mal. 3:8-10; Mark 12:41-44.

To the Leader

Note that this is the third of a series of subjects dealing with "The Christian and His Church." Connect this topic with "What Should a Church Member Believe" so that you may work from a spiritual basis. This topic has been selected to deal primarily with financial giving to the church. Consider tithing and setting aside "the Lord's portion" from one's income. Giving time and talent may be considered and the spirit of giving may be discussed, but give most of your time in considering the "giving of money."

Questions for the Open Forum

1. What is the difference between giving and sharing?
2. Which word would you prefer in dealing with church finances? Why?
3. What should be the spirit in giving to the church?
4. What do we have to offer the church?
5. What reasons can you offer for tithing?
6. What systematic method of giving to the church can you suggest?
7. Is the church entitled to a share of our income? Reasons.
8. What should be the attitude of the poor toward the church?
9. What should be the attitude of the church toward its unfortunate members?
10. How may one determine how much of his income he should give to the church?
11. What does the church do with the money given by its members?
12. What would be your advice to a new member asking how much he should give?

Little Verses

"Go break to the needy sweet charity's bread;
For giving is living," the angel said.
"And must I be giving again and again?"
My peevish and pitiless answer ran.
"Oh, no," said the angel, piercing me through,
"Just give till the Master stops giving to you."

Over against the treasury
He sits who gave Himself for me.
He sees the coppers that I give
Who gave His life that I might live,
He sees the silver I withhold
Who left for me His throne of gold.

For the heart grows rich in giving;
All its wealth is golden grain;
Seeds which mildew in the garner,
Scattered, fill with gold the plain.

For thou must share, if they wouldst keep
That good thing from above;
Ceasing to share, you cease to have;
Such is the law of love.

Give strength, give thought, give deeds, give wealth;
Give love, give tears, and give thyself.
Give, give be always giving.
Who gives not is not living;
The more you give, the more you live.

He dropped a nickel in the plate,
Then meekly raised his eyes;
Glad that his weekly rent was paid
For a mansion in the skies.

Topic Hints

Facing Facts: Church finance is a perennial neglect of many church-members. Not a few would like the question of money never to be raised in the church. They feel that talking about money for the Lord is not spiritual and speaking with a man about his income is personal. Some sincere and liberal church-members hesitate to mention the financial needs of the church in a public way for fear of embarrassing the poor. Jesus did not feel that way about money. It was not an accident that seventeen of the thirty-six parables of our Lord had to do with property and stewardship. He seemed to think that a spiritual man made spiritual everything he touched. Why is the church compelled to appeal for money? It is because of the selfishness of her membership. One need not defend the poor, for among the poor we find the most liberal contributors.

Our Debt: Every man is indebted to the Lord but church-members, who have been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ, should feel their obligations to the point of sacrifice. Is it not strange folk can fill up on ice cream, buy a new car, give about ten cents to missions, and too often nothing, and feel sure of glory? How can one sing heartily, "I surrender all," and keep his money for selfish purposes! The church is the Bride of Christ. Giving to the church is serving the Lord; it should not be left to impulse any more than breathing or prayer is left to impulse. Five dollars for gasoline and five cents for the Lord is not a very good evidence of our love for love is not present where giving is not generous. It is impossible to love without giving. Christ loved us and gave Himself for us. Even sacrificial generosity can never pay the debt one owes. Why should one be satisfied with giving less?

The Amount: Many church-members would like to know how much they should give to the church. Every pastor is acquainted with this question, "How much are the rest giving?" But Christianity is not based on others making decision for us. If it were it would be altogether too easy. Every church-member must decide how much he will contribute to the church. This decision is not reached without standards and these standards must be taken from the Word of God. When we united with the Christian church, we promised to contribute as God gave us the ability. This does not mean that church-members should spend their money for personal desires and give God what was left. It means that God should be considered first and our own affairs governed accordingly. "Christians are never stingy," said Bishop Joseph F. Berry. It is not how much of my money shall I give to God, but how much of God's money shall I keep for myself that concerns many church-members. Any church-treasurer's record will prove this fact. This is not Christian.

Systematic Giving: Our giving to the church should be systematic. Keeping a record of what one gives to the church is the very best evidence of what one does. Many records would show that we give a dollar a week for the support of the church and spend five dollars a week for candies, tobacco and shows, then we consider ourselves good Christians. Can a good church-member, a Christian, think God will tolerate such mockery? If we love the Lord we will invest in His business and we will do it systematically. The financial problems of the church would be solved if all of her members were tithers. Not a few claim this is impossible because of their honest obligations. If we put God in our budget when we are young, before honest obligations have been made, tithing will not be a problem. Here is where our systematic giving to the church should begin. What obligations has any man in life that are more honest than his obligations to Christ and the church? He has more. No, there is no excuse that justifies a man in failing to give God the money that is due Him. God will not be mocked.

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NOTICE!

Your Missionary Editor would greatly appreciate it, if contributors to this column would send material to me on or before Tuesday of each week. It will be a great help and convenience to me if you will do this.

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MAY DAYS

From sources outside of the church the month of May will bring emphases closely related to abundant life for children. Children's workers will therefore have brought to their attention occasions which do not call for special observation in the church school, but which will broaden their interest in the total life of children and in community plans for them.

The first day of May has for a number of years been referred to as Child Health Day. Some State Boards of Health will at this time issue special free or inexpensive bulletins, some of which may be of sufficient value to secure in qualities and to be used with discrimination by nursery workers in visits or meetings with parents. An evaluation of this material or a report of city or county programs for child health would be an interesting feature of any workers' meeting held during the month of May. Often it is possible for church school workers to win confidence and make more effective the available county or city services related to the physical wellbeing of children.

May 18 will be observed in many schools as Goodwill Day. It was first suggested in the year 1899 in commemoration of the first Peace Conference which opened at the Hague on May 18 of that year. Peace organizations, the World Federation of Education Associations, and the National Council for the Prevention of War are among the organizations which have kept alive this goodwill emphasis from year to year. The fact that international relations have many times approached the breaking point during recent months increases the need for helping our boys and girls develop and maintain a spirit of goodwill toward every person. Junior workers particularly will profit by attending a Goodwill Day program if one is to be held in the public school. There may also be opportunity to share with the public schools some of the materials which juniors have used in their church school world friendship units. The maps, posters, or booklets made in connection with the study on Brazil in January would be of interest to fourth, fifth, and sixth grades in the public school.

The world friendship emphasis will permeate much of the church school lesson material during the month of May. This emphasis in the regular lesson material is taking the place of a second special world friendship unit for this church school year. There are two new pieces of source material available for enriching the teaching units and for frequent use throughout the year.

"Our Church at Work With Children," (price, 10 cents) is a 24-page illustrated booklet giving specific information about phases of our missionary enterprises around the world which directly touch the lives of children. School, nurseries, kindergartens, homes for children, social centers, hospitals and clinics, churches and church schools, the Bible and Christian literature, playgrounds, are described in detail. Every worker reading this booklet will have a better idea about the work of our church for children around the world and will be more enthusiastic about helping the children give regularly and intelligently to missions every fourth Sunday.

"Around the World Source Book," (price, 25 cents) is valuable for primary and junior teachers. It provides specific information about homes, games, recipes, costumes, stories, and poems that will frequently be drawn upon throughout the year. It is in no sense a unit, but it will be valuable in connection with the closely graded lesson material, especially the junior units. Using this booklet in this way is recommended in lieu of another special missionary unit in booklet form for the church school year.

Miss Noreen Dunn, Secretary of Children's Work for the Board of Missions, has prepared these two booklets. They may be secured at the prices indicated from the nearest branch of the Methodist Publishing House.

Mother's Day on May 14 will be the occasion for a variety of helpful activities on the part of children, workers, and parents. Nursery workers particularly will have an opportunity to cooperate with the pastor if the baptism of young children is to be made a part of the church's celebration of Mother's Day. Many pastors refer to this service as "vows of parenthood," which makes it a significant occasion for parents. The visit of the nursery worker to the homes of Methodist parents may be an occasion for reminding them of the meaning and value of this service. Helping to secure the needed information for the pastor, particularly in the service itself, delivering a special letter from the pastor to the parents, and keeping a record of the names of the children will indicate specific things that can be done by nursery workers.

A helpful trend in connection with Mother's Day is making of it in reality a "parent education day" when the church magnifies Christian home-making and focuses the attention of parents upon their present-day relation to children rather than upon memories of their own childhood.—Mary Skinner, in "Elementary Teacher" for May, 1939.

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"WESTWARD HO!" BUT NOT FOR GOLD

After a very profitable Easter service in our church at Asheville, and then Sunday night an interested congregation, we were unusually busy on Monday getting everything ready for our California trip.

We finally arranged with a number of brethren to preach for us, and all very satisfactory help indeed. These announcements were arranged for in the daily papers of the city, and we are hoping that everything will work out as scheduled.

Our traveling companions, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Koontz of Lexington, came in Monday afternoon after Easter, both full of enthusiasm about the trip, and after a good night's rest we left Asheville Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock for the long journey west.

Our first night out was spent in Montgomery, Alabama, after a delightful trip through the mountains of Western North Carolina, taking in Waynesville, Franklin, and the other small towns along the way.

The first place to interest us more than the ordinary was Tululla Falls, Georgia. Great improvements are being made there, that great gorge below the dam that has been built is a wonder and worth any one's time to stop long enough to see it.

We never had anything of interest besides this for the first day. Atlanta having been seen in other days, and with the goal ahead of us of seeing two of our boys who are in California, we are not spending any time with anything that we have seen before.

A splendid night's rest at Montgomery, after making 400 miles the first day. We are trying to maintain that as a minimum each day, and at this writing, at Houston, Texas, we have made that for three days now.

There were many interesting things along the way that made it worth while. The most beautiful scenery of any so far was the 45-mile drive along the Gulf from Mobile, Biloxi, Gulfport, etc. The flowers, the full grown leaves on the trees, made such a change for us coming out of the mountains where the marks of spring had hardly made their appearance.

There were many points of interest in New Orleans, some of which were visited. Here we enjoyed the quaint buildings of the old city. It is interesting also to see the many French people that you find in the old section of the city. We were all waiting for the lights to change at a street crossing and I said, "Mrs. Koontz, do you see that trolley there that says six Frenchmen? That is as many as they will take on that car of that nationality." She said she was about to take it literally when she caught on that I was trying to pull a joke on her.

Passing through the French Quarter and seeing a street with a French name, Toulouse, named for a city in France, it reminded me of a riddle that I heard when I was a boy: "If you see a man whose pants were not fitting him right, what two cities in France would you mention?" The answer: "Toulon and Toulouse."

It was here that Andrew Jackson won a great battle over General Packenham, when he told his soldiers not to fire till they could see the whites of the British soldiers' eyes. The fire was so deadly that it proved a complete route for the Packenham army. Possibly this brought Jackson before the American people more than anything else he did to gain public favor, which led to the presidency.

We have had rain two days of the three, mostly in the afternoon. This has hindered but little, as it came while we were on our way.

Nice places to stay at night have made the trip very enjoyable so far, and we are hoping to get in some more interesting accounts of the way over.

Tonight finds us at Houston in the Lone Star State. Will be seeing you next week with some of our experiences as we go farther west. We have very agreeable traveling companions and the Studebaker is giving very satisfactory performance, all of which adds enjoyment to the long miles across the continent. Pray for us that we may have a safe and profitable journey and be able to bring to our work more efficient service as a result of this experience.

N. G. BETHEA.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Spring Church, Spring Church Charge.— Our pastor, Rev. J. E. Garlington, has delivered two fine messages since our last report. In fact, each time we hear him we think that sermon was a little better than the previous one. We rejoice that he will soon be with us all the time, as his college closes the last of this month.

Everyone enjoyed having Dr. Forlines in our homes a few weeks ago, also were greatly helped by the fine sermons he preached for us.

We regret very much to hear that two of our most faithful members have moved their membership to Culver City, California. Mr. and Mrs. Demick moved to Culver City last September. We have certainly missed them in our church and community. We wish for them the best of luck, health and happiness.

Our hearts were made very sad Easter morning to learn that Mr. T. W. Massey, our oldest member, had passed away very suddenly. Mr. Massey was 84 years old and had been in very good health lately. The funeral service was held on Monday at Spring church. His body was laid to rest in the family burying ground near here beneath a heavy blanket of flowers.

As Mr. Garlington is preaching the commencement sermon at Gaston school on the fourth Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, there will only be Sunday school at Spring church, which will begin at 9:45 o'clock. We hope our entire congregation will go to Gaston school to hear Mr. Garlington.

Miss Vista Robinson, of Westhampton College, Richmond, Va., and Miss Mabel Massey of Woman's College, Greensboro, have returned to college after spending the spring vacation with their families. We are always glad to have our young people come back to church and Sunday school.

On April 1, Mr. J. H. Ryles of Emporia, claimed as his bride Miss Marjorie Robinson, one of Spring church's most active young people. They were married in Greensboro at the home of Miss Robinson's uncle, by Rev. W. F. Ashburn, one of Spring Church charge's former pastors. Mr. and Mrs. Ryles are making their home in Emporia. We wish for them much happiness and success.

MRS. R. M. ROBINSON, Reporter.

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Bethesda, North Davidson.—We were very glad indeed to hear the report from the Appreciation Year committee that we have gone over the top.

Our Sunday school is moving along nicely. Attendance is not as large as we would like, but hope to grow. Most all stay for church services.

A short Easter service was given, after which Communion service was held.

We miss our pastor's wife, Mrs. O. B. Williams, very much; she is visiting her daughter in Washington, D. C., for a few weeks.

We were glad to have Mrs. Ed. Tatum of Virginia worship with us Sunday.

The Ladies' Auxiliary met with Mrs. E. E. Wagner, with Mrs. C. L. Wagner and Mrs. J. L. Grubb joint hostesses. The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. D. D. Brinkley, using the guide book. Scripture by Miss Bessie Grubb. Prayer and reading by Mrs. C. M. Yokley. This being the first meeting for our new officers, there was no special program prepared. Plans were made to have a chicken pie supper on Saturday night. After the business and reports of committees, delicious refreshments were served.

Wedding bells have been ringing again. Miss Virginia Wagner and Mr. Kenneth Tussey were married over the holidays. We wish for them much happiness.

MRS. J. O. EVERHART, Reporter.

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Chapel Hill Church, Davidson Charge, Rev. W. H. Neese, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday morning, bringing a very helpful and inspiring message. The Holy Communion service was held, with a good number present taking part in this service.

The Sunday school is moving along very well now since the people who have been sick during the winter months have recovered to health again and can attend services. In summer months the attendance is much higher at this church, yet the interest holds up well with those who attend.

Chapel Hill Ladies' Auxiliary met Tuesday night, April 11, with Mrs. W. H. Neese. Ten members were present. The regular program from the guide book was used. Mrs. Edd Morris was program leader. Those taking part were Mesdames Edd Morris, W. H. Neese, A. C. Harris, Miss Sylvia Morris. At the conclusion of the program the president, Mrs. Van Surratt, took charge and the usual business was transacted. The local committees were appointed by the president at this meeting, as follows: Get Well Cards, Mrs. A. C. Harris and Mrs. Wade Smith; flowers, Mrs. Edd Morris, Mrs. C. L. Surratt, Miss Sylvia Morris, and Mrs. Van Surratt; social, Misses Doris Smith, Sylvia Morris, Mrs. Penn Russell; sick visits, each member. Then at each meeting each member reports to the sick visits committee, Mrs. Wade Surratt, the number of calls made that month, and Mrs. Surratt gives this report at the meetings. The auxiliary members revealed heart sisters, and drew names for another three months.

After adjourning, the members were invited into the parsonage kitchen to see some improvements the pastor has made, with the aid of Lineberry auxiliary, which adds much to the working arrangement of the kitchen. The Chapel Hill auxiliary has consented to aid and finance some cabinet building for the parsonage kitchen.

To the surprise of Mrs. Neese when entering the kitchen, the auxiliary had given her and the pastor a pounding, which adds many useful things to the pantry.

The delegates attending the N. C. Branch convention in High Point April 12 and 13 were Mrs. C. L. Surratt and Mrs. A. C. Harris, accompanied by Mr. C. L. Surratt. Other members were Mrs. W. H. Neese and Miss Bruce Smith, from Chapel Hill auxiliary.

The May auxiliary meeting will be held with Mr. Wade Surratt as hostess.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Neese were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Van Surratt and Mr. Surratt's mother, Mrs. Flora Surratt, Sunday.

May this church continue to be a guiding light to the unsaved of this community, and help to strengthen the weak to live a better life. Pray for us that this may be our high aim for the Master.

MRS. VAN SURRATT, Ass't Reporter.

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First Church, Henderson, Rev. T. J. Whitehead, Pastor, April 17.—Our Sunday school superintendent, Mr. Clyde L. Finch, has given us several pleasant surprises recently which were very much appreciated and enjoyed. A few Sundays ago Misses Maria and Catherine Legg from the First Baptist Sunday school sang a beautiful duet, and Rev. J. Everette Neese, of the Congregational-Christian church, made an interesting talk. On Easter Sunday during the Sunday school hour, Robert Stubbs Hight gave a piano solo, and Mary Gene Falkner read a poem.

At the 11 o'clock service Nancy Jean and Robert Stubbs Hight united with the church. After the class period yesterday Mrs. McFarland's Sunday school class of teen age girls presented a very pleasing program. Where there is a group of Christian young people one will find them doing fine and inspirational things.

Rev. W. M. Howard, of Enfield, one of our young ministers, was the guest speaker during the preaching mission.

The Woman's Auxiliary held its final meeting for the missionary year with Mrs. W. W. Parker, Jr., with a large attendance. The officers were reelected. Mrs. Roy W. Dixon, who has served as chairman of Circle No. 1, having resigned, Mrs. Glenn Satterwhite was appointed to fill her place. We extend to Mrs. Dixon our deepest appreciation for her faithful and efficient services for several years, and we are delighted to have Mrs. Satterwhite as our chairman.

It is a great pleasure to report that the auxiliary met its budget in full for last year, and with renewed faith and devotion to our Lord, we pledge our loyalty to the advancement of righteousness.

The Philathea class met recently at the church, with Mesdames H. C. Raynor, G. D. Greenway, and J. L. Mundy as hostesses. A committee reported the Easter box sent to the Children's Home at High Point. It was voted to send a delegate to the national Baraca-Philathea convention to be held in Richmond. Miss Lucy Taylor will represent the class at the state convention in Goldsboro this month.

Mr. Jasper B. Hicks, Henderson attorney, who is recognized as one of the leading laymen of the Methodist Protestant church in North Carolina, has been elected as delegate from the M. P. church to the Uniting Conference in Kansas City, which convenes the last week in this month.

A sunrise service was held at the King's Daughters park Easter Sunday. Rev. Mr. Whitehead, with other ministers, had parts on the program.

A number of our young people were at home for the Easter holidays. Misses Margaret Hight, who teaches in a junior college in Maryland; Eleanor Young, from Belmont, and her house guest, Miss West from Raleigh, Nancy Parham, Mary Mitchell Baity, Nellie Kittrell from High Point College, and Lucille Finch from Shenandoah College in Dayton, Virginia.

Friends of Miss Lucy Hayes are glad to know she has returned home much improved after undergoing an operation at Watts hospital, in Durham. We are also glad to hear that Mrs. T. J. Whitehead's brother is much better.

Rev. Mr. Whitehead had for his sermon subject yesterday, "After Easter—What?"

Mrs. L. R. Gooch was called to Ansonville recently on acount of the illness of her brother-in-law, Mr. Dunlap. We trust he may soon be well.

ANNIE C. LASHLEY, Reporter.

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Moriah, Rev. J. Leo Pittard, Pastor.—The Easter pageant was a success. We had a good crowd and the children did fine, as well as the grown-ups that took part.

The Woman's Auxiliary met with Mrs. J. L. Lewis the last Friday night in March. The devotional was very impressive, as this was the time for the installation of new officers. The service was in charge of Mrs. George L. Glenn.

It won't be long before our pastor will be out of school down at Duke. Usually it's the scholar that can't wait for the school bell to fall the last time until the next year, but this time it's our congregation that will be glad because we can have him and his charming wife with us more. No foolin': we love these two young people and admire them so much.

Quite a number of our ladies attended the state meeting at High Point. This reporter, having been a delegate, along with Mrs. W. A. Moser, can say we had a most enjoyable time; and too, we learned so much we didn't know before of what our church women are doing. At this meeting we saw Dr. T. M. Johnson, whom we all admire. (He used to be our pastor) and Mr. J. L. Trollinger, of Winston, that we have had in some of our special meetings.

The Senior Bible class met with Mr. and Mrs. Kellam on Easter Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. Kellam are new additions to this class, and we are glad to have them.

We are proud of the grass that grows so green and neatly cut in our cemetery, and we are planning to keep it just as nice this year as it was last.

The Junior Bible class met with Miss Virginia Meachem on the first Wednesday night in April; an enjoyable time was reported by all present.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will hold its April meeting at the home of Mrs. Agnes Curtis on April 28 at 7:30. All members are urged to be present.

MRS. WILBUR A. SHERRILL, Reporter.

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First Church, Burlington, Dr. Fred W. Paschal, Pastor.—Easter Sunday was a great day in our church, with all services well attended.

At the eleven o'clock service Dr. Paschal brought to us a heart-stirring message in keeping with the day. At the close of the service an invitation was given to those who wished to accept Christ. On confession of faith several came after which the doors of the church were opened and ten new members were received. Rev. Charles Coble of Haw River brought the evening message.

Since writing the last, the N. C. Branch Meeting has met at High Point, and was truly a big event in the lives of all Methodist Protestant women. Delegates from our church were Mesdames Edwin Moore, Hobart Patterson, Walter Williamson, Miss Mildred McPherson and Miss Glenna Teer. There were many more who attended. Some of these delegates were present for every session, and gave a splendid report at the auxiliary meeting Monday night.

I am sure all are delighted with the growth and rapid advancement the N. C. branch has made, and it was an inspiration to listen to the splendid reports.

We are very happy to be among the honor auxiliaries, our president has done a splendid piece of work, and we are proud of her, as well as the co-operation from the various other officials: we realize that their faithfulness enables us to be an honor auxiliary.

Congratulations to Miss Ollie Moser for bringing back the loving cup for her untiring work with the Precious Jewels.

It also made our hearts glad to hear Burlington mentioned along with others in the organization of the young groups. Miss Mildred McPherson and Glenna Teer, who were our delegates as already mentioned are doing a great piece of work with the young folks. This is splendid for it won't be many years before they will be our leaders.

The Board of Stewards met for their monthly business meeting on Tuesday evening, April 17, with all reports very encouraging. Our pastor expressed his appreciation to this board for their splendid co-operation during this new church year.

There was a good Sunday school attendance the past Sunday, with Mrs. Paschal's class of young ladies in charge. Special music was furnished by a large choir of junior girls.

The Baraca class has on a contest of blues and reds, with the blues ahead so far, but several more Sundays yet to go.

The Philathea class is planning a rally day on the second Sunday in May, at which time they will also observe Mothers' Day.

At the eleven o'clock service communion was observed. Dr. Paschal pointed out that it was not possible for any human to put into a message the power and meaning as that of the Lord's Supper if taken in the spirit of Chirst. Immediately after the service our pastor and our delegate, Mr. M. A. Coble, left by motor for Kansas City, Mo., and the Uniting Conference which convenes Wednesday.

The continued prayers of the church are asked for this conference, in doing the Master's will. We all can't be there in person, but we can pray for the Union of these two great denominations, that all things done may be in accord with His will, for a blessing to mankind and to bring lost souls to the Lamb of God. After all is this not the church's highest calling and privilege?

MRS WALTER WILLIAMSON, Reporter.

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First Church, High Point.—Because we haven't written the Herald since the week before Easter, we feel our Easter services certainly should be mentioned. Several consider this year's pre-Easter program the best in our history. Holy Week was observed with services each night. On Friday night a pageant, "Out of the Easter Garden," was presented, with approximately 80 children participating. Our Easter Sunday services were both well attended, and the following united with our church: Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dutton, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Marlette, Mr. A. A. Everhart, Mrs. O. R. York, Jr., Miss Catherine Peace, Mrs. C. E. Stroupe, Mrs. D. W. Stroupe, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Stroupe. Our Easter offering amounted to $110.00 The junior church turned in $27.60 of this amount. Through their Self-Denial boxes they raised $13.60, and the offering at their pageant amounted to $14.00.

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Branch meeting last week. The attendance seemed very good, and we hope those present enjoyed themselves, as we did. The programs were very worth-while, and we feel we must mention the play given Wednesday night by talent from the local church, and directed by two of our own members, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hicks. It was certainly well presented, and we extend our congratulations to the directors and the following young people who participated: Edith Vance, Willie Edwards, Gene Rankin, Stanwood Kennett, Gilbert Gray, Billy White, Esther Marie Ferree, Betty Hill Ellison, Betty Auman, and Lyna Jane Davis.

On Wednesday evening of this week the board of stewards, in cooperation with the Workers' Council, is planning a church meeting. This is not a meeting to raise money, but to bring before the members the items of interest about the church program, and to spend the rest of the time in fellowship with each other. It is their wish that a large crowd be present for this occasion.

Mr. A. J. Koonce leaves Sunday night for Kansas City for the Uniting Conference. Mr. Koonce is a delegate from our conference.

Our church was well represented at the State Baraca-Philathea convention held at Goldsboro this past week-end. Our delegates were Misses Annabelle Thompson, Gladys Kivett, who is state secretary, Lea Joyner, Myrtle Davis, and Mrs. Mary Ballard.

MRS. ROBERT DAVIS, Reporter.

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State Street, Lexington, Rev. O. C. Loy, Pastor.—This is our first letter since Easter so we will give recognition to the Easter program given by the children directed by Mrs. Joe Everhart.

The children gave an interesting program in a talented way all in keeping with the Easter season. The church was neatly decorated in white and green with a tall, white, lighted cross in the background forming a perfect scene for the play.

State Street was well-represented at the Branch Meeting of the Women's Work, held in First church, High Point, this month.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Loy, Mrs. F. J. Cox, Mrs. V. M. Garner and Mrs. W. T. Neal all reported a good meeting with Mrs. Cox being elected district chairman.

The Sunshine Circle directed by Mrs. F. J. Cox won the silver cup for a report of 100 per cent throughout the year which makes them very happy and they plan to work just as hard this year.

The Women's Auxiliary held their monthly meeting with Mrs. J. Bax Leonard last Tuesday night the first for the new auxiliary year. The new officers having been installed on Sunday night, April 16, took their respective places and all enjoyed Mrs. Leonard's hospitality as she served delicious refreshments during the social hour.

Mrs. O. C. Loy and Mrs. Joe Everhart were joint hostesses to the Philathea class last Friday night. The devotional was led by Mrs. J. H. Streetman. After the meeting closed with prayer, ice cream and cake were served to the large number present.

Mr. Loyd Leonard and family have returned to their home in Asheville after a vacation with Mr. Leonard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Leonard.

We are glad to report that little O. Max Loy is recovering from a severe cold and chicken pox. Mr. Bob Redwine is gradually improving. We hope that when the spring weather is settled that our attendance will go to normal again.

MRS. W. T. NEAL, Reporter.

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Hebron, Orange Charge, Rev. C. P. Morris, Pastor.—Since our last report to the Herald the attendance at Sunday school and church has been very good, our pastor bringing us some very timely and helpful message.

We were glad to have Mr. Chang, a student at Duke university and a friend of Mr. Morris, to address the Sunday school on the second Sunday afternoon. Mr. Chang is a native Korean and spoke on the customs of his country which was enjoyed by all.

At the regular preaching hour we were favored with an Easter cantata given by the choirs of Mebalne and Hebron churches under the direction of Mr. T. O. Pender.

Circle No. I of the Woman's Auxiliary held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. L. A. Dixon on April 11. After the usual business was transacted the hostes served light refreshments.

Miss Margaret McAdams, Mrs. Clayton Dixon and Mrs. Ben Wilson attnded the tenth annual meeting of the N. C. Branch of Women's Work at the First M. P. Church in High Point on April 12. Miss McAdams stayed over for the remaining sessions of the conference.

The stewards held their regular quarterly meeting Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Hall McAdams, the usual business was transacted.

On the fourth Sunday the treasurer gave the church a financial report covering the first six months of our year. It showed most items paid up to date although we were a little behind the same period of last year. Our pastor gave us a very inspiring sermon, his subject being "Divided and Unified Life."

We have been missing Mrs. Morris for the last few Sundays, we are looking forward to seeing her and the little boy soon.

MRS. BEN WILSON, Reporter.

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  To hitch to a star;
The cloud's silver lining
  Grows brighter each day,
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Yes, wishes are horses,
  Mount, ride, fast and free;
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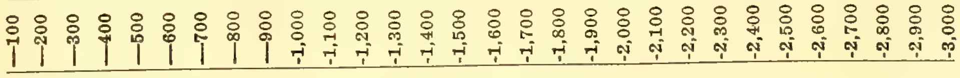

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OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

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Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Eight million Methodist communicants and a constituency of 20,000,000 adherents stand at attention today as this Uniting Conference throws wide the gates to a new era in American Church life. The entire Protestantism of the nation turns eager eyes toward this city. No more notable and responsible Christian body has ever assembled on this continent than this Uniting Conference. The authority of the Churches that you represent has bestowed upon you by legal and constitutional procedure and action the great and grave responsibility of building the governmental structure of the New Methodist Church out of the elements of polity and practice that inhere in the three uniting Churches. You are to set the course for a powerful ecclesiastical organization upon its high and holy mission. God only in His wisdom, might, and love, can make you equal to this task and this obligation.

Methodism in America proclaims to the world today, with great joy, the culmination of one of the most outstanding and far-reaching union movements which the Church of Christ has ever witnessed. Christendom for a quarter of a century has deplored its divisions and bewailed its rivalries, and has cried aloud for peace and a new Christian and ecclesiastical unity. Great Ecumenical Councils have sounded loudly the call to Christian forces to close their ranks and present a solid front to a wretched and wayward world. Our three Churches have heard that cry, and have answered by consolidating their forces, unifying their divisions, and moving majestically to a more responsible place in Christian adventure. The process and spirit that have wrought this achievement are prophetic of other Methodist unions and of speedy correlations that will give this country a Methodism of coordinated oneness and of mobilized evangelical power.

(Signed by the Bishops and Dr.
J. H. Straughn).
From *The Daily Christian Advocate*.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The Uniting Conference of Methodism, Kansas City, Mo., May 1, 1939.

In place of my usual letter this week I shall use my page in saying some things about the Uniting Conference.

The Auditorium

This auditorium is so large it is difficult to describe it. Ordinarily it has a seating capacity of fourteen thousand. But for this conference the seats have been rearranged so as to make it seat only ten thousand. The main arena where the delegates are seated normally seats five thousand and now seats only the nine hundred delegates. This change was made necessary in order that each delegate might have a table thirty inches square. Surrounding the arena there are seats a few feet higher than those in the arena where those who have special tickets may be seated. Above these seats of honor is the front of the balconies which rise higher and higher toward the ceiling until one seated in the arena has a feeling that one is in the midst of a valley surrounded on all sides by mountains. In addition to the large arena and balconies there are thirty-five additional rooms with a seating capacity ranging from fifty to twenty-five hundred. While the number of people in the main arena remains practically the same at all times the number of those in the balconies changes from time to time.

The Magnitude of the Conference

When one considers the magnitude of this conference it is impossible to describe it. In addition to the nine hundred delegates there are thousands of visitors. In fact the throngs are so great that four of our young ministers from North Carolina were here two full days before I ever saw one of them. It is true they could look down from the balconies on the North Carolina delegates for these are seated in a particular place in the auditorium but we of the main arena cannot recognize people in the balconies because of the great distance. Not only are there great throngs of people but the issues involved are so great. Three denominations are merged bringing together three denominations into one denomination numbering eight millions. Not only are the three denominations in the United States being merged but the ramifications of these churches in the uttermost parts of the earth are involved. There are bishops and native workers and missionaries from almost every corner of the globe here to represent the church to which they belong. For instance, at the noon hour today a bishop from Brazil was called upon to give the benediction. He gave it but in a language entirely foreign to us.

The Spirit of the Conference

While there are diverse opinions in some cases about methods of doing things there is general agreement on one thing, namely, we are one in spirit. This is a select group, made up for the most part of skilled parliamentarians, men who know all the schemes for either blocking or formating certain things but fortunately the various opinions do not follow denominational lines. In fact there is no north nor south nor east nor west. Even the former denominational affiliations are largely forgotten. Even in our own North Carolina delegates half may vote for and the other half against a proposition.

What Has Been Accomplished

As in most deliberative bodies a great deal of the grand work is done by committees. So far we have elected two bishops, Drs. Straughn and Broomfield. The time has been fixed for the first General Conference which will begin the last Wednesday in April of next year. Tonight the delegates from the various jurisdictions will determine how many Annual Conferences there will be in each state. Many committees will be ready to report within the next few days and so the work moves along. More next week.

J. E. Pritchard.

THE GREAT EXPERIENCE

"I think it was about five this morning that I opened my Testament on those words: 'There are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises, even that ye should be partakers of the divine nature.' (2 Peter 1:4). Just as I went out I opened it again on these words: 'Thou art not far from the kingdom of God.' In the afternoon I was asked to go to St. Paul's The anthem was, 'Out of the deep have I called thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.'

"In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me, that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.

"I began to pray with all my might for those who had in a more especial manner despitefully used me and persecuted me. I then testified openly to all there what I now first felt in my heart."

—*John Wesley: "Journal," Wednesday, May 24, 1738.*

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"The Methodists have pointed the way to union. May God prosper the work and hasten the day when Christians of all confessions shall present a united front to combat the forces of strife that threatens our heritage of religion."—From President Roosevelt's message to the Uniting Conference.

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Brother T. G. Madison reports that Kistler's Union and Mt. Moriah churches on Cleveland Charge have paid W. S. budget in full.

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The Uniting Conference In Action

Editorial Correspondence

Kansas City.—It is very difficult to describe such a gathering. The numbers attending, the countries of the world represented, the spirit of the body, are not to be compared with any other Christian conference in modern times. And the place of meeting, the tremendous building, its seating capacity, its rooms for committees to meet in; the cordiality which is seen and felt wherever a wearer of the badge appears. There are many other matters not on the conference program that must be appraised before one passes judgment upon this great gathering.

The delegates, visitors and citizens elbowed in a good-natured manner their way in the receiving line Tuesday night when the bishops received us. But the line had to be broken at last in order that the speaking begin from the rostrum, so long had it become. Then and there we were assured in graceful and eloquent language of our welcome to the city of the great West.

Wednesday morning the delegates attended a communion service at Grace and Holy Trinity P. E. Church. The Boston University singers led the processional singing "The Church: One Foundation." The services was of course conducted by the bishops. The ritual of the Methodist Episcopal Church was used most impressively. The effect of such a service in which were representatives from a score of foreign countries and many of the leaders of three great religious bodies, can not be described by the writer. He felt that never before in a thousand years, if ever, had such a scene been witnessed. But that may be said of many other services which are daily being held. But as the last phrase of the recessional "Lead On, O King Eternal, we follow not with fear" died away in the distance a new sense of assurance gripped my heart. I felt that this meeting was truly prophetic of a new day when righteousness would cover the earth as water covers the sea.

The Uniting Conference began at 10 a. m. with Bishop Hughes presiding, Dr. J. C. Broomfield voiced the invocation and Bishop John M. Moore delivered the address of the bishops to the Uniting Conference and the Methodist Church. It was very comprehensive and certainly a most stimulating message. It would not be wise to attempt to give here any excerpts as our space would not permit but we hope to do this in the near future. In the organization of the conference Dr. C. W. Bates was chosen assistant secretary, so we hear his voice occasionally.

The afternoon was given over to committee meetings, as is the afternoon of every day except Sunday.

The night service was presided over by Dr. J. H. Straughn. R. M. Andrews conducted the devotions. It was the time to hear the fraternal messages from English Methodism. The speakers, Dr. Robert Bond and Hon. Isaac Foote captured the vast audience with their fine spirit, their rare will, and sober speech.

Thursday was another busy day. A message from the President of the United States was read and the conference begaun to become routine minded. Matters of detail were disposed of and the way is open for committees to act.

Thursday night those representing the M. P. Church met and elected two bishops. Dr. Jas. H. Straughn was elected on the first ballot. Dr. Broomfield was chosen on the third ballot, others receiving more than ten votes on the last ballot were Drs. Humphries, 22, and Hawley, 19.

Great sorrow has come to many of us in the death of Mrs. J. W. Hawley. She was stricken Thursday afternoon, and died Friday afternoon. Great sympathy was expressed for Dr. Hawley.

Friday both Drs. Straughn and Broomfield were presented to the conference as bishops-elect and Dr. Straughn presided over the morning session. Friday was a day full of parliamentary tangles which surely tested the skill of the bishop-elect to steer the conference to the port of safety at noon. Friday night the rostrum was filled with missionaries of the three churches. It was a thrilling sight, more than a hundred men and women, some of whom have served fifty years in the foreign field. The addresses were made by Dr. John R. Mott and Bishop Arthur J. Moore. One of the features of the meeting was the singing of Madame Yeolieka Saito of Tokyo, Japan, and Mr. J. K. Li, University of Nanking, China. Their singing together, "Saviour, like a shepherd lead us" was most impressive.

Saturday morning began with the routine of Friday and while there were many motions, amendments and substitutes for the whole we were able to adjourn half an hour before the time scheduled. The afternoon was given over to committee meetings of delegates and to a great Youth Rally in the auditorium. Thousands of young people from many states participated in the varied program of song, address and panel discussion.

The night program included songs by a choir of five hundred from Baker University and some splendid addresses by youth leaders. Among the leaders we noticed Secretary Gibbs, President Forlines and Rev. Roy I. Farmer.

Sunday afternoon will remain a memorable day in the memory of all former members of the Methodist Protestant Church, it was then Drs. Straughn and Broomfield were consecrated to the office of bishop. The officiating bishops were Edwin H. Hughes, John M. Moore, A. W. Leonard, H. L. Smith and Paul B. Kern. "How Firm a Foundation"

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High Lights of Appreciation Year Campaign

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Brower's, Richland Charge.
Denton and Canaan, Denton Charge.
Lebanon, High Point.
Grays Chapel, Randolph Charge.
Kistler's and Mt. Moriah, Cleveland Charge.
Fairview, Haw River Charge.
Glen Raven, Glen Raven Charge.
Who will be next?

J. E. Pritchard.

"A solution of the problems that ever more darkly overshadow the world today is impossible without recourse to the forces of religion. By this, I mean recognition by men and nations of the spiritual power beyond ourselves which makes for righteousness, which transcends the order of mundane culture and enters the penumbra of divine mystery."—From President Roosevelt's message to the Uniting Conference.

Brother J. M. Morgan has moved to the new parsonage. His address now is Brunswick, Va.

WHY? HOW? WHAT?

By Christian F. Reisner

Pastor of Broadway Temple, New York City

Make some suggestions concerning tithing in a church. I have frequently heard of churches where laymen lift the financial burden from the minister. Unfortunately, I have not personally met such a church. Tithing has been neglected in recent years. "The Layman's Association" in Chicago furnishes splendid tracts in this field. I am buying them and inserting them in our church paper every Sunday, so that the people receive information regularly. I still find use for the "Victory of Mary Christopher." It can be bought in paper binding for 15 cents and I sell it for 10 cents, so that I can distribute it widely. It is profitable to print lists of the members who tithe. The preacher may well present the subject on two or three occasions. Stinginess shrivels the soul; giving must be lifted to a high plane. I always raise money on the basis of partnership. I visited a distinguished banker some years ago and told him, "I am no more called to preach than you are called to be a banker. When we are through, our Heavenly Father will not know the distinction, but will on recognize us as His sons working together to make the world better." He liked that statement. Then I added, "It is my business to make church plans and it is your business, as a partner, to furnish the money." He gave me $5,000 that day. He has since given me money, when I reminded him of that statement. I make that suggestion to all the people from whom I raise money. I once conducted an Epworth League Institute consecration meeting. We had young people about the altar who were to be deaconesses, ministers, and foreign missionaries. I saw scores of young business men in the audience. I asked, "How many of you folk will come to the altar and pledge yourselves to live on as little as these folk will in active Christian service and give the rest to God?" Thirty-two came forward.

"How can we encourage Bible reading?" I once preached a sermon on Bible reading and then took pledges from the people to read at least some part of the Bible every day. I had a splendid response and several people said afterward that they found new and unexpected interest in the Book. We have recently tried a week-day Bible Class for women which has been surprisingly successful. We are often too much afraid to offer such courses. The mid-week service is a problem these days. I have been told by my officials that, if a formal and specific Bible class were organized every Wednesday night, they would attend. I mean to present the life of Jesus from the four gospels in mimeograph outline and make a real test of this plan. We may well offer such books as *Abingdon Bible Commentary* as helps. The Home Department of the Sunday school can be helpfully employed for creating an interest in Bible study. We ought to keep a supply of Bibles on hand so that people can easily purchase them for gifts and their own use. We frequently distribute small copies of the Gospel. The American Bible Society charges only one cent each for them.—In *The Pastor's Journal.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By REV. W. H. YOKELEY

PAUL WORKS A HARD FIELD

International Sunday School Lesson for May 7

By Rev. W. H. Yokeley

Lesson Text—Acts 18:1, 4-11. I Cor. 2:1-5.

Golden Text—I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Philippians 4:13.

Our text today is a hard one for the easy street Christian (if you know any) to believe. It is much the same as the passage of Scripture that tells us if we have faith we can move mountains, but when we come along that way we excuse ourselves and leave the job for someone else. Shoving the job onto others seems to have become a pastime for many church members these days. Sometimes we are made to wonder if modern men and women are made of the same stuff as Paul and some of the other Saints of old, so different are their reactions to the call of Christ and His Church; they will not work the easy field next door or at home so we cannot send the call for them to labor in the harder fields. Many of our Christians today think it too hard to get up on Sunday morning and go to church, and if they get that far they cannot endure sitting on the hard benches after having suffered one hour or less in the school session. It is not surprising then that the Christian religion is referred to often as a religion for "sissies" and soft people. Too many professed believers are afraid of the hard places in life, and merely use religion as a side step from their own ills. In reality the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ calls for all the red blooded strength and courage of the finest of manhood and womanhood; that is what a real Christian is, the finest, strongest, most courageous and cleanest manhood and womanhood to be found. No faint-heart or "softie" can have a part in our text. It is a glorious battle we fight, but God can only use the strong, the brave and the true in this great army of the Cross.

The newspapers are telling us that this new church is the largest religious body (except Catholic) in the United States. This can mean much or it can mean little. I know of one time God was forced to reduce his army drastically to fight a very important battle. Today too many have been wanting to fall behind and not press onward toward that high calling. Paul was in the front ranks. From the city of Philosophers we find him going on to the city of sin. To be called a "Corinthian" was to be called anything ungodly, drunken, or free-thinker. It was this *impossible city* Paul came with the word of the Spirit. One of the hardest trials a Christian minister has ever faced, he faced there; he was forced to leave them in their sins. To read about it we cannot see how hard that task must have been for Paul . . . after all these were men he knew . . . his people . . . from henceforth I will go . . . but he didn't go far, just next door where God added a spark to the dying flame in his heart, by giving a very important convert.

As Paul came and went he would learn some of the plans to destroy him. By the look, or the whispered word he knew there was danger for him in that place. Paul was a believer and he believed God, though he must struggle with the heartbreak of an overwhelming task he stayed at his post. God never tries His creatures beyond their endurance . . . He wants them to fight but He is ever by their side. The hour of man's extremity is God's opportunity. So at this hour Paul received from God a vision . . . of safety and fellowship, and almost immediately a fresh burst of persecution broke against him. Had God made false assurance? no, not at all. . . . Let us learn this lesson here. God promised care but He did not promise that trouble would not come. We too have the assurance of God's protecting care but we do not expect to escape the sorrows and trials of life, but we do know that He will be with us and keep us in the midst of them.

Paul in looking back writes the wonderful secret of his success in the work at Corinth. It was not in eloquence, self confidence or his wisdom highly as we esteem these qualifications but he preached "Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

If we would look at our world today we mould name it "Corinth." In looking back over the years of our service can we say with Paul that we have been determined that our church, our Sunday school, and our lives shall not make known "anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified"?

And looking at the "hard places" we have endured for Christ and the gospel, how glorious. There is no joy in doing the easy job, but "to do the will of Him" always brings joy. Not only does it take us to the wedding feast, but out into this worldly wilderness and on the rocky mountain side looking for lost sheep, in the garden of long and agonizing prayer for some lost soul, to the judgment seat by some evil wagging tongue spreading falsehood but looking back . . . what glory! What joy!

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The Uniting Conference In Action

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was sung by the Boston University singers when something like fifty bishops, active and retired, marched down to the rostrum. This service was witnessed by at least ten thousand people. Drs. G. R. Brown of North Carolina, and E. A. Sexsmith of Maryland assisted in the ordination, representing the Methodist Protestant Church.

Already the question is asked, When can we complete the work and return to our homes? That the question is born in the desire to return is not to be denied, but the feeling comes out of the desire of the delegates to get back home and begin the task of uniting the three churches.

One is made to marvel as he realizes what Kansas City has done and is doing to make this conference a reality. No want of the delegates has been overlooked by the host committee. The North Carolina delegation is comfortably situated at the Robert E. Lee Hotel, just across the street from the Auditorium.

R. M. ANDREWS.

WITH THE POETS

Elizabeth Vera Idol

NANCY HANKS

By Stephen Vincent Benet

No character who has lived in America, and it may almost be said, in the whole world, has so attracted the pens of historians, biographers, and poets, as has Abraham Lincoln. There is no need to review here the fascinating romance of his ancestry and life—it is well-known to all. The story of the marriage of Thomas Lincoln, somewhat shiftless, roving father of the boy, to Nancy Hanks, who died when Abraham Lincoln was only nine years old, is history known to every schoolboy and girl.

Stephen Vincent Benet was early interested in the history and lengendry of America as it was preserved in native balladry. So it was not strange that he should be inspired to put into poetry the dramatic years of the struggle between the North and the South, and when, in 1928, he wrote his American epic poem, *John Brown's Body,* the book that won for him the Pulitzer Prize and made him famous, he made wise use of the form as well as the material of the ballad.

Then in 1933 Benet collaborated with his wife, Rosemary Carr Benet, to produce *A Book of Americans,* containing pen portraits of noteworthy Americans ranging from native Indians of early colonial days to a portrayal of Woodrow Wilson of our own times. This volume was dedicated to the poets' own children and written in simple rimed stanzas to appeal particularly to them, but, as is so often true of literature written with children in mind as readers, many of the poems are more universal in their appeal to adults than to children themselves.

Of course Abraham Lincoln was included; no gallery of American portraits could be complete without him. But this is not Lincoln the man whom we know from history. Indeed it is not Lincoln at all, but his mother, Nancy Hanks, who, if she came back a ghost from beyond the grace would first of all seek news of her little son Abe. His loneliness with only his father, "Who's a rolling stone," the poverty of his boyhood in the prairie frontier home where hunger and cold frequently assailed him, and his sorrow for his dead mother still cling to her ghostly memory:

"I remember still
How hard he cried."

The whole poem becomes more poignant because we know the answers to her questions; we know the glory that the years have brought, and our hearts ache because his mother could not have stayed to know it too.

But in the last stanza, each line of which is a question, the whole of the man that he become—his physical stature, his never-failing sense of humor, his progress from small town to the capital of the nation, and even the fame and renown that he won—all are made more vivid by the interrogations than would have been true had the poet specified his actual achievements in rimed lines. The final question, "Did he get on?" grips us by its very naivete and its simple native idiom.

The entire poem follows:

"If Nancy Hanks
Came back as a ghost,
Seeking news
Of what she loved most,
She'd ask first
'Where's my son?
What's happened to Abe?
What's he done?

'Poor little Abe,
Left all alone
Except for Tom,
Who's a rolling stone;
He was only nine
The year I died;
I remember still
How hard he cried.

'Scraping along
In a little shack,
With hardly a shirt
To cover his back,
And a prairie wind
To blow him down,
Or pinching times
If he went to town.

'You wouldn't know
About my son?
Did he grow tall?
Did he have fun?
Did he learn to read?
Did he get to town?
Do you know his name?
Did he get on?' "

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Amount previously reported	$1,420.16
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Mrs. J. W. Hulin, Love Joy church	3.00
Miscellaneous, Mr. Bates	1.00
State Street, Lexington	5.00
Special collection, Branch Meeting, High Point	48.45
Total Minnis Salary for Aux. year	$1,502.61

MRS. C. L. KEARNS, Treas.,
N. C. Branch, Women's Work.

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REPORT OF TREASURER, N. C. BRANCH WOMEN'S WORK

For Year Ending March 31, 1939

RECEIPTS:

Balance April 1, 1938	$ 70.10
Received from Mrs. Speas, Sec. of Literature	144.40
Collection at Branch Meeting, Burlington, for Rev. and Mrs. Horace Williams but turned over to the Branch Treasurer	27.91
Difference in collections and expenses of Rev. and Mrs. Horace Williams from Weston, W. Va., to North Carolina and return to Columbus, Ohio	29.09
Mrs. S. W. Taylor, Treas., final dividend from Security Nat'l Bank	2.40
Interest on Perpetual Memberships	42.00
Funds received for:	
College	926.48
World Service	3,240.93
North Carolina Budget	2,750.80
Minnis Fund	1,499.38
Thank-offering	2,001.52
Total Receipts	$10,735.04

DISBURSEMENTS:

Rev. Homer Casto, expenses to Branch meeting, Burlington	$ 10.00	
Trollinger Florist, corsage for Mrs. Williams	1.50	
Expenses of delegates to Tiffin, Ohio	54.65	
M. P. Herald, space for one year	100.00	
McCulloch & Swain, printing for year	12.00	
Expenses of President for year	11.94	
Expenses, Cor. Sec. for year	17.28	
Board of Missions, for Missionary Records	6.39	
Board of Missions, literature 4-1-38 to 12-28-38	94.00	
600 Postal Cards for use of Treasurer	6.00	
Mrs. Lamb, Sec. of Young People, expenses for first and second quarters	2.29	
Mrs. Brown, mailing calendars	1.25	
Dalton Florist, flowers for Auman funeral	5.15	
Expenses of Rev. and Mrs. Stewart, speakers at Annual Conference, Women's Night	14.35	
High Point College, mimeographing and postage	.85	
125 stamped envelopes for use of Finance Com.	4.06	
High Point College	926.48	
Mrs. Kennett, Student Loan Fund	412.61	
Rev. Homer Casto, Bethel Home	550.08	
Dr. A. G. Dixon, Children's Home	1,375.50	
H. C. Staley, Treas. World Service:		
Undesignated	2,847.66	
Thank-Offering	2,001.52	
Minnis	1,502.61	
Life Memberships	175.00	
Memorial Memberships	150.00	
Perpetual Memberships	30.00	
Scholarships to India	35.00	
Work in China	24.00	
Medical Work in India	5.38	
Native preacher in India (Supported by Mr. Lon McPherson)	60.00	
Total Disbursements		10,437.55
Bank Balance		$ 297.49

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. COY L. KEARNS, Treas.,
N. C. Branch, Women's Work.

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PLEASE NOTE — YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECRETARIES

A letter from Miss Bettie S. Brittingham informs us that printing of materials for our work this year is being purposely held up until after the Uniting Conference. She states that if they decide to print new posters for the Young People's work, they will be ready for the convention June 7.

Realizing that we must not lose these three months before the convention results and findings will be handed down to us, I believe it will be quite all right for us to use the goals on the young people's poster last year. Should new posters be printed, I do not believe there will be much, if any, variatoin in the goals for these groups.

Therefore, I am suggesting that we do use the goals of last year in beginning our work with the children and young people's groups this year. As to materials, of course we must wait and see what the convention recommends but in the meantime, I feel sure there is plenty of the material which the groups did not use last year that can be used most beneficially these months.

For the children's groups, if you do not already have it, you should secure the book, "Missionary Stories to Tell," which can be ordered from the Board of Missions, 516 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md., for 50 cents. It does contain such splendid missionary stories for children of primary and junior age.

A splendid suggestion for Precious Jewels comes from Mrs. S. W. Taylor of Asheboro. They give little banks secured from our publishing house in Baltimore to the Precious Jewels at the beginning of the year, and ask for a penny a week, and where the child is old enough, let him put the penny into the bank and explain what it is for. At the end of the year they have a party for the Precious Jewels and their mothers, at which time the banks are opened. Doesn't that sound interesting?

Should you desire a copy of this poster giving the goals, please write me. I shall be glad to give whatever other help and information I can also. You will hear from me as soon as I can secure the suggestions for materials in this department.

I trust that you may have a splendid year in this phase of our church work, and if I can be of assistance to you in any way, please feel free to write me.

MRS. EUGENE A. LAMB, Secretary,
Young People's Department.
Route 4, Greensboro, N. C.

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MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT

To the Tenth Annual Meeting of the N. C. Branch of Women's Work

By MRS. R. M. ANDREWS

(Continued from Last Week)

Robert Louis Stevenson in his poem, "Celestial Surgeon" prays that if he has lacked spiritual appreciation, the Lord would stab his spirit broad awake.

> "Or Lord, if too obdurate I,
> Choose thou, before that spirit die,
> A piercing pain, a killing sin,
> And to my dead heart run them in."

We have been so imbued with the thought that God can do anything, and all things are possible to Him, that we are almost shocked by the suggestion that we, little and powerless as we think we are, can actually limit His work in and through us by our attitude of mind and heart, as we say to ourselves concerning some man or woman we don't know, "I don't like that person." When in reality the only reason we don't like him or her is because we don't know them and don't want to love them. We can of our own choice let God's power flow through us, or we can by our very selfishness, bar the door to it. Just as your city water supply is there for you to turn the faucet and get water, even so God's power is everlasting, but it can only use us as channels when we in submission to His will remember to love our neighbors.

The founding of the Forsyth Dental Clinic for the city of Boston is a very real illustration of loving your neighbor as you love yourself. The story of the establishment of this free clinic, as I heard Dr. Harvey Wiley tell it, was that one of the Forsyth brothers, a wealthy man, was disturbed one night by hearing a child, with, to him, no language but a cry, moaning and crying as if in pain. Early the next morning he made inquiry, and found that the child had been suffering with toothache. He resolved then and there that he would make it possible for the children of Boston to have a free Dental clinic. Although Dr. Forsyth died before he could put his resolution into effect, and left no will, his brothers knew of this resolution, for the carrying out of which some plans has been made; and they established the clinic as a memorial to their brother. Since that night of the crying child, thousands of children have been saved from toothache, because one man loved his neighbor as himself, and remembered the Master's "Feed my lambs."

Last week, Miss Olive I. Hodges, who has been our missionary to Japan for thirty-seven years, made a brief visit to friends in North Carolina. It was my privilege to hear her speak at Thomasville Community Church. She told of walking down the street, with a fur coat on, one cold morning soon after she first went to Japan. She saw a little boy standing just inside a gateway, and was amazed to hear him call loudly "Mother, come quick, here comes a foreigner," and as she came nearer to him, he called again, "Mother, hurry, it's got hair all over it." Miss Hodges said that was the first time she had thought of herself as a foreigner. Then pretty soon one day she heard a lot of children in the school building seeming to be having a lot of fun, laughing and talking together, and she said to Miss Williams, "Who is that?" Miss Williams said, " Oh they are the girls." Miss Hodges said "What girls?" "Why they're our school girls" Miss Williams said, and then for the first time Miss Hodges said she realized that Japanese children laughing sounded exactly like American children laughing. And then the thought came to her that people everywhere are all alike if they only understood each other.

Through the money that some Americans invested in the cause of missions a good many years, a young student went to a mission in Japan. That student became a christian and allowed God to use him. Today, as he has grown to manhood, Toyohiko Kagawa has become one of the mightiest forces for Christianity in the Orient, if not in the world. Wouldn't it thrill you to know that money you had sent to Japan, or China or India, would mean as much for Christ in the next half century as has that invested in the mission through which Kagawa found Jesus?

We have heard a great deal about setting our church in order. Have we considered that selfishness and lack of loving kindness among us as individuals has caused God to blow upon us so that the heaven's have held back their dew and the earth is stayed from her fruit so far as the church is concerned, even as in the days of Haggai because every household was intent upon its own affairs instead of God's house. We have tried to make ourselves believe we have been interested in paying a missionary's salary so that he could do our share of teaching the people of India about God's love, but we had to be reminded, not just three times, as Jesus spoke to Peter about loving Him, but many times. If we had multiplied the salary of our missionary many times and paid it all and he had been able to employ many native helpers, we would have made little enough progress. We have not seemed to realize that one-fifth of the world's people are Indians, and that the population of India increases much more rapidly than Christianity increases. The Directory of Missions for India reports 600,000 villages without a single resident Christian. Nowhere in the world are conditions so favorable for whole multitudes to accept Christ, as in India, if consecrated leaders can be provided. And yet we favored-of-God-North Carolinians have found it difficult to pay the salary of one consecrated leader.

I recently heard a missionary who had spent forty years in India say that the Mass Movement to Christianity is a wonderful thing, but that she was almost afraid to think about what the Christians of the world are going to do to meet their share of the responsibility. Responsibility, you know is our response to God's ability.

Our responsibility for Japan, China and India should be thought of in terms of millions of people who have never heard of Jesus. These are our neighbors and He said "Love thy neighbor as thyself" second only to loving God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.

There is something radically wrong with a church of one hundred thousand people, that gives $20,000 a year to a home for 115 children in America, and only $32,000 a year to the spread of the gospel in Japan, China and India where we are directly responsible for the salvation of millions of souls. Please don't get the idea that I think we give the Children's Home too much, we give it far too little, but when we compare our gifts here to those of our mission field we can see that with the earth as a big neighborhood our giving is not strictly scriptural; we are not loving our neighbor as ourselves.

Jesus said "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself." He did not come to make life easy. He came to make men and women instruments of power, to change pigmies into giants. His will with Paul was not simply to stop Paul from persecuting the church, but to help him to become a great missionary and an unceasing upbuilder of Christianity.

When God needed someone to deliver Israel from Egyptian bondage, he called Moses from the simple task of tending flocks. Moses had been faithful in his care of the flocks or God would never have called him to this enormous task. It isn't strange tha Moses was slow to undertake the task. Who was he, untrained in public speech, that he should dare venture into the presence of Pharaoh and plead for the release of the people of Israel. He knew that he was utterly inadequate to deal with the situation. What would you have done if you had been called from tending flocks to what seemed an impossible task? Moses tried to get out of it, but he became convinced that God would be his helper and so he undertook it. With each new step he faced new problems, but he didn't quit, he kept right on and was able to overcome each obstacle as he came to it. It looked one time as if he got into a terribly tight place, with the sea in front of him, and the Egyptians ready to fall upon him in the rear, but Moses never thought of failure, he knew that God was with him, and advanced into the very seas. Those seas opened and made a path for him only as he ventured in. The man who had been timid had become the man of skill and force through the power of God.

As we enter upon a union with new forces and great responsibilities, requiring keen understanding and cooperation, we would do well to pray often the prayer of Moses "Lord if thy presence go not with us, carry us not up hence."

I wonder if the reason we have failed in reaching our goal of an auxiliary in every church isn't simply that we have not used the power that God has put within our reach. If the women in all our churches had only ventured, in their timidity, we might have reached our objective. This is proved in more than one instance where women's work has been organized in recent years. Jesus asked this question three times, "Simon, lovest thou me?" Oh how we need to think and think and re-think this question. To think earnestly of our love for Him brings us inevitably to the consideration of others, their needs and their comfort. Such a consideration takes a woman out of her little self and gives her a wider horizon. It makes her wish to be an informed woman, so that she may have the wisdom necessary for helping others. "He that teacheth man knowledge, shall he not know?" asks the Psalmist. We have not all availed ourselves of the knowledge and methods, or the fields of our effort. These would have enriched our abilities. Without them how could we carry on the work acceptably? Our Board of Missions pays the salary of an Editor of the Missionary Record, but what does that avail us, if we do not consider that we need it enough to pay 75 cents a year for eleven issues of it? We ask someone to edit a column in our own Methodist Protestant Herald, but comparatively few read it.

To any mother it would bring many tears and pains of real heartache to have a child born blind and without the full use of all its limbs. And yet we have leaders in our church who are helping to bring into being organizations with vision so short that they cannot see beyond themselves, and with arms that are incapable of being stretched out and extended in deeds of loving kindness to their neighbors.

Women's auxiliaries were established eleven years ago by the General Conference, to embrace all the work of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, The Women's Home Misionary Society and the Ladies' Aid Society, and although few auxiliaries have reached the state of perfection, a properly functioning one has eyes to see the needs of the world, and a strong right arm that reaches out and helps its neighbor even to the uttermost parts of the earth as well as strength to take care of home needs.

"I choose the vale, the teeming grass, the
pool, the calm," said Lot—
"And I the rock, the toil," said Abraham—
" 'Tis waste of life," said Lot, " 'tis sin the
precipice to scale:"
"Why nay," said Abraham, "they also win,
who nobly fail."

O, that we may all soon come to see things in the right proportion, and realize that things, such as furniture, carpets, refrigerators and stoves endure for only a limited time, while effort expended in service for the Kingdom, for the salvation of the world grows into ever-widening circles on into eternity, "and of His Kingdom there shall be NO end."

In Paul's letter to the Colossians he tells them to set their affections on things above, not on things of this earth.

Measured by earthly standards Jesus was a failure, his earthly life ended in crucifixion. But the tomb could not hold him, no life has ever been truly such a success as his. He dared to live the noble life; He went about doing good.

Mary of Bethany could pour her box of costly ointment on the feet of Jesus, those feet no longer walk the earth, except as they carry the needy of all lands. What will you do with your box of ointment?

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

BEING CHRISTIAN IN MY LIFE WORK

Topic for May 7, 1939

By REV. RAYMOND W. WHITE

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, May 1—Loyalty to Jehovah rewarded. Gen 41:34-44.

Tuesday, May 2—Faithful in service. Eph. 6:5-8.

Wednesday, May 3—A good rule to follow. Matt. 7:12.

Thursday, May 4—Three Christian tentmakers. Acts 18:1-4.

Friday, May 5—Greatness is service. Matt. 20.25-28.

Sunday, May 6—Soul above material gain. Mark 8:34-38.

(Vocations Day.)

The Text: Deut. 10:12-14; I Tim. 6:6-12.

To the Leader

In these days of economic uncertainty, a discussion of "My Life Work" is very appropriate. Survey the many lines of occupation for men and women, with special attention to those that pertain to religion and the program of the church. Describe the ways in which the Christian Gospel challenges young men and women to apply its principles to every and any worthy vocation. Show that vocations which are essential and uplifting to humanity may be made Christian, rather than a few should be Christian and the rest secular or unchristian. Point out that a vocation must make a life as well as afford the opportunity for making a living.

Questions for the Open Forum

1.—What are some of the vocations to which one may dedicate himself in full-time religious work?

2.—What do we mean by "a call" to Christian service?

3.—What preparations should one make for full-time Christian service?

4.—In what sense is every man created fit for a particular place in life?

5.—How do you account for so many "misfits" in the world?

6.—How may one know the place he is created to fill?

7.—To what extent does every church-member owe part-time service to the Church?

8.—Is part-time service merely for the sake of getting things done or for the purpose of spiritually growing the one who serves? Explain.

9.—Do you think that every man has an urge to do certain things in life? Explain.

10.—How can doctors, lawyers, teachers, nurses, farmers, mechanics, merchants, engineers, public officials, domestic, clerks, and followers of other callings do their work in such a way as to glorify God and serve humanity?

11.—What must be one's attitude toward a job if he is going to do the best work?

12.—How can one one really enjoy everything he has to-do?

Topic Hints

God's Plan: God has a plan by which He made the universe and He has a plan by which the universe revolves. He has a plan for man, for his earthly journey and his eternal destination. If man would follow God's plan, man's highest happiness would be achieved on earth and his eternal happiness would be assured throughout eternity. God made the world to accommodate men who are living in His image. He has planned a place for every man and He has planned every man for a place. Most of our difficulties are with ourselves. We fail to find our places. It has been commonly believed that only ministers were called by God and commissioned to do a particular piece of work. So, they say, the minister is where God put him. The time has come when it should be commonly believed that every man seeking any vocation in life should feel the call of God and be willing to go where God has planned for him to go and do what God has planned for him to do.

Early Call: Early in life one should endeavor to hear the call of God and prepare himself for his life's work. God's work in his preparation is just as important as God's voice in the invitation. A man-made man will not fit into a God-made plan. There are many square pegs in round holes praying for God to stop the leaks. Any one can see that such misfits for such purposes are contrary to the geometrical laws of God. The only remedy is to make the pegs round and the right size to fit the holes snugly. Youth is the shaping period in life. Early discipline is difficult but it is necessary if one hopes to succeed in finding and filling a vocation in the building of a new world. It has been said that a baby is pure because it has recently come from heaven. Let us hear the the call before we have drifted too far away from childhood and prepare to answer that call before we have gone too far into adulthood.

Step by Step: It has been said that life work is just the expression of one's life purpose. It follows that the best occupation for one is that in which he can best carry out his life purpose. The first step in finding out one's occupation is to "pray without ceasing." The second step is to put ourselves in the way of God's answer to our prayer. So "we must know something of the various occupations, their characteristics, and the qualities they require in those who follow them. Then we must discover just where we fit into the scheme of things. Finally, we must discover where the need is the greatest if we would carry out the purpose of our lives." We must find both the right vocation and the right location. The last step is to act when all the necessary information is at hand.

Underlying Principles: Three principles were under the Master's choice in His life work. They have been the underlying principles of the choices made by all great men. The first principle is this: The choice of a life work should follow the purpose of God. The consciousness of God is the first great fundamental. The second principle is this: The choice of a life work should meet the need of mankind. A consciousness of the need of man is the second great fundamental. The third principle is this: The choice of a life work should conserve the value of self. Occupations should permit self-development and give opportunity for increasing the number of talents.

Investigation: Selecting a vocation requires careful investigation. The question one must answer is this: For what occupations do my qualifications and training fit me? This involves an investigation of one's qualifications. In making this investigation the following questions may be asked. What qualifications does it demand? How do these campare with my abilities, my training, and my interests? Of what importance is the occupation? Does it meet a real need of man? Can I, throught it, help to meet the great need of mankind? What opportunities does the vocation offer? Does it offer opportunity for self development? Where is the place of greatest need for the occupation? If I make this my choice, where can I be of most service?

The All-important: The church is the power-house of God and prayer is our communicating system. As every young person should make a place in his budget for church-finance so every young person should plan a place in his life-program for church attendance and church work. Whatever the vocation might be, its interests and demands should never be permitted to crowd the church out of a person's life. This editor has made many intimate contacts in his active ministry. Many professional men have excused themselves from church and her activities with the argument that their profession keeps them too busy. But we have been acquainted with other men of the same profession and with a greater degree of success and they have been regular in church attendance and active in church-work. Many reasons given by men smack like excuses in the sight of God. Active church membership is a primary obligation, no matter what calling a person chooses to follow. So it is: The busiest man needs God and his church most.

MRS. J. CICERO STOCKARD'S BIRTHDAY

An article about her birthday appeared in this paper the week preceding the 14th of April, on which date Mrs. Stockard had a birthday.

A daughter of Mrs. Stockard down in Alamance county writes us that her mother was certainly showered with birthday greetings; she also received a large number of useful, appropriate gifts. Her pastor, Rev. J. R. Anderson, and about 50 other people called to see her during her birthday week.

The family want to express their appreciation for every remembrance shown Mrs. Stockard. This note of thanks is two weeks late, says the daughter.

We learn that Mrs. Stockard has been in bed nearly eight months as a result of a stroke; she has other serious complications, but now shows a little improvement for the first time in the past two months.

She enjoys company. We ask that any friends within reach of Mrs. Stockard visit her occasionally. Also she likes to receive mail. She may be addressed: Mrs. J. Cicero Stockard, Graham, N. C., R. F. D. 1. Any cheer sent her will certainly brighten her life now.

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PLAN NOW FOR YOUR VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL!

Schools are beginning to close and children are asking "are we going to have a Vacation Church school this summer?" Don't disappoint them!

The purpose of the Vacation Church school, as someone has put it, is to provide more time for those very things which the church school is seeking at every session to accomplish for every child: a growing consciousness of God in the world about him, and intimate personal realization of God in his own life, and the habit of working with others for the advancement of his Kingdom; an increasing loyalty and devotion to the personality and teachings of Jesus, and the desire to have a part in carrying to the whole world the good news of the love of God and in bringing about Christian relationships among all people.

The Vacation Church school has proved that it has a place in the church program. No other agency in use at the present time has the advantages of the long daily sessions and the consecutive work which the Vacation school offers. These two factors make possible the organization of the school and the planning of the work in such a way as to secure the best possible results in the development of character.

What an opportunity our churches are missing! Let us plan to give our children more advantage and opportunity for Christian training and make of them better leaders for the new church.

And remember early planning is the surest guarantee of a successful school!

Below is a list of material, any of which the Conference Council of the North Carolina Conference will be glad to lend to your Vacation Church school this summer:

Beginner

Our Happy World—Esther Freivogel
Let's Go Out of Doors—Jennie Lou Milton

Primary

Learning About Our Church—Ellen E. Fraser
Exploring God's Out-of-Doors — Rebecca Rice
Bible Homes and Homes Today—Elizabeth Leggett Reed

Junior

Friends at Work—Elsie Ball
Living in Our Community—Florence Martin
Learning About War and Peace—Imogene McPherson

Intermediate

Discovering God in the Beautiful—Nathana L. Clyde
We All Need Each Other—Mary Jenness
Our Living Church—Lucille Desjardins

MRS. EUGENE A. LAMB, Director
Vacation Church School Department

BABSON WARNS LIQUOR TRAFFIC MUST BE "CRUSHED" TO SAVE DEMOCRACY

In a statement made by Roger W. Babson, economist, in Boston, Massachusetts Tuesday evening, April 25, at a dinner celebrating the seventieth anniversary of the formation of the National Prohibition party, he arraigned the "commercialized liquor traffic" as menacing "our entire political structure" and as threatening the destruction of "our freedom as termites destroy a well-built house."

In his discussion of what he regards as an outstandingly serious situation facing the American people today, Mr. Babson said, reports the American Business Men's Research Foundation:

"But only since the repeal of prohibition, however, have I realized the terrific dangers of the commercialized liquor traffic.

After most careful study, I am convinced that only by crushing the liquor traffic can democracy be saved.

The American people are now fast approaching the time when the liquor interests will be running the United States government. If our constitution is thrown over for fascism, it will be due primarily to the liquor traffic which has never known when to stop in its nefarious and underground campaigns. The great danger of such a development cannot be over-emphasized. Even today, the liquor interests claim that they elected President Roosevelt and that it is up to him to protect them.

As a statistician, I am especially disturbed by the arguments which the liquor interests use in connection with taxation. They claim that because liquor is contributing about $500,600,000 a year to Federal and State treasuries, they are entitled to special consideration. Let me tell you, however, that they are telling you only one half of the story. The other half is that liquor, on which they pay this tax, has so wrecked the character of thousands that our Federal and State governments are now required to pay out more than $500,000,000 a year for relief! This relief expense the country never had before the repeal of prohibition.

Newspapers and magazines might temporarily suffer until legitimate advertising should increase sufficiently to make up the slack. If, however, we have learned something from the mistakes made under prohibition, we will not allow these newspapers and magazines to suffer. We will see that the government carries on an education paid-advertising campaign to develop the character, health and efficiency of the American people. This will more than offset any losses due to suppressed liquor advertising. England and other countries are already meeting the problem in this way.

Notwithstanding the above, the liquer gang will claim that to take the profits out of liquor would hurt real estate values. Statistics show that this is an outright falsehood spread about to fool the voters of the United States. The liquor traffic has done real estate far more harm than good. This can be proven in almost every community.

Statistics show that the liquor traffic is also a great contributing cause to unemployment. But look about your own community. You will find that for every five homes fully employed, no liquor will be purchased by four of these homes. On the other hand, for every five homes on relief, you will find that liquor is being purchased by four of these homes. I am not a fanatic on liquor. Things cannot continue to go wrong as they are now going wtihout a spiritual, social and financial collapse."

The anniversary dinner in Boston is one of seventy being held in every section of the country. It was held in the First Methodist Church of Boston, and, besides Mr. Babson, the speakers included Dr. Leigh Colvin, Ph.D., of New York City, and Edward E. Blake of Chicago, National Chairman.—American Business Men's Research Foundation.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Hickory Grove S .S., Guilford	$ 6.51
Caroleen S. S.	3.98
Hope S. S., Siler City	1.00
Oak Grove S. S., Cleveland	3.15
Friendship S. S., Fallston, March-April	9.60
Dulins S. S., Mocksville, March-April	1.25
Seagrove S. S., Seagrove-Love Joy	5.00
China Grove S. S.	3.51
Clark's Chapel S. S., Weaverville	1.40
Moriah S. S.	4.50
Union Chapel, Granville	12.32
Canaan S. S., N. Davidson	3.50
Mt. Zion S. S., Pinnacle-Mt. Zion	3.50
Union Ridge S. S., Forsyth	5.00
Belmont S. S., Mt. Hermon	10.26
New Salem S. S., Randleman	3.90
Bess Chapel S. S.	2.53
Love Joy S. S., Seagrove-Love Joy, double	4.00
Rockingham S. S.	2.00
Mt. Pleasant S. S., N. Davidson	1.78
Ladies Aid society, Elwood, Ind., feeding child	5.00
Union Chapel S. S., Mocksville	2.32
N. C. Branch, by the Treasurer	7.15
Ethel Hempstead Circle, St. Paul's, L. I., feeding child	5.00
Harmony S. S., Yarboroughs	2.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Hollister, Halifax, for shoes	2.00

A Pleasant Visit

Sunday morning, April 29, we had a very pleasant visit with our church people in Asheboro. Dr. S. W. Taylor, the pastor, being away attending the Uniting Conference. We went down to conduct the morning worship service in his stead. The people were very kind. We had a good service together, and came back home refreshed from the short time away from home.

We thank all of you for your care of us here in this home. The children appreciate your kindness and so do we.

Remember June 22nd, and plan to come to see us that day. Thank you and God bless you.

Yours in His service,
A. G. DIXON, Supt.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Hamilton of Troy, N. C., announce the engagement of their daughter, Janie Gatha Hamilton, to Rev. Otho Jennings of Marthaville, Louisiana. The wedding will take place in the near future.

"WESTWARD HO!" BUT NOT FOR GOLD

To describe a trip across the United States, the way we came, or any other way, I guess, would be a task that belongs to the professionals in the literary world. But I shall undertake to give some impressions by the way.

We left Houston, Texas, on time and then began the varied sights that one sees on this trail westward. The levees on the Mississippi River were interesting to one who had never seen them. Between New Orleans and Houston we travelled for many miles along the river. For thirty miles we could look upon the Father of Waters. These levees looked so big to us we stopped and climbed them to gaze upon the river.

We travelled for three days in Texas. In fact Texas is so big that some one said that these who live in El Paso called the folks from Texarkana Yankees. Well, they are farther from each other than the Yankees are from us when we are at home.

After leaving San Antonio we turned our faces toward the Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico. Here a great company of people had assembled to be guided through this wonderful place. The writer did not take the trip through but the rest of the company did. Pictures to be taken from the outside engaged my attention as I want to give my folks something of the trip through the movie projector, and then having been through three of the world renowned caverns, I considered it a loss of time as well as the unnecessary expenditure of money. Our company were delighted with the trip underground. Some twenty-five states were represented in their company.

The desert country through Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California took up a lot of our time. But the way it varied from low plains to high mountain peaks kept one interested most of the time. It is an interesting sight to be down on the plain where citrus fruits grow and look up and see the snow capped mountains.

We spent our first Sunday out in El Paso, Texas. After a refreshing night's rest we went over into Mexico for a walk Jaurez, (pronounced Waurez) is the border town just over the Rio Grande, and we saw many interesting sights there. We went to church in El Paso, M. E. South, and heard Dr. Wm. E. Brown, Presiding Elder of the El Paso district preach a very fine sermon on "The Dormant Hour." It was good to stop over and rest and worship as we did there. Monday morning found us on our way to the Grand Canyons and here we see something of the hand of the Great Artist. Any one who could look at that and not see the power of God displayed would be dumb indeed. One could but stand and gaze. We spent several hours there, and came away wishing we had days to spend. Here is a poem that gives a better idea of this wonder piece of creation than anything I have at present:

The Grand Canyon

No brush can paint, nor pencil trace,
The charm and beauty of this place;
Wonders that in this Canyon dwell,
No tongue of man can ever tell.

Assembled in this chasm deep,
Where lengthened shadows ever creep;
Are mountains, hills, majestic, grand,
Carved out by the Almighty's Hand.

Ten thousand landscapes merged in one,
Reflect the glories of the sun;
And colors in their brilliancy,
Surpass the glow of sunset sea.

Spellbound! one views the depths below,
Where tides of grandeur ebb and flow;
In reverence and in silent awe,
One worships God as ne'er before.

The author of this poem must have spent days looking on, for there is so much that cannot be taken in by one who has only a few hours to spend.

From here we began to think of Hollywood, our destination, though there were many things to attract attention along the way before reaching here. We saw the Coolidge Dam and then the Boulder Dam. Whether the difference in the size of these two great government enterprises represents something of the difference of the two men in their character and intellect, I am not able to say. But while the Coolidge is smaller and does not impress you as the other, the fact that it supplies the dry thirsty land in the valley below, shows that while power is necessary, which the Roosevelt (Teddy) Dam supplies, that which sustains life seems to be of greater importance. Each of these must be seen to be appreciated.

It is a great thing to have men in the lead who can look above the selfishness of the money-getter and bring into being through the great powers that are going to waste, that which will give comfort, and life sustaining blessings to those in need. Each one of these lakes is giving to others that which is necessary.

We arrived in Hollywood at the home of our eldest son, or child, ahead of scheduled time. We are enjoying the freedom that is to be found here for the time as we needed to stop from the grind of travel. We have driven nearly thirty-three hundred miles, in order to take in the sights that were either on the road or near enough to invite us to go out of the way. Our son who has recently been transferred to Stockton, California, will spend Saturday night and Sunday with us, thus giving us in part a family reunion.

We hope to give you some impressions of Hollywood in our next letter. There is so much to see that it is hard to give anything like a connected story of the trip that will be interesting. Perhaps I should have waited until reaching home, but as Brother Andrews has to be away attending the Uniting Conference, he has invited me to write on any topic that I thought might be interesting. I am giving you therefore what is interesting me most for the moment.

We expect to visit the World's Fair in San Francisco, possibly next week, and being rested I may be able to give you a more interesting account of the remainder of the trip.

N. G. BETHEA.

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Mary Fields

The subject of this sketch passed away at her home, near Julian, on Saturday evening, April 1, being 69 years of age. Surviving are a son, Luther Fields, and a half brother, W. D. Fields. She possessed two characteristics worthy of emulation. One was that it was her custom to go to church every Sunday. Since the writer has been serving Randolph charge she attended every preaching service at Shiloh except one—then she was at the point of death. The other was her close attention as the pastor tried to deliver the gospel message.

Final rites were conducted at Randolph Methodist church on Monday, April 3, by the writer and Rev. J. E. B. Hauser. Burial was in the church cemetery.

H. L. ISLEY.

GREENSBORO METHODIST YOUTH BANQUET

The various committees met Monday evening at Calvary Methodist Protestant Church on Asheboro Street, to make their reports concerning the arrangements for the Methodist Young People's Banquet which will be held at the Masonic Temple May 5th, beginning at 7:00 p. m. Jimmy Strunks presided over the executive meeting.

Rev. J. W. Braxton, pastor of Mount Pleasant Methodist Protestant Church, will deliver the principle address of the evening. Bowman Stafford of Guilford College will be toastmaster for the occasion. Eddie Robbins of this city, will direct the group singing, and will also render two solos.

Program committee is namely, Mack Kernodle, Miss Nellie Routh, Robert Fleming, Mrs. Carl Willard, Miss Margaret Grantham, Mrs. Douglas Fuqua, Taylor G. Owens, Wayne Kernodle, Floyd Reynolds, Jimmy Strunks and Rev. Kenneth Goodson.

T. G. Owens, chairman ticket sales committee. Miss Verla Mae Leonard, chairman decoration committee and Miss Louise Bowman, chairman of favors committee.

The banquet is being planned in the celebration of the uniting of the Methodist Episcopal churches and the Methodist Protestant. A general conference of the two denominations is being held in Kansas City for the purpose of making the new laws and other plans for the denomination. This unification will be one of the largest denominations in the world.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Lineberry Auxiliary, Davidson Charge.—Mrs. J. C. Taylor was hostess to the Lineberry auxiliary April 8 at 2 p.m. There were ten members present. Mrs. W. H. Neese was in charge of the program, using the installation service. Those taking part were Mesdames J. P. Elliott, Claud Elliott, Garvin Elliott, W. C. Wood, Van B. Wood, B. K. Taylor, J. C. Taylor, Glenn Doby, Alice Loflin, W. A. Frank, B. E. Lanier, W. H. Neese, and Miss Bruce Smith. At the conclusion of the program the president, Miss Bruce Smith, presided.

During the social hour a "tax party" was enjoyed. Each person was taxed according to the jewelry, silk, and out-of-date clothing worn. Mrs. Glenn Doby of High Point paid the highest tax.

The hostess, assisted by her sister, Miss Verona Elliott, and Miss Blanch Lanier, served delicious refreshments.

The following attended the Branch meeting in High Point from Davidson charge: Mesdames Garvin Elliott, J. C. Taylor, C. L. Surratt, A. C. Harris, and Miss Bruce Smith and Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Neese.

Recently two new members have been added to this charge: Mrs. Mary J. Taylor joined Allegheny church, coming by letter from Archdale M. E. church, South; and Mr. Arlie Surratt joined Pleasant Grove church on profession of faith. We gladly welcome these good people into our fellowship.

The parsonage family are indebted to the following men from Pleasant Grove church for sawing up the preacher's wood pile: Rob, Paul and Evans Loflin and Theodore Smith. Others remembering us recently are Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Surratt, Mr. and Mrs. Van Surratt, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Surratt, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Frank, Misses Nelia and Della Taylor, Mrs. J. V. Cook, Mrs. J. C. Taylor, Mrs. Lee Ward, Mrs. Penn Russel, Mrs. Van B. Wood, Mrs. J. C. Smith and Mrs. W. C. Wood.

On Easter Sunday night at 7:30 the children and young people of Allegheny church presented an interesting program. Mrs. L. A. Fine was in charge of the program, with Miss Genora Loflin at the piano.

MRS. W. H. NEESE.

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Pleasant Hill, Spring Church Charge, Rev. J. E. Garlington, Pastor.—On the second Sunday night in April an Easter program was given in the church auditorium. This service was fairly well attended.

During the Lenten season each church member was asked to contribute three cents a day toward the Easter offering. The outcome was $31.25. This, combined with the pledges and other special offerings, will put our World Service assessment of $102 over with a good margin. We feel that our pastor and our Sunday school superintendent, Mr. J. W. Medlin, with the cooperation of other people, deserve much credit for raising this assessment.

At our last prayer service we had with us Mr. Allsbrook, of Roanoke Rapids, who gave us a splendid talk.

Our C. E. membership and attendance contest ended on Friday night before Easter. We celebrated with an Easter egg hunt on the following Monday. A new contest was begun at our last meeting, with Miss Brownie Coker and Miss Aubrey Crew as leaders. This contest will continue until the end of the quarter. Our membership has slightly increased.

We were glad to have several of our younger people from other places, in the community and at our church services during the holidays: Mrs. Wiley Connell (nee Erlene Barnes) and baby, of Roanoke Rapids; Mrs. L. H. Merriman (nee Georgie Mae Shaw) of Hopewell; Cullen Barnes of Richmond, and Guy Crew of Norfolk.

Mrs. Virginia Magee and Mrs. Rose Crew are able to attend church services again after several months of absence on account of sickness.

Mrs. L. C. Daughtry still continues ill, although she has returned from the hospital.

REPORTER.

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Littleton Charge, Vaughan Church, Rev. D. D. Broome, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular fourth Sunday afternoon appointment at 3:30 o'clock with good attendance.

Wo are glad to say that we have a Sunday school organized at our church. It started last Sunday with an enrollment of 30 and had an increase of ten new members this Sunday.

We have organized a Worker's Council meeting also. We meet once a month with real good attendance. The next meeting will be Tuesday night, May 16 at 7:30. We will be glad for everyone who can to come and join with us.

There was a memorial service held in honor of Rev. D. A. Fishel at the Littleton cemetery after the preaching service.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Duncan announce the marriage of their daughter, Alice Rebecca to Rev. Joseph Wilbur Riggan on April 8, in Boydton, Va. They are making their home near Vaughan. They were honored with a miscellaneous shower at Mrs. W. C. Porter's Friday night, April 21. Members of both Baptist and Methodist church presented lots of nice and useful gifts.

DAISY PORTER, Ass't. Reporter.

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Union Chapel, Granville, Rev. J. P. Pegg, Pastor.—Even though we haven't reported for quite a long while that doesn't mean we haven't been doing anything, for the work of the church and Sunday school is progressing all the time.

Rev. Mr. Pegg has filled all of his regular appointments with splendid attendance and fine messages. While Mr. R. M. Edawrds has improved Sunday school attendance and interest greatly.

On Thursday of this week the members gathered and cleaned off the cemetery and church grounds which added to their beauty and attractiveness.

The parsonage aid will meet at the parsonage on Friday afternoon after the first Sunday in May. A good crowd is expected.

The Woman's Missionary Auxiliary met on Thursday night of this week with Mrs. B. B. Wright and Mrs. Edwin Wells as an assistant hostess.

We are looking forward to a good memorial service on the fourth Sunday in May. All interested visitors, former pastors and friends of the church are cordially invited to attend this service.

MRS. E. C. HUFF, Reporter.

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Pinnacle- Mt. Zion Charge, Mt. Zion Church, J. D. Morris, Pastor.—We are treading along toward our church each Sunday, trying for the upbuilding of God's kingdom. Thanking Him for these beautiful spring days He is sending us.

Our Sunday school celebrated Easter by having a program at our church Sunday night, April 16. It was carried our well.

Our attendance for Sunday school Sunday was 84, collection $3.57. At the eleven o'clock hour our pastor delivered a very interesting sermon taking his texts from Mark 16:3-4 and John 1:13. It was announced that we would observe our annual home-coming day on May 21. The program committee was as follows: Mrs. E. A. Jones, Mrs. W. B. Lane, Mr. F. G. Fowler, Mr. M. H. Needham, and Mr. O. W. Barber. Other announcements were: that the Missionary society would meet at the home of Mrs. W. E. Jones on Tuesday night. Young People's Day will be observed here Sunday, May 14, after Sunday school. We are preparing the program now.

Our pastor has called in his sermon with us next Sunday night, because he is called to deliver the baccalaureate sermon at the Shoals school next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Among our many vistors Sunday for the preaching services were Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stone, of Winston-Salem; Miss Clatie Tussy, of Lexington; Miss Sarah Flinchum ef Danbury, and Mrs. Ira Denny of Pinnacle.

We are very proud of our new song books which arrived last week.

Mrs. A. L. Hunter who has been on the sick list for sometime is improving greatly, friends and relatives will be glad to know.

We are asking you to come and join us in our worship at anytime you can. We welcome you.

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Rockingham Charge, Rev. R. L. Vickery, Pastor.—Our revival meeting, which began March 26 and lasted two weeks, was a great success. Rev. C. G. Isley of Albemarle church did the preaching. Mr. Isley delivered some wonderful messages. As a result of the meeting there were 36 conversions and 40 new members added to the church. Everyone present at these services received a great blessing. We continue to thank our Heavenly Father for answering our prayers.

We were glad to welcome as special visitors our former pastors and their wives: Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Bell, of Concord, and Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Trolinger of Seagrove. Another visitor from Seagrove was Mr. Tasker Williams.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely both spiritually and financially. Our superintendent, Mr. Ivans Dunn, is a man of God. His Christian influence has been a blessing to many.

The Wednesday night prayer meeting and the C. E. society are doing fine. Our prayer meeting service is one of the most wonderful services of the church. It makes our hearts rejoice to see the young converts telling of God's goodness to them. The C. E.

society is very inspiring to the young and old alike. The society enjoyed a picnic several weeks ago. Mr. Arthur Hale is president of the society.

We want all the churches to continue to pray for us that we may ever do our Master's will. MRS. EUGENE BULLARD,
Reporter.

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Hollister, Halifax Charge, W. M. Howard, Jr., Pastor, May 1.—Our pastor filled the regular appointment here on the fourth Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, to a large and appreciative congregation. He delivered a splendid message, basing his remarks on a part of the 24th chapter of St. Luke. Mr. Howard has been attending the Uniting Conference in Kansas City last week and this week. We are glad he had the opportunity to attend the conference.

We were indeed glad to have Dr. J. E. Pritchard, president of the annual conference, to make his official visit to this charge on Easter Sunday. We enjoyed his message, and we are always glad to have him, as he is one of our former pastors.

The baccalaureate sermon of the Hollister school was delivered by Rev. J. N. Evans, Jr., pastor of the Enfield Baptist church, on Sunday afternoon, April 30. Just prior to the sermon, the anthem, "Bless the Lord," by McPhail, was sung by the choir, accompanied at the piano by Miss Sue House.

The regular meeting of the Auxiliary will be held in the home of the writer on Tuesday afternoon, May 16. Mrs. J. J. Williams will conduct the devotional service.

KATHLEEN SHEARIN, Reporter.

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Central Church, Asheboro, Dr. S. W. Taylor, Pastor.—Dr. Taylor, Mrs. W. C. Hammer, W. F. Redding, Jr., of Central church; Dr. Howard P. Powell, pastor of the Asheboro M. E. church, South, and Mrs. N. M. Cranford left Sunday for Kansas City to attend the conference in which three branches of Methodism will be united.

In the absence of Dr. Taylor, Rev. A. G. Dixon and Rev. J. H. Trolinger will supply at Central church.

Mother's Day will be observed by the Sunday school on May 14.

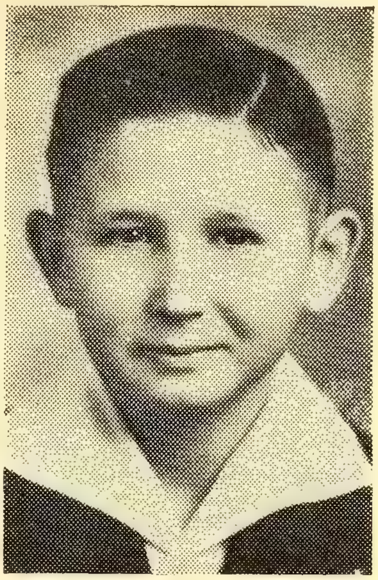
The church trustees are securing plans and estimates of cost for a building project at Central church.

Four new members of the Precious Jewels are: Eric Forrest Deaton, young son of the Forrest Deatons; Neal Henley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Henley; Sara Louise, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Lowdermilk; and Mary Clyde, daughter of the Clyde Chisholms.

Miss Maud Potter, of Bethel Home, is expected to arrive this week for a visit with Mis Esther Ross.

Mrs. John R. Brown and Mrs. A. B. Cox entertained the Woman's Bible class of Central church Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Brown on Worth street. Mrs. S. W. Presnell is teacher of this class which numbers 35.

James Lowdermilk, church treasurer, received a silver cup for entering the best collection of woodwork in the Rotary club Hobby show during the past week. Joe Ross, Jr., was first winner of collections (shaving mugs). Other entries receiving mention were the bottles and buttons of Miss Esther Ross. Dr. Taylor had an assortment of canes which he had carved.



Pictured above is C. B. Way, Jr., 12-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Way, of Kernersville, who represented the Kernersville Junior High School is the State Music Contest at Greensboro, April 21, 1939. He won second place in the honor rating as a soloist in class B-C of the boys' unchanged voice contest. There were twelve contestants in the group of boy soloists.

Sam Taylor, Jr., baritone, was the representative of Asheboro high school at the state music contest in Greensboro during the past week.

Carmen Parks, scoutmaster at Central church and members of the troop, attended the Annual County Camporee at Coleridge over the week-end.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Councilman and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Councilman, prominent in the local church, are congratulating them on the opening of their modern retail furniture establishment.

Mrs. E. G. Lowdermilk has recovered from a tonsilectomy; Mrs. S. L. Hayworth remains ill in City Memorial hospital, Winston-Salem; Miss Enolia Presnell is il alt the home of Mrs. J. S. Lewis.

The tulip garden of the Lacy Lewises on Sunset avenue is one place of beauty in Asheboro. There are about 15 varieties of tulips in colors ranging from black and white to almost purple-red. These are mostly the Darwin tulips, and a specialty of Mr. Lewis.

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Shelby Church, Shelby-Caroleen Charge, Rev. H. D. Garmon, Pastor.—There has not been a report from our church for sometime, however we have been carrying on in the Master's name. Our pastor has filled his regular appointments from time to time bringing messages to fill the spiritual needs of our church. We are glad to report an increase in attendance both in Sunday school and church services.

Our second quarterly coneference was held last Sunday afternoon at Caroleen, N. C. with good reports from most of the churches. Plans were made for our spring revival services. Our pastor is beginning a 15-day meeting at the Bessemer City church and request the prayers of all the Christians, that God will bless mightily in the services with the saving of souls and upbuilding of the Kingdom of God.

There has been much sickness among our members, and we are glad to report the improvement in Mrs. J. T. Ramsey's health since she has returned home from the hospital. Mrs. Lionel Crawford has been in the hospital undergoing an operation, but is now at home and getting along just fine. Miss Verda Ramsey was in the hospital for a few days but is now able to be back at her work. Our incere prayers go up for Mr. Arthur Knoblett, our Sunday school treasurer, whose wife passed on to be with the Lord just a few days ago. May the comforting hand of God rest upon his home.

The various organizations of the church are carrying on the work just splendidly and we are looking forward to this being the best year we've ever had at Shelby.

MRS. J. T. RAMSEY, Reporter.

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Randolph Charge, H. L. Isley, Pastor.—Church work is moving on in a very satisfactory way. The attendance and interest are encouraging at all four churches. Recently the pastor of Randolph charge preached to the Boy Scouts of Worthville at Bethany church. It was a very impressive scene as the young boys marched into the church dressed in their uniforms. A number of our Bethany boys belong to this organization.

We are pleased to report that this charge is doing splendidly in a financial way. Shiloh and Gray's Chapel have paid the World Service budget in full. Bethany and Bethel will, we believe, pay this soon.

Our second quarterly conference elected Brothers Rezzie Underwood and John Julian as nominees for delegate to the next annual conference. These are both fine Christian gentlemen.

The people have our thanks for the many expressions of gratitude for the service we are trying to render.

H. L. ISLEY.

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Mt. Pleasant Church, Mt. Pleasant Charge, Rev. J. W. Braxton, Pastor.—Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Braxton announce the birth of a son on Sunday, April 23.

Since my last report Rev. G. F. Milloway has passed away and been laid to rest at Mt. Pleasant. We loved this good man and his family, and felt like they were our best friends. Mt. Pleasant church and community have lost a person that we always looked forward to seeing at special services when his health permittted. Our sympathy goes to his loved ones who feel their loss most keenly.

The Business Girls circle met at the home of Miss Florine Shoffner with Miss Callene Phillips as joint hostess on Saturday night, April 22.

The topic for discussion was "What Prayer Means to Me as an Individual." Very impressive talks were made by Trixsie Suits, Mary Roberson, Edith Causey and Virgie Amick. After the business session ice cream and cake were served by the hostess.

The Woman's Auxiliary held its regular meeting after the Sunday school hour, April 23. The new president, Mrs. Carl Clapp, presided. Mrs. Grace Stafford had charge of the devotionals after which a report from Branch Meeting was made by Mrs. J. E. Stafford and Mrs. Carl Curtis. New secretaries and committees for the new year were appointed.

We wish to remember our sick and hope for them a speedy recovery. Miss Johnsie Smith, Mr. Judge Euliss, Mrs. Florence Sheppard, Mrs. Luke Holt and Mrs. J. T. Shoffner.

Mrs. Underwood, the mother of Mrs. R. C. Causey, is soon to have the cast removed from her limb. We hope she will soon be able to walk.

I had the pleasure of attending an auxiliary meeting of Rock Creek church at the home of Mrs. Royzelle Hornaday. They have the new guide books and are planning their programs around the theme of "Praying Hands." MRS. CARL CURTIS.

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Concord, Saxapahaw Charge, Rev. M. C. Henderson, Pastor.—Although there has not been a report for some time from this reporter, that does not mean that this church has been standing still, for we have not. Many things have taken place.

On the first Sunday in April at the 11 o'clock hour, Dr. Pritchard, president of the annual conference, was with us and brought to us a very helpful message which we appreciated very much. After the morning service Dr. Pritchard dedicated the Sunday school room, payment for which had been completed. Plans are under way now to paint and fix up the grounds around these rooms.

We are proud of the Women's Auxiliary. They finished their year and sent in good financial reports; paid their budget up in full and $3.00 more than they had pledged to the Minnis fund. Also have paid $25 on World Service budget for the year.

An Easter program was given at the church Easter Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour by the children.

Each Sunday the Methodist Protestant Herald is being distributed among the members who do not take the Herald. We are hoping this will bring our quota up in full.

Our attendance in Sunday school is off right much now, due to an epidemic of measles among the children. Almost every family in the community has some cases. There has been right much sickness in the community besides measles. We are hoping that these people will soon be better.

Rev. Murray Johnson of Guilford College delivered the commencement sermon at the Eli Whitney High School Sunday afternoon. The Community choir did the singing for the service.

Rev. Mr. Henderson has met all of his regular appointments with us and has been getting along very successfully with the people here. REPORTER.

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Welch Memorial Church, Dr. J. D. Williams, Pastor.—Beginning Sunday, March 26, our church held its regular revival meeting, and our pastor had as his helper Rev. O. L. Easter, pastor of Lebanon church in High Point. Rev. Mr. Easter brought us some exceptionally stirring messages, and the good attendance throughout the meeting was ample proof that our people really enjoyed his services. He usually began his program with a short message to the children—one that they could easily understand—and these messages were always featured by an object lesson. It seems that the adult members of the church appreciated these lessons quite as much as the children.

A good deal of interest has been created recently in our Christian Endeavor society. The first and second vice-presidents of the society have divided the society members betwen them, and are endeavoring to ascertain which side can present the most interesting programs for a period of three months. The contest has stimulated much interest among the young people, and as a result we have had the privilege of welcoming into our society several new members recently. The society is planning several outings for the coming summer season, and this also has put new life and zest into our Christian Endeavor meetings.

For the past two Sundays our church has had the rare privilege of having visiting ministers bring us a message during our Sunday morning worship. On April 16, Rev. J. R. Hutton preached to us, and we can sincerely say that we enjoyed his sermon to the utmost. On April 23, Dr. J. E. Pritchard, our conference president, was our visitor, and the message he brought us was excellent. Our church members were very happy to welcome these visitors, and we are anxious for them to be with us as often as possible.

MILDRED SOUTHERN, Reporter.

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Concord, Rev. E. O. Peeler, Pastor, May 1.—Our revival meeting closed last Wednesday night. We were so happy to have Rev. Mr. T. G. Madison for our pulpit help, and we are sure that everyone that heard each message got a great blessing. Maybe some may feel there were not such great results, but sometimes we don't see great things happen; but, as Mr. Madison said, if only one soul is saved during a meeting it is worth all the prayers and the work, and we know there were some souls saved and some reconsecrated. One night our hearts were made so happy when one of our young men that we had all been interested in and been praying for so much, came to church and gave his heart to Jesus. We were so happy to have Mr. C. G. Green join our church family; also Mr. Dudley Burley. We are so glad to see Mr. and Mrs. William Newton taking such an interest in the church. William is the young man that gave his heart to Jesus. We all enjoyed the meeting and we know that our church has been blessed by the meeting. Mr. Madion made many friends here and we hope he comes to us again some time.

Sunday morning we were very happy to have the A Capella Choir of High Point College with us. It really was a great treat and we would have been glad to listen to them all day.

Our auxiliary circles have been furnishing flowers for the church in honor of some member for several Sundays. One Sunday Circle No. 1 gave them in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Blackwelder, and the next Sunday Circle No. 2 honored Mrs. W. H. Scarboro. We have not heard the report from our delegate to the Branch meeting yet, but we know it will be good.

Our Ladies' Aid is planning a flower show and supper for the 12th of May.

We miss some of our number who are sick. These are Mrs. Lillie Beaver, Mrs. Grace Haines, and Mrs. George Holland. We hope they will soon be able to be back.

BERTHA EARNHARDT, Reporter.

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Calvary Church, R. C. Stubbins, Pastor.—There have been a number of activities in Calvary church since the last report. The first I will mention is the Easter cantata, splendidly presented by our choir, and an Easter program by the children of the Sunday school on Easter Sunday night.

Two of our members who have had accidents are out again. Ernest Curtis, Jr., student at State College, who had a broken leg and severe cuts and bruises in an automobile accident some time ago, and Mr. E. P. Sharpe who lost two fingers in a planing mill.

The Auxiliary is beginning the work of a new year with enthusiasm. It was decided to have meetings quarterly instead of monthly, and to have one of the circles as hostess and program leader each time. The Business Women's Circle had charge of the April meeting, which was largely attended. At this time reports of the Branch meeting were given.

The April meeting of the Friendly Sunday school class was visiting day, with a covered dish dinner with the president, Mrs. C. F.

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Garrett. Many visits were made to the class members who could not be present, to the sick, and to prospective members.

Last Sunday the Anna Starr Sunday school class honored the oldest member, Mrs. J. E. Herndon, who had a birthday, by presenting her with a beautiful birthday cake.

At the morning church service the following boys and girls united with the church: Bobby Jean Shaw, Naida and Leone Lyons, Ted Petree, Jack Nugent, Frank Current, J. D. Boyd, Jr., Clyde and Jimmie Barham. These children had been meeting with the pastor for some time and studying the meaning of church membership, and it was very impressive to see with what intelligence they took the church vows.

April is tithing month in Calvary church, and a nice amount is usually realized, which is applied on the church debt.

Wednesday night, May 3, a membership dinner in celebration of the 15th anniversary of the church will be held in the church hut. At this time the charter members will receive some recognition. Sunday morning, May 7, the anniversary memorial service will be held in connection with the morning service.

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College St., Littleton Charge, D. D. Broome, Pastor.—Our pastor brought us a much appreciated sermon the third Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The beautiful weather helped us to enjoy the service greatly. We were also grateful for the presence of a large number of Methodist Episcopalians at our service. We appreciate their interest in us and welcome them whole-heartedly.

Our first Sunday night services have been good, Mr. Broome is taking up a series of Bible characters every first Sunday night. We all want to come back again and again to learn more of these wonderful characters.

On Easter Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock we had a program, consisting of recitations, songs and a duet, "Christ Arose." We were also favored with an offertory solo, "Above the Hills of Time," sung by Mrs. Bobbie Newsom. At the close of the program we had the pleasure of having Rev. Mr. Philpps from the local M. E. church speak to us. We all enjoyed his Easter message.

The third Sunday morning pictures were taken of the church, the Sunday school and some of the church members. We had hoped that everyone would be present for this but lots of them were unable to be there.

The last meeting of the Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. Sallie Williams, our president. Mrs. Bud Perry had charge of the program, after which the election of officers took place. The officers were as follows: Mrs. Sallie Williams, President; Miss Annie Perkinson, vice-president; Mrs. Bud Perry, secretary; Mrs. Frank King, treasurer; Mrs. Gurda Morris, auditor; Mrs. W. L. Perkinson, secretary of Spiritual Life; Mesdames Morris and Perry, program committee, and Mrs. Sallie Williams, pastor's aid.

On April the 4, a group from our auxiliary and Weaver's Chapel attended the District Auxiliary meeting at Union Chapel on the Halifax charge. Those going from our Auxiliary were Mesdames King, Williams, Perry, Morris, and Mr. Broom and Miss Anne Perkinson.

The day was enjoyed by all there and we appreciated the hospitality of the Auxiliary and friends. I congratulate the Union Chapel Auxiliary on how splendidly everything was carried out for the benefit and comfort of those present.

We are indeed glad to have Mr. Tasker Williams back with us again from a long visit with Mr. and Mrs. Trolinger of Seagrove and friends of High Point.

The second quarterly conference was held on Saturday evening at 2:30 at the College Street church. The attendance was small but we are going to look forward to having more next time. We want the prayers of all those who are interested in us.

ANNIE PERKINSON, Reporter.

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Shiloh C. E. Society, Shiloh Church, Rev. C. E. Ridge, Pastor.—The C. E. society of Shiloh church holds its regular meeting every Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. A very interesting program was given Sunday evening, April 23, with Miss Emma Berrier as leader. Officers of the church were special speakers on the subject, "What Should a Church Member Do?" They were as follows: H. A. Leonard, Sunday school superintendent; J. L. Evans, church treasurer; R. B. Sink, steward; Coley Scott, choir leader; Mabel Berrier, pianist; Mrs. Kyle Sink, church reporter; Homer Sink, usher; and Mrs. Floyd Leatheman, president of the Woman's Missionary society. After the discussion of the lesson, Mrs. Ray Leatherman and Miss Beatrice Sink sang "Take My Life and Let It Be."

Another interesting program was given on Sunday evening, April 30, with Miss Mabel Berrier serving as leader. A special quiz program had been arranged, but the leader thought it unfair to the special singers to go through with it, so decided to give it next Sunday night.

The meeting was opened with a song by all, scripture and prayer by the president. Miss Merril Ragan sang a solo, "No Longer Lonely," then the meeting was in charge of Miss Berrier. After Bible verses were quoted and questions about the Bible were discussed, the congregation sang "Revive Us Again." Miss Berrier made remarks about the "Eternal Life Insurance Company," followed with a song, "I've Changed My Mind," by the Ragan family quartet. Miss Berrier then made remarks on "The Ladder of Success." This interested me so much I've decided to pass it on to others:

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20 per cent—I don't know how
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The Ragan quartet sang, "He Knows" and "Did You Ever Go Sailing?" The Berrier quartet sang, "In My Dream Boat"; a duet by Mrs. Paul Leonard and Beatrice Sink; the congregation sang "There Is a Fountain," and the meeting was dismissed with prayer by Mr. Protos Koontz.

The society has planned to take at least a few hours one Sunday evening out of each month to visit and hold service with the aged, the sick, or any who desire to have them come. By doing this we hope to scatter a little sunshine, lighten the load, and renew the courage of those we love and care for.

MRS. WILLIE KEPLEY, Reporter.

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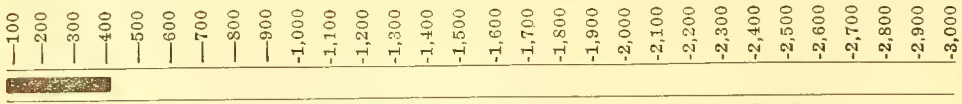

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GEO. L. CURRY, Pastor.

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A wedding of beauty and interest was that of Miss Sarah Frances Simpson, of Ware Shoals, S. C., to Hubert L. Simmons, of Jasper, Ga., which took place April 2 at 12:00 o'clock at Harmony M. P. church, with Rev. J. F. Farr, pastor of the bride, officiating. The impressive ring ceremony was used.

The church was decorated with a profusion of spring flowers, making a lovely setting for the wedding.

Miss Nancy Simpson, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She was dressed in an outfit of gray with navy accessories. The groom had as his best man Lucius Grant, cousin of the bride.

Prior to the ceremony Ralph Hughes sang "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life," accompanied at the piano by Miss Edna Hughes. The bridal party entered to the strains of the Wedding March from "Lohengrin." "I Love You Truly" was played softly during the ceremony, and Mendelssohn's Wedding March was used as the recessional.

For the wedding the bride was becomingly dressed in light blue with navy accessories. She wore a corsage of white carnations.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mrs. Kate Simpson. She is a member of Harmony church and takes great interest in church activities. The groom is the son of Mrs. J. W. Simmons of Jasper, Ga. He is a member of the First Baptist church of Jasper.

At present the young couple are making their home at St. Simon's Island.

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Were I so tall to reach the pole,
  Or grasp the ocean with my span,
I must be measured by my soul:
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A Prayer for the Festival of the Christian Home

(Mother's Day, May 14)

O God, who hast set Thy children in families, and art the Head of all the families of the earth, we Thy children come to worship Thee in reverent love. The joy and brightness of life are from Thee, and in the dark places Thou art not far from any one of us. The strength of fathers and the tenderness of mothers are in Thee. The ministries of fatherhood and motherhood are a part of Thy care for us, and Thy goodness is revealed in the lives of children. We rejoice in the fellowship which our homes offer, and in the growth and strength which we have in one another and in Thee.

Help us to look upon parenthood with reverence and upon childhood with awe. Help us so to teach and influence the children whom Thou givest and so to live together that Thy kingdom may be carried forward in our homes.

Help all parents who are worried or bowed down with heavy burdens to find strength in Thee. Give us repentance for the unconcern which allows mothers to suffer or to die in needless ways, and fathers to feel the stab of anguish because they cannot do for their own as love would prompt them. As we commend the mothers of the race to Thy protection we pray that we also may sustain them in their travail of body and of soul by all the resources of skilled and loving care.

Forgive us that we send mothers in grim necessity to anxious toil outside their homes while little children are deprived of care. Forgive us that we use wealth recklessly while families are hungry and in want. Save us from the folly of building institutions in such a way as to allow any families to be oppressed.

On this day of remembrance of motherhood and of fatherhood as we call Thee our Father, we pray that Thou wilt turn our feet into the ways of brotherhood so that the Christ who moved amid the homes of long ago may dwell in our homes through love.

Grant that mothers and fathers may see of the travail of their souls and be satisfied by love returned, by lives lifted to Thee, and by Thy sway extended in the world. And when evening comes may the light of the Eternal shine around them through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

—*Federal Council Bulletin.*

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

More About The Uniting Conference

Last week it was my privilege to write about the Uniting Conference with especial reference to my impressions of the first few days. Now that another week has gone by I might add a few things to what I said last week. It is now Monday afternoon, May 8th, and the conference is scheduled to close Wednesday night, May 10th. If the Conference were to close without additional legislation I should still feel that this has been an especial period in the life of Methodism of the world. As I sense the feeling of those who are here I conclude that from this conference there will go forth a spirit and a power that Methodism in this country has not known before. The representatives of other denominations who have spoken here almost invariably refer to this meeting as being one of the most outstanding in modern times.

Additional Accomplishments

Last week I mentioned some things accomplished up to that time. Not having seen a copy of the HERALD since coming here it is somewhat difficult to remember just where I left off, however I will say that in accordance with the plan of union the delegates of our Southeastern Jurisdiction got together and considered various phrases of the question of Annual Conference boundaries and in North Carolina we decided to adopt the present boundaries of the two Annual Conferences of the M. E. Church South as the boundaries of the two conferences which we will have in North Carolina in the new Methodist church. This will mean that about two-thirds of our churches and pastors will be in the Western North Carolina Conference. and about one-third will be in the North Carolina conference. Our churches in South Carolina will be in the Upper South Carolina Conference and all of our churches in Virginia will be in the Virginia Annual Conference. While we shall regret the breaking of the lines which have bound us together yet we realize the advantages of having conferences conform to state lines insofar as possible. And while we shall regret to separate one-third of our conference from the other two-thirds yet this was the only thing we could do under the circumstances. While in a sense we are breaking ties yet new friendships will soon be formed.

District Superintendents

In the prospectus which was in our hands before we came here it was slated that the name District Elder had been agreed on as a compromise for the former names of Presiding Elder in the South and District Superintendent in the North. However, this compromise did not appeal even to the people of the South, so the name District Superintendent has been adopted. And less than an hour ago the Conference placed a limit of six years upon the term of office for this official.

More next week.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

OHIO WOMAN "AMERICAN MOTHER" FOR 1939

By J. ELWOOD CARROLL

Mrs. Elias Compton, Wooster, Ohio, who has three Phi Beta Kappa sons listed in "Who's Who In America" and a daughter who is a leader in missionary education, has been declared by the Golden Rule Foundation "The American Mother for 1939." She is the fifth woman to receive this honor.

Widow of a veteran Ohio educator who taught philosophy at Wooster College for 41 years, she was chosen "representative of the best there is in womanhood" and will go to New York City on Mother's Day to receive the award of the Golden Rule Foundation.

All her children—three sons and a daughter—are distinguished leaders today. Dr. Arthur Holly Compton is professor of physics in the University of Chicago and Nobel Prize winner in physics in 1927. He is also a religious power and speaks frequently at colleges and universities on religion, recently appearing at Duke University. Another son, Karl Taylor Compton, is president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. While the third son is an attorney in Washington, D. C., and general manager of the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association. The only daughter, Mary, wife of Dr. C. Herbert Rice, principal of Christian College, Allahabad, India, is a Presbyterian missionary.

During the week preceding Mother's Day, Mrs. Compton will be the guest of the Foundation in New York City and represent the nation's mothers on Sunday, May 14, at ceremonies arranged in their honor. She is a worthy successor of those selected for this honor in previous years—Mrs. Fletcher M. Johnson, of New York and Georgia; Mrs. James Richard Smith, of California; Mrs. Carl R. Gray, of Nebraska; and Mrs. Grace Noll Crowell, of Texas.

THE MARKS OF A METHODIST

"A Methodist is one who has the love of God shed abroad in his heart by the Holy Ghost given unto him: one who loves the Lord his God with all his heart, and soul, and mind, and strength. He rejoices evermore, prays without ceasing, and in everything gives thanks. His heart is full of love to all mankind, and is purified from envy, malice, wrath, and every unkind affection. His one desire, and the one desire of his life, is not to do his will, but the will of Him that sent him. He keeps all God's commandments, from the least to the greatest.

"He follows, not the customs of the world, for vice does not lose its nature through its becoming fashionable. He fares not sumptuously every day. He cannot lay up treasures upon earth: nor can he adorn himself with gold and costly apparel. He cannot speak evil of his neighbor any more than he can tell a lie. He cannot utter unkind or evil words. No corrupt communication ever comes out of his mouth. He does good unto all men; unto neighbors, strangers, friends and enemies. These are the principles and practices of our sect. These are the marks of a true Methodist. By these alone do Methodists desire to be distinguished from other men."

—*John Wesley.*

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The Uniting Conference

It always takes time for a large gathering of people to get down to "business." The larger the group, the more time required. It has been an interesting study to observe the processes which have resolved this conference into an organized group doing the things it was formed to do. So after several days of preliminary skirmishes we are adopting reports and beginning to look towards a date for adjournment, and we predict that by the time this is off the press the gavel will have fallen upon this, the greatest gathering of church people in centuries.

The writer has been greatly pleased with the absence of friction and the presence of consideration for the views of others in both the committee meetings and on the conference floor. The sections from which the delegates come do not bulk so large in one way, but quite large in another way. The best interests of the church seem to dominate the motives of the men.

The reports of the larger committees are now revealing what our church shall be. The first General Conference of the Methodist church will meet next year. The District Superintendent is the name selected for that official who will have the supervision of the district. It now looks like there will be just two conferences. That is, the three former churches will agree upon the present boundary lines of the two Southern Methodist Conferences in our state, and further, that these can have until January, 1940, to class up the work of these conferences and write their conference activities into the conference of the Methodist church. The superannuate preachers in the former M. P. churches will fare better than they did before union. The church papers may have until the General Conference meets next April to reach decisions on what they shall do in the future and the Annual Conference organs like the Herald are left to determine what they will do—keep going or close out.

There is not written into the Discipline of the New Church any name of young people's organizations, it is "Youths Organizations." So it may be C. E., Epworth League, or be called by any other name. It does not look today like women will be ordained Elders in the New Church. The order was not recommended by the committee considering that suggestion. New York City is making a strong effort to capture the 1940 Conference. These are a few of the acts determined or being considered by the conference about which our people are more deeply interested.

Let us now report other features of this great gathering. The diversity of the daily program of the Conference reveals great skill in program building by the committee dealing with them. The testimony meeting at 7:30 a. m. is the initial service. This is held in a smaller room. 8:30 the devotion begins in the arena or auditorium. These consist of songs, responses, prayers and an address by one of the bishops. Business session puts its pressure upon us at 9:00 a. m. and from then until 12:30 that body of 900 delegates is considering some report or item, or the reconsideration of a report or listening to the presiding bishop straightening out a parliamentary tangle. Then at 2:30 we go to committee rooms and wrestle with the plans set forth in the Prospectus and memorial and often endure some "hot air" from the speaker. These committees have no set time for adjournment and some times go back to the arena for another meeting which will last until 10:00 p. m. All that looks to be strenuous and hard to endure but the delegates have been faithful in their duties, we believe.

The night programs have all been well planned. Among those of special interest are the pageant put on by the book concerns; by the mission boards; by the Young People's boards; by the committee which directed the singing of the "Messiah"; with "The Prisoner at the Bar," a temperance drama and there are yet to be others before we adjourn. Any one of these night programs, if handed journalistically would take as much space as this entire letter in the Herald.

On one thing, all the delegates with whom I have talked agree, there has been more agreement between the groups from the far north and far south than the most optimistic had expected. This is being written three days before the date set for adjournment, but we think will be true of the delegates when we do adjourn. All the North Carolina delegates of the former M. P. church are staying and working most faithfully on their respective committees.

Wednesday night, May the 10th, has been set for the time when the ceremony consummating the union of the three denomination shall take place. That night, of all nights, will sling in the memories of the delegates and most likely will record the largest attendance of the entire fifteen day conference.

R. M. Andrews.

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Prof. I. H. Thiessen, of the Alvan Drew School, Pine Ridge, Ky., has been elected superintendent to succeed Rev. G. W. Andrew, resigned.

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"It is in the measure in which the churches have faith in God as the Almighty Father and take seriously the Lordship of Jesus Christ over all life that they become truly relevant to the human situation. . . . For this faith, to employ an expression taken from the mystics, means that the universe has a 'grain.' It is so constructed that no system of human life or form of human action can permanently endure that violates the moral order which the 'Maker of heaven and earth' has written into the constitution of the world."

WITH THE POETS

Elizabeth Vera Idol

COME UP FROM THE FIELDS, FATHER

By WALT WHITMAN

Walt Whitman's own words, "Do I contradict myself? Very well, I contradict myself" were true, not only of his own personality, but of his position in the middle of the nineteenth century, when in the midst of the literary America of scholarliness, dignity, and adherence to tradition, he sent the "barbaric yawp" of his poetry sounding "over the roofs of the world." Little wonder that it took America forty years to learn that what he was writing was largely a reflection of the life that was seething in America and that Longfellow, Lowell, Whittier, and others were completely unable to comprehend from their libraries, editor's rooms, and the seclusion of a New England farm. Perhaps the youthful Walt Whitman may have exulted too lustily in the healthy exuberance of his body and physical living, but when the War was over his youth was gone, there was no middle age, and he emerged from it an old man, his body broken, and his health wrecked. No longer was his consuming interest the body of man; he had seen too much, and his chief concern from this time on was man's soul. He had not served in the ranks, but he gave himself with complete abandonment to the hospitals and the nursing camps behind the lines. It was from his intimate nearness to the wounded and dying that he was able to grasp the awful reality of war, and it was out of such experiences as these that he could write war poetry such as few other poets have been able to write. Stuart P. Sherman said of him: "There is more of the high pity and terror of war, more of the valor and tenderness that come straight from the magnanimous heart, in Walt Whitman's battle chants and dirges than in all our other war poetry put together."

In these days of terrible uncertainty when the world is held in the grip of an awful fear lest at any moment the one fatal incident in the mad lust for power and self-aggrandisement may be the spark that will set off the tragic conflagration and plunge humanity into the unmeasured maelstrom of another war, such a poem as Whitman's *Come Up From the Fields, Father* sounds with a new and terrible significance one of the chief tragedies that war brings—that of a death message to parents.

There is not here the grand style of the great masters of romantic tragedy, but in the simplicity and homeliness of the words and the quiet movement of the unrimed lines, there is the suggestion of the terrible quiet that reigns supreme in moments of deepest tragedy. The peace, the fruitfulness and fragrance of life that is foreshadowed for the family when they receive a letter from the son at the front. The terrible revelation made by the strange handwriting inside the letter justifies the prophetic dread in the mother's heart as she comes to the door—echo of the ever-present anxiety that dwells in her soul. She breathes the fragrance of ripening grapes and maturing buckwheat and forever after when that odor fills the air she will re-live the agony of this moment. Whitman writes of one of the saddest elements in grief—that Nature takes no notice of our sorrow; the day is just as glorious, the world is just as calm and vital and beautiful as if a human heart were not breaking.

The tragedy of the son's death is gradually revealed; the dramatic suspense heightens the terror; the grieving of the sisters even as they seek, helplessly, to be of comfort to the stricken mother, the final denouement of his death, are all akin to an old Greek tragedy.

A mother's broken heart is revealed by the incidents of the closing stanza. The stark tragedy of her pitiful attemps to carry on the unescapable necessities of living while her whole soul is alive only to her consuming yearning for her only son purges our own souls with something of that katharsis which Aristotle noted as the dominant quality of great tragedies.

The poem begins:

Come up from the fields, father, here's a letter from our Pete,
And come to the front door, mother, here's a letter from thy dear son.
Lo, 'tis autumn,
Lo, where the trees, deeper green, yellower, and redder,
Cool and sweeten Ohio's villages with leaves fluttering in the moderate wind,
Where apples ripe in the orchard hang and grapes on the trellis'd vines,
(Smell you the smell of the grapes on the vines?
Smell you the buckwheat where the bees were lately buzzing?)
Above all, lo, the sky so calm, so transparent, after the rain, and with wondrous clouds,
Below, too, all calm, all vital and beautiful, and the farm prospers well.

Then the poem ends:

Grieve not so, dear mother, (the just-grown daughter speaks through her sobs,
The little sisters huddle around speechless and dismay'd).
See, dearest mother, the letter says Pete will soon be better.
Alas, poor boy, he will never be better (nor may-be needs to be better, that brave and simple soul),
While they stand at home at the door he is dead already,
The only son is dead.
But the mother needs to be better,
She with thin form presently drest in black,
By day her meals untouched, then at night fitfully sleeping, often waking,
In the midnight waking, weeping, longing with one deep longing,
O that she might withdraw unnoticed, silent from life escape and withdraw,
To follow, to seek, to be with her dear dead son."

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By REV. W. H. YOKELEY

PAUL EVANGELIZES A PROVINCE

International Sunday School Lesson for May 14

By REV. O. L. EASTER

Lesson Text — Acts 19:1, 8-10; 20:17-21; Ephesians 2:19-22.

Golden Text—"But now in Christ Jesus ye that once were far off are made nigh in the blood of Christ." Ephesians 2:13.

Nations today are in a terrifying upheaval of class struggle and threatening war. Deep within the hearts of all the common people of each nation there is an insistent demand for peace—a peace that will protect them from the pending disasters of another world war. With all this powerful sentiment against war there accompanies a greater weakness for a sentiment that will make for peace. As long as these several peoples are taught to hate each other as enemies and as long as they are separated by barriers of race and creeds there shall be wars and rumors of wars. We are all ready to admit that the need of the world today is a chief cornerstone sufficient to fitly form together all nations of men even with their differences of type, race, or color. The voice of the Christian church has been loudly proclaiming the news of such a cornerstone in Christ ever since the Apostle Paul proved it at Ephesus, but nations as nations have rejected this needed cornerston. In spite of the drastic need for that power which will enable those that are far off to be made nigh in brotherhood and understanding there is a definite turning aside from it by world leaders. Mussolini speaks thus in his March 26th speech and says:

"We wish to hear no more about brotherhood . . . because relationships between states are relationships of force and these relations of force are the determining elements of their policy. We must arm. The watchword is this: more cannons, more ships, more airplanes, at whatever cost, with whatever means, even if it should mean wiping out all that is called civil life. When one is strong one is dear to one's friends and feared by one's enemies. Since prehistoric times one shout has come down on the waves of the centuries and the series of generations: 'Woe to the weak!' "

Mussolini is not setting this policy in motion but is merely putting into words the policy of nations and hence preparing his nation to fight fire with fire. Still Jesus Christ stands before all nations offering to them His policies and offering them His program which shall save them from the destruction of the war which is sure to result from their present policies of force. "But now in Christ Jesus ye that were far off are made nigh in the blood of Christ."

Although as nations men have in large measure rejected the overtures of Christian brotherhood and peace, yet within that kingdom of God on earth which reaches into every nation there are thrilling expressions of Christian unity and brotherhood being achieved. Your writer has just returned from a week's stay at the Uniting Conference of the three great Methodist bodies of America in Kansas City, Mo. These met in the name of Christ were men and women of all walks of life, of nearly every nationality. Sitting side by side in perfect harmony and love were Christians from war-torn China and Japan. In Christ there was no war between these peoples. "You are all brothers . . . for one is your Heavenly Father." Being from the South I was ready to rejoice glibly at the sight of Madame Yoshika Saito of Toyko, Japan, and Mr. J. K. Li of Nanking, China, singing a duet before that great audience on Mission night:

"Saviour like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care."

That was a thrilling scene which inspired hope in all of us for a world in need of such a unifying force in face of national strife. But upon the following night of the conference when the Methodist Youth Rally was held with about 10,000 people present I was interested to observe how I along with many other Southerners behaved when Roosevelt Crockett, Negro lad of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was placed forward to preside over that great service. To me it came as a greater thrill to see that spirit of brotherhood on our part than that of the Chinese and Japanese, for it came closer home. God hasten the day when Christ shall be accepted into our social, political and economic life in so much that we can sing at our work bench as well as in our church pew:

"In Christ there is no East or West
In Him no South or North."

Paul in our lesson text is writing back to the Ephesians to call to their minds how he had preached unto them through persecution and hardship so that now they were no more strangers or Gentile dogs in men's sight, but rather were become fellow citizens with the saints of the household of God. Thus this world that is groaning for some power which can bring warring mankind together to avert catastrophe should give ear to the voice of the Eternal spreading through apostles like St. Paul.

"Clear the way for the Eternal!
In the mine and field and mart,
Social justice for the workman,
Comradeship of mind and heart.
Clear the way for the Eternal!
Cleave the brush and till the sod;
Clear the way for the Eternal
Footsteps of Almighty God!"

(*A Unification Hymn by Dr. William Stidgen*).

Sir Walter Scott wrote on the fly-leaf of his books this gentle reminder: "Please return this book. You may think this request queer, but I find that, while many of my friends are poor mathematicians, they are very good bookkeepers."—*Exchange.*

High Lights of Appreciation Year Campaign

Liberty.
Siler City.
Piney Grove, Siler City Charge.
Pleasant Grove.
Mt. Pleasant, Cleveland Charge.
Julian, Tabernacle Charge.
Concord Church, Saxapahaw Charge.
Hope Church, Siler City Charge.
Lawndale Church, Cleveland Charge.
Hickory Grove, Guilford Charge.
Friendship, Shiloh Charge.
Shiloh, Shiloh Charge.
Mebane.
Pine Bluff.
Mt. Pleasant Charge.
Burlington First.
Asheboro.
Friendship and Loves Grove.
Pleasant Hill on Cleveland.
First Church, Charlotte.
First Church, Thomasville.
First Church, Concord.
Flat Rock and Spring Valley on Vance.
Reidsville.
Shiloh Church, Randolph Charge.
Fairfiield Church, Guilford Charge.
Maple Springs, Forsyth Charge.
Mt. Carmel, Forsyth Charge.
Graham.
Pleasant Hill, Spring Church Charge.
Haw River, Glen Raven Charge.
Tabernacle, Tabernacle Charge.
Brower's, Richland Charge.
Denton and Canaan, Denton Charge.
Lebanon, High Point.
Grays Chapel, Randolph Charge.
Kistler's and Mt. Moriah, Cleveland Charge.
Fairview, Haw River Charge.
Glen Raven, Glen Raven Charge.
North Davidson Charge.
Saxapahaw, Saxapahaw Charge.
Who will be next?

J. E. PRITCHARD.

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Young men with a grip on the essentials of the Methodist tradition so as not to be lost in the incidentals are much needed in the years ahead of us as we come to deal with the nation-wide reunion of American Methodism. The broad view and a grip on the essentials will prove most valuable.—*North Carolina Christian Advocate.*

ON GOING TO CHURCH

From *Pastor's Journal*

We set off on one of those aimless Sunday evening strolls without objective. The city generally was hurrying to the movies and cafes. And that is why a shadowy brick church on the fringe of things, its bell tolling sadly, appeared a symbol of neglect.

Only an occasional straggler mounted the steps and vanished into the dim-lit quiet. Soft notes from the organ came trembling down the nave in a sort of gentle ballyhoo. And on the impulse of the moment we, too, climbed the steps, the first church going in months.

Like many reluctants, I am continually assailed, once inside a religious edifice, for my neglect in attendance. It requires only an hour out of the week and there is no other place where one may so satisfyingly relax into surprising and almost unbelievable calm.

There was a serene earnestness about the pastor. I should say that he believed what he preached. His text was, as I remember, from Isaiah: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee." And old and familiar theme, of course. Stripped of verbiage, just another version of the aged simplicity, "Trust in the Lord." Yet it had a consoling warmth that sparkled an inner glow.

I was interested in the scattery congregation. Probably 100 in a church that might easily seat 500. About six young folk in their teens. Probably twenty-five middle-aged and the remainder oldish, in their sixties. The complacency was marked in contrast to the usual metropolitan crowd. No fidgeting, coughing, or glancing about.

Not since my courting days had I joined in a hymn. I glanced about and there did not seem to be a person not trying to lift voice in song. My grandmother used to sing hymns when dispirited and often remarked she left happier. "They roll the gloom away," she declared. Indeed, every face did seem brighter, the atmosphere rain washed.

The sermon over, the preacher was at the door to meet members of his slim congregation. He saw my wife and I were strangers, inquired if we lived in the city and introduced us to a couple near by.

So far as he could observe, we were the only strangers in the congregation that evening. His church had a full membership of 700, but his congregation, he said a bit sadly, rarely averaged more than 300 and that at the Sunday morning service. He took our address and hoped some day he might be permitted to call.

Meandering northward into the buzz-fuzz of the evening roar, we could not help but reflect on thousands of churches similarly struggling—veritable vortexes in the gathering storms. Each trying valiantly and often pathetically to establish a meed of hope, peace and comfort in a hungering world of vanishing faith. And how little most of us aid in such worthy endeavor, morally, financially or otherwise. There is no place in a vast city where the lonely are so pleasantly and sincerely welcomed as in the average church. For this reason alone one would think they would be filled.

This, too: I had had a troubling week. Yet I felt markedly reposed leaving the church. There was a tranquility and a fresh clarity of thought and vision about the week to come. Also I slept like the proverbial log that night. Yet like so many laggards it will probably be some time before I go to church again. Too many are that way about matters of the spirit—at a time when as never before have we needed bolstering of cherished beliefs.

O. O. McIntyre.

(*This article, printed two days before Mr. McIntyre's death, was probably the account of his last church attendance.*)

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MONEY MATTERS

By Walter O. Kersey

Christian stewardship concerns personality and possessions. Money-giving is an act of worship. Worship is essential for man. To all Christians, and especially to the young convert who accepts the Lord Jesus Christ, money offers a splendid channel for the expression of personality. The first thing to teach the young Christian is the relation of his possessions as well as his personality to Kingdom enterprise.

Many church members are still pagan with respect to money. Pagan philosophy asserts that man is owner. Christianity claims that he has a title to possession, "The earth is the Lord's; unto you it is given for a possession." Man, then, is a partner with God in possessions. This marks the difference between ownership and possession. Man is a steward and God is owner. The one who does not recognize God's ownership refuses to acknowledge the complete Lordship of Christ.

The Lordship of Christ concerns stewardship of personality and possessions. Personality relates stewardship to time, talents, and strength. Strength represents spirit, mind, and body. Personality in this sense must mean more than the limited psychological use of the term. It must include personality at its maximum. Possession relates stewardship to things and money. Redemption relates all these to Christ in such a way that the Christian is no longer his own. "Or know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which we have from God? and ye are not your own; for ye were bought with a price: glorify God, therefore, in your body," I Cor. 6:19-20. Personality and possessions then become a holy trust. The Christian must be careful not to be a traitor in these matters.

Over against the Christian idea of ownership stand three false theories in relation to money and things. All three recognize human ownership instead of God's ownership. The monarchical theory affirms that ownership should be invested only in the state or government. The social theory places ownership in the hands of society. That the means of production must be assigned to society is a very short definition of socialism. Arrayed against these two theories is the doctrine of private ownership. All three are wrong, because they fail to recognize God. God has three claims to ownership: creation, redemption, and providence.

Full fellowship with the Heavenly Father relates personality and possessions to the Creator. In this we enjoy the fellowship of stewardship. This is a happy relation. The first essential that makes us conscious of this relation is the separated portion. It is not compulsory, but voluntary. The two prerequisites are love and the giving of self. Love is the test of giving. Of course, the separated portion of possession is the tithe. With many it must be more than a tithe.

The fellowship of stewardship answer the question of the new convert, "What must I do now?" The life of stewardship is the plan that God has for every Christian. A better word for stewardship is partnership. The Christian is a partner with God in possessions and personality in every sense of the two words. Blessed is the pastor who teaches the new convert his full relation to his Heavenly Father, for he brings this new born child to a full recognition of God's plan for his or her life.

The partnership life may be represented by a circle. One half of this circle is personality, and the other half is possession. If we owe God a part of our time, talents, and strength; we also owe Him a part of our money. Yes, money matters. "But this I say, He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Let each man do according as he purposed in his heart: not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." II Cor. 9:6-7.—In *Biblical Recorder.*

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NINE OLD MULES

Recently the country was diverted by the story of a reprieve granted to nine old army mules. These veterans of the army's transport service had reached the end of their usefulness, and were to be shot as a quick and merciful conclusion of their years of service. Then a humane society got wind of the sentence that had been pronounced. The wires hummed with pleas to Washington to spare the mules. The President was reported to have been seen on their behalf. The mules are to live on.

Says *The Christian Science Monitor,* which editorially recounted the foregoing episode, "Thus are mighty forces set in motion when human hearts are touched. Thus do people and government respond when the plight of nine old mules becomes known. There's hope for such a world." Yes, hope—but not much. Not much encouragement in a world that is disturbed about the fate of nine old mules, but curiously careless about the lives and destiny of ten million youth who may soon be offered up on the altar of Mars.

Did you see the recent cartoon in "Everyday Movies," by Denys Wortman, where two stablemen are shown attending some decrepit nags? The men reflect: "The horses are lucky—they're being retired to the country. But we're today thrown out of a job."

Isn't it time to give a little thought to men—young men, the flower of the land, with whom the case of civilization rests in the century ahead? If once again we squander the precious stuff of which our world is built, depleting the nations of their embryo, scientists, musicians, writers, and statesmen second time in a single generation, what then?

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

WHEN IS A HOME CHRISTIAN?

Topic for May 14, 1939

By Rev. Raymond W. White

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, May 8—A godly father. Gen. 18:19.

Tuesday, May 9—Two godly mothers. II Tim. 1:5.

Wednesday, May 10—Love, a primary factor. Gen. 25:61-67.

Thursday, May 11—Grief of an indulgent parent. II Sam. 18:29-33.

Friday, May 12 — Jesus, an exemplary Child. Luke 2:51-52.

Saturday, May 13—A Christ-welcome home. Luke 10:38-42.

The Text: Col. 3:12-21; Eph. 4:31-32. (Mother's Day.)

To the Leader

This discussion should include regular church attendance, the family altar, grace at meals, private devotion of individuals and other means of appropriating the Grace of God for growing souls. Attention should be given to expressions of the Christian spirit in the home. "Individual Christian traits, such as love, forgiveness, kindness, patience, soft speech, forbearance, sacrifice, humility, long-suffering, and the like should be listed and discussed. Beyond this the home should be presented as a place for development of the wider Christian attitudes, involving relationships to other people. It should dispel rather than build up prejudices, should inspire confidence and faith in other people and causes, should inspire its members in worship, in right reading and thinking, and in opposition to wrong wherever found."

Questions for the Open Forum

1. How does a home become Christian?
2. What home-program would you suggest for growing Christians?
3. What attitudes should be cultivated in the home?
4. What are some evidences of Christianity in action in the home.
5. What wholesome amusements would you recommend to the home?
6. What radio programs would you recommend to the Christian home?
7. What reading material should be in a Christian home?
8. What are the values, if any, in the family pew?
9. How many parents become better informed about the Christian faith?
10. What factors contribute to the unity of the home?
11. What things should be considered when people are being engaged?
12. What are some of the causes of divorces? How prevent divorces?

The Poet

I turned an ancient poet's book
And found upon the page,
Stone walls do not a prison make
Nor iron bars a cage.

Yes, that is true, and something more
You'll find where'er you roam,
That marble floors and gilded walls
Can never make a home.

But every home where love abides
And friendship is a guest,
Is surely home, and home sweet home,
For there the soul can rest.

—*Van Dyke.*

Little Gems

Home: The father's kingdom, the mother's world, the child's paradise.

The sanctity of marriage and the family relation are the foundations of our American life.—*Garfield.*

Christianity begins at home. We build our characters there, and what we become in after years is largely determined by our training and home environment.—*Tillman Hobson.*

Eighty per cent of our criminals come from unsympathetic homes. We can help our little folks by making home a delight and inspiration for them. Better home life means much.—*Anderson.*

Topic Hints

What is the Family: "By the family is ment the collective body of persons who form one household under one head and one domestic government, including parents, children, and servants."—*Century Dictionary.* By a Christian family we mean one in which husband, wife, children, masters, and servants have submitted their lives to Christ, a Guest. Let it be remembered in this connection that we are dealing with the family, not from a social, or even from a moral viewpoint, but in the light of the Christian ideal, and from the spiritual point of view. Jesus Christ was more than a social reformer, or even a moral reformer; He was a spiritual regenerator. Spiritual regeneration makes a family Christian.

The Making of a Family: "Male and female" God made them: the one incomplete without the other; the man needing the woman, and the woman needing the man, and both necessary to express the divine purpose and intention in the creation of the human race. From this relationship the family springs. Without marriage there can be no family life. Yes, marriage is a divine institution, and for this reason should not be treated nor "entered into lightly, but reverently, discreetly, and in the fear of God." True marriages are made in Heaven and engagements should be made in no other place. The family is a sacred institution. Courtship and engagement is the beginning and the extending of a sacred relationship. A Christian family should be preceded by Christian courtship and Christian engagement.

Unequally Yoked: There can be little agreement between a Christian and an unbeliever. If an agreement is reached, it is an agreement, almost always, to give up prayer, asking the blessing at the table, and going to church. The philosophy that you may marry an unconverted man in order that you may lead him to Christ is a false philosophy. The odds are a thousand to one that you will be led away from Christ. If one cannot lead a sweetheart to Christ before marriage the chances are that the sweetheart will not be converted and the home will not be Christian. For a Christian to be unequally yoked to an unbeliever is almost certain to result in a family that is not Christian. For a church-member to be unequally yoked with a non church-member often results in neither being Christian, a family that is anything but Christian, and children going to church alone or not at all. If man and woman are more equally yoked, the train of life will not break the match so easily.

Means of Grace: We are saved by Grace and by Grace are we kept. The Christian family will not long be Christian if the means of Grace are neglected. There can be no Christian family without Christ. There can be no Christ unless He be sought, found, and accepted. In the Christian home Christ is the Head and the continual Guest, the Word of God is read daily, the voice of prayer is heard as the expression of daily need. If the family is to be a Christian unit, individual devotion daily is not sufficient. There should be a time when members of the family can gather and worship God. The lives in the home must be related to one another as well as related to God. A Christian family must find time for family worship. If it endures modern strain, the family must seek and appropriate God's Grace.

Practical Christianity: God gives Grace that men might have power. God gives Grace and power that men might live the things He reveals. Communion with God results in communication with men if Christianity is real. Family worship should result in family Christian action. Members in the Christian family not only love and trust one another but they serve one another. In the Christian family we expect to find affection, forbearance, patience, kindness, mutual understanding, sacrifice and humility, but we also expect to see Christian traits in action and action beautified by the background of the Christian spirit. In the Christian family there is love in loving service; there is patience in patient service; there is sacrifice in sacrificial service; there is humility in humble service; there is kindness in cheerful service; there is unselfishness in unselfish service. A dogma without doing is dead. Knowledge about Christianity is no substitute for being Christian. We find Christianity working in the Christian family.

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ROOMS THAT SPEAK OF ACTION

"Mother, isn't it time to change my dress?"

It was Sunday morning and Mrs. Wharton was just finishing the breakfast dishes. Her sister, Mrs. Tilton, who was visiting her, was helping.

"Mother, I don't want to be late. I want to help fix these pussy willows for our room!" And four-year-old Janet began to unfasten her dress as she talked.

Just then John stuck his head in at the kitchen door. "Say, mom, I told Miss Arend I'd bring my shells today. You don't care, do you?" Without waiting for his mother's answer, John hurried up the stairs.

Verne and Vivian, the twins, stopped him as they were coming down, ready to leave for church school. "We're going early," began Verne. "Miss Luth asked us to arrange the reading table," finished Vivian. "We're taking some copies of the Bird Magazine, mother," she added.

"Are the children always so eager to go to church school?" asked Mrs. Tilton, as the twins left. "Why do they want to go so early? Jim wouldn't ever go if he had his own way."

"Our children don't miss church school unless they are sick. They want to go early because there is always something interesting to do when they get there," Mrs. Wharton said as she turned to her sister. "Won't you come with me and visit the children's departments this morning? You will have time to look into all of them before time for church school to begin."

"I'd be glad to," Mrs. Tilton replied. "Mr. Turner has asked me several times to do something with the younger children but I haven't known what to do."

"Perhaps you will get some ideas today," ventured her sister.

By the time Mrs. Wharton and her sister reached the church, children were beginning to come for church school.

"Here is where I work. The beginner department is just across the hall." Mrs. Wharton led the way into the nursery. "You probably won't notice much difference in the equipment of the two rooms except that in here is the furniture is a little smaller. For both groups we have housekeeping toys, large building blocks, and other sturdy toys which are kept on those shelves. Several push-and-pull toys are housed in that corner along with the wagon and doll buggy. Through the long windows, opening onto the lawn, the children can see the bursting buds this morning. In that cupboard we keep such materials as paper and large crayons. There are several picture books which I shall put on the table before the children come."

"How low your pictures are!" remarked Mrs. Tilton.

"That is so that the children look at them easily," replied her sister.

"Good morning, Bobby." And Mrs. Wharton turned to help the newcomer pull off his snow suit and hang it on the low rack in one corner of the room. "You have brought your new truck to share this morning, haven't you?"

Mrs. Tilton went across the hall to the beginner room. Janet ran over to her and whispered, "Those are my pussy willows on Miss Barlow's table."

Children were coming constantly into this department now and Mrs. Tilton watched as they hung up their wraps, and then went to a favorite corner to play. One little girl started to undress a doll while another set a small table with diminutive dishes. Two small boys were building a church with large blocks. Around the tables children were busy with crayon and paper, modeling with clay or looking at pictures.

In one corner near the circle of low chairs children were helping the teacher hang the pictures which had been selected for the day. In front of one of the windows two little girls were looking intently at the bowls where bulbs had been planted.

The pianist was playing softly and a few of the children were singing. The superintendent was moving about quietly, speaking to one group—watching another silently.

Mrs. Tilton was thoughtful, contrasting what she saw with what she knew was happening at her home church.

"No wonder the children love to come here," Mrs. Tilton thought. "These rooms are planned for them. Everything in them seems to say, 'Use me, play with me, look at me.' They seem to compel activity as soon as the children enter."

At the door of the primary department, Mrs. Tilton paused. She wanted to see what was happening without being seen by the children. Here again they were busy at interesting work. At the piano a group was singing with the pianist. Two children were helping the superintendent to arrange the worship center. A large picture of "The Sermon on the Mount" by Wood was placed on the stand and in front of it was laid an open Bible. A small pot of tulips stood at one side of the picture. John was showing some of the boys his collection of shells. A table in one corner of the room held the interest of some of the children with its pictures of spring birds and flowers. At the supply cupboard still others were getting out paste and scissors and magazines from which to cut pictures.

Mrs. Tilton was interested in the durable screens which served as class divisions or as places to post pictures needed for the day. A few permanent pictures were hung low around the room. Even now a child lingered before a picture of Jesus and the children. "I wish that Jim had a room like this where he might go for church school. I believe he would be as happy as these children are," thought Mrs. Tilton as she went up the stairs to the junior department.

Verne was looking for his aunt as Mrs. Tilton entered the junior department. "I want to show you around myself," he said. "Miss Luth said that I might." With a nod of greeting to the department superintendent, Mrs. Tilton followed her nephew.

"This corner is our library," said Verne as he led his aunt to a table where Vivian was working. "Here is our bookcase where we keep all our references books, our hymnals, and Bibles. If the teachers or any of us find books or magazines that would help us in what we are studying, we add them to the reading table from time to time. Just now we are looking up birds." Mrs. Tilton noticed that each book on the table was opened to an interesting bird picture.

While Verne had been talking, Vivian had gone to the picture file next to the bookcase. She was coming back with several folders of bird pictures which she laid on the table.

"My class is trying to see how many birds we can learn to identify," she said. "In that case on the other side of the file we have started a nature collection," she went on. "So far we have only some of last year's nests."

"Come up to the front of the room," said Verne, leading the way.

"Here is where we have our assembly and worship. How do you like our picture?" Mrs. Tilton looked up to see a beautiful hanging of deep blue velvet reaching from ceiling to floor. Against this background was a large picture of the boy Jesus, a detail from the picture, "Christ and the Doctors," by Hoffman. She noticed that this was the only permanent picture in the room.

"Where are your classrooms?" asked Mrs. Tilton.

"The three rooms opening off of this one," Verne answered. "They are all alike. We will visit them next." And Verne stopped at the door of the fourth grade. Boys and girls were busy cutting out pictures. The teacher greeted them. "We are using the early time this morning to make a booklet illustrating 'For the Beauty of the Earth'," she explained. "We are studying the hymn."

In the fifth grade classroom a girl was drawing a map of Palestine on the blackboard. Two boys were making houses for a Nazareth village. This class was using the time to work on material dealing with the life of Jesus.

"Now we'll visit my room," said Verne at the door of the sixth grade. "Each Sunday the ones who come first work on our class scrapbook. That's what Jerry and Jean are doing now." And Verne and his aunt stepped inside the room. Verne went to the supply cupboard to get a pencil.

"Does each class have as nice a cupboard as you do?" asked Mrs. Tilton.

"Yes," answered Verne. "And we have our own supply of scissors and pencils, paste and paper. We can begin to work as soon as we come on Sunday morning without bothering anyone else."

When Verne and Mrs. Tilton returned to the assembly room, they found that many more children had arrived. One girl was arranging flowers. "Her father is a florist and she always brings flowers when there are none growing out of doors," Verne remarked.

Several boys and girls were at the reading table. One boy was placing hymnals on the chairs. "We sing more since we have our new Singing Worship," said Verne.

Mrs. Tilton went over to where Miss Luth was preparing for the opening assembly. "You have no trouble with tardiness, do you?" she said. "No, indeed," replied Miss

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OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Harmony Grove S. S., W. Forsyth	$1.02
Greer's Chapel S. S., Shiloh	1.10
New Salem S. S., Why Not	4.70
West End S. S., Greensboro	10.00
Mr. H. S. Horton, Pittsburgh, Pa., personal	5.00
Midway S. S., Haw River	3.58
West End S. S., Thomasville	4.27

We are thankful for these contributions. As usual following a fifth Sunday we haven't much to report. We are hoping that for the Sundays in May the Sunday schools and churches will remember the Home with good offerings.

Children's Home Day

Children's Home Day and Homecoming Day has been set for Thursday, June 22nd. Bishop James H. Straughn has promised to be present and speak for us that day if it is possible for him to come amidst the changes that are taking place. We trust nothing will prevent his coming.

We are asking every local church and Sunday school in the conference to set up a committee of three, or more to help us in securing a good offering for that day. The pastors, Sunday school superintendents and the Children's Home secretary will please cooperate in appointing the committee. Insofar as possible please do this next Sunday, Mother's Day, and write me immediately and give me the name and address of the chairman of your committee. Please do not fail us in this. Just a postal card and a little bit of your time will do the trick. Thank you.

Yours in His service,
A. G. DIXON, Supt.

Our Dear Friends:

The following letter goes out this week to Pastors, S. S. Superintendents and Children's Home Secretaries, and we are thus asking you to help in preparing for Children's Home Day which is to be held this year on Thursday, June 22nd.

1. Please confer at the earliest date possible and appoint a committee of three or more, according to the size of your membership, in each local Church and Sunday school to help get the best yet offering for the Children's Home.

2. Let us have the name and address of the chairman of your local committee by the earliest possible date, so we may write and suggest plans. These names and addresses we need at once, please. Delay will hamper the work.

3. Then please cooperate with your committee in getting a large representation of your people to visit the Children's Home on June 22. We hope to have a delegation present from each local church in the conference. So please line them up for that day.

We are now a United Methodist Church with all qualifying adjectives eliminated; but our own annual conference will finish up the year's work just as heretofore, and then merge into the Greater Methodism. So let us make this the crowning day of the Children's Home which is a creature of the Methodist Protestant Church. Bishop Straughn, recently elected to that high office, has promised to be with us that day. And we will invite one more speaker. So lets give them a good hearing.

We want your presence whether you bring any money or not; but we need some of your money to help keep us from being in debt when we actually merge into union this fall. We are practically out of debt now, but a summer's slump in offerings will put us in debt again. This we hope to avoid.

Please appoint that committee at once and mail us a card bearing name and address of the chairman. Do it now. A 100 per cent cooperation will help wonderfully. You will not fail us. Thank you and may God bless you and your folks.

Yours in His service,
A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

THE CHILDREN

"Suffer little children to come unto Me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Jesus was found in the place of worship every Sabbath while the man of God preached the Word. Why will parents so neglect the little ones today, by failing to have them attend preaching services, while their hearts and empressionable.

We wonder why there is so much crime, but I am afraid parents are responsible for much of it for failing to teach the children the Bible, which is a lamp to our feet and a light to our pathway.

Someone has said "We know where our pigs are but not where our children are." We wonder if we love our children.

The parents of Jesus did not cease to search for him until they found him. Jesus was learning from the great teachers the great things of life eternal. I hope we may see a great change in the teaching of the children to honor and respect the man of God. When children do that there will be more reverence in the house of God by parents and children.

Sincerely yours,
MARTHA PARSONS.

BOOK REVIEW

GOD'S PURPOSE: A new devotional booklet of daily sermonettes for home and private worship has just been published by the John C. Winston Company, Philadelphia, Pa.

The book is a companion volume to GOD'S MINUTE and GOD'S MESSAGE, two former devotional booklets which have been very popular among our people for family worship.

The volume contains three hundred and sixty-six sermonettes by as many eminent clergymen of the English-speaking world.

The book is neatly bound in brown cloth engraved with gold letters and is 4 by 5½ inches, just a comfortable size to be used at the breakfast table, or around the family altar. Cloth binding, $0.60.

J. W. B.

Harvard University technicians have developed a Diesel engine that runs on melted butter.

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A LETTER FROM INDIA

Dear Friends:

This is just an ideal morning. It is cool for this time of the year and to sit on the front porch on the second floor and visit is all one could desire. It will get hot later but right now it is just made to order. How delightful it would be to have you sit here and talk over all the work with you. And I believe that you too would enjoy it for we have good news to tell. So I am rushing this by air mail. For weeks and even months I have written that the work looked promising. I am happy to tell you that it is growing more so as the days go by. Now I am able to make a report which makes my heart rejoice. We have a fine class of inquiriers. My first class met on Monday night and we go back for the second class tonight. We shall have more than fifty in the class. We have managed to have two classes. Miss Miskimen is helping, as I go in the car. A woman goes with her and some masters go with me. She has the women and girls and we take the men and boys. Can you imagine how very happy we are. For seventeen years we have tried and hoped and prayed for this moment and now we are just beginning. We surely are grateful to the Lord and are doing our best to lead the people in an intelligent manner. We have great hopes and if only this great class comes along well with people growing in grace, no telling what God may do with them. To be perfectly frank, I can hardly believe my own eyes. To think, fifty people saying I want to become Christian and am willing to study and learn about God and the Lord Jesus Christ in order to be able to believe on Him. I truly wish that salvation for them were an instantaneous thing. I am sure that they cannot believe on Him until they know who He is and how to believe. It is the most difficult matter I know to direct one to God and tell him how to believe and to pray to him. Closing ones eyes and folding the hands and saying words is not praying. Nor is saying I will become a Christian sufficient to make one a full-fledged child of God. To tell one to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ has absolutely no meaning to these poor blind souls.

Thinking that you would be happy to learn of this very best news I am taking this opportunity to write with it making a very urgent request for prayer. Ask all our people to be much in prayer for us at this season. If we make a mistake it may cost us dearly in souls later, while on the other hand, if we are able to lead them properly they doubtless will be a means of saving hundreds of their own caste people. So we beg you to pray with us and for us in a special manner for these folks.

We are all well and happy and rejoicing in the blessings of our Father. I hope you are enjoying the spring and will have a good year. J. F. MINNIS.

Taken from May issue of "The Missionary Record."

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Friendship Church, Chase City Charge, Rev. D. D. Broome, Pastor.—Our pastor has brought to us four beautiful messages since our last report. Services were attended very well. We now have preaching services every fourth Saturday night. The Sunday school is increasing slowly, but we are hoping that since the weather is getting warmer and the whooping cough epidemic has passed over, it will grow larger.

We were very glad indeed to have some of the good people from Littleton charge with us on the last fourth Sunday.

We didn't have any special Easter program this Easter due to the fact that so many children were sick.

On the evening of May 14 the play, "A Real Mother's Day," will be presented by the young people of the church.

"Memorial Day" will be observed at our church on the fourth Sunday morning in May; services will be conducted by the pastor.

Our church was very grateful to Brother Nathaniel Garland of the M. E. church at Chase City, for conducting prayer services Sunday evening. Prayer meeting is holding up fine and we feel that this has been a great help to our church and community.

We ask the prayers of all other churches that this may be one of the most successful years we have ever had.

PAULINE JARRELL, Reporter.

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Roberta Charge, Rev. H. W. Bell, Pastor, May 2.—The Fifteenth District Rally was held at Roberta church, afternoon and evening, and was well attended. Churches represented were Friendship, Love's Grove, Mill's Grove, Porter, Albemarle, Kannapolis, and Concord. The afternoon session began at 3:30. Children from all the different churches gave recitals and songs. The subject was "Thy Kingdom Come Through Growing Youth." Lunch was spread at 6 o'clock; at 7:30 the evening session began. The leader was Mrs. Little. Devotions by Miss Tarleton. Mrs. J. S. Nesbett, Presbyterian missionary recently returned from Korea, gave a very interesting talk which was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Peeler gave a report on the meeting of women's work which was very interesting. Also, a report from each auxiliary was given on the work they were doing. A quartet from Albemarle sang several selections, also several solos; all were enjoyed. The benediction was spoken by Rev. Earl Cook.

REPORTER.

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Mitchell's Grove Church, Rev. J. B. Trogdon, Pastor.—The Easter program was given on Easter Sunday night and was well attended. The children and young people carried their parts out well. The offering was fairly good also. A prize was offered to the two children raising the highest amount in their envelopes for World Service. This went to little Barbara Anne Mooney as first and to Alvin Cashatt as second. Mrs. Lily Mooney and Mrs. Callie Billings had charge of the program.

Our Sunday school attendance has not been so good. Some of this is due to much sickness throughout the community. We are hoping and praying that it soon will pick up again.

Our prayer services are still being held each week on Tuesday night. We feel that much good is being done through these meetings. I know they mean much to me and to each one that attends. There have been between 15 and 20 conversions this year. We are praying that these will be faithful and that many more will be added to the list. We need your prayers.

The Christian Endeavor meets each Sunday afternoon at 5:45 o'clock. Our subject for last Sunday was "Giving." After the program an offering was taken for a needy family in our community. Our president, Mrs. Guy Hill, has been kept away on account of sickness. We are hoping that she may soon be able to be back with us.

We are very sorry to report that Mr. Lee Cashatt is seriously ill. We hope and pray that he soon will be better.

CALLIE BILLINGS (Reporter).

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Union Grove, Orange Charge, Rev. C. P. Morris, Pastor.—The work of this church is progressing nicely.

Our pastor has filled his regular appointments, and the weather has been so pretty we have had larger congregations than we had during the winter months.

On the third Sunday afternoon in April we had our Easter program, the service was well attended.

Mr. A. G. Neville, our Sunday school superintendent, is sick, but he has returned from the hospital, and we hope he will be out again soon.

We are planning to have our Children's Day service the first Sunday morning in June. In the afternoon of that day we will have a memorial service at which we hope to have a former pastor of this church to speak to us. We welcome you all who care to come.

MRS. C. L. SMITH, Reporter.

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New Hope, Why Not Charge, Rev. C. H. Hill, Pastor.—Our Sunday school is increasing with the coming of spring we are glad to report.

Brother Hill has been very faithful in his services regardless of the rain and mud during the past months. He was present yesterday and preached a very inspiring sermon to a very good congregation. We were so glad to have Mrs. Hill with us for the first time since last fall.

She is very much improved, but seems right feeble yet. We hope she can keep on improving so that she can come to each service with Brother Hill.

We are very sorry to report that Mr. O. J. Sink, one of our faithful members, is right sick with stomach trouble. We hope for him a very speedy recovery.

Several from this community attended the closing exercises at the Seagrove High School last week. Six of the twenty-four members of the senior class were members of our church and Sunday school.

We as a church and community should be proud of these young men and women. May we ever show them the right hand of fellowship, and as they go out to make their way in the world may they be influenced for the right by the training they have received from the services at this church. Pray for our church that we may ever let our light shine.

REPORTER.

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Rehobeth, Granville Charge, J. P. Pegg, Pastor— Just a short report to tell you of our fifth Sunday Rally which was held at this church.

We had a beautiful day and the church was filled to overflowing. I think every church in the district was represented.

Our speakers for the morning were, Mr. Elmo Powell of the First Christian Church of Henderson, and Mr. "Pete" Huff of Union Chapel, they both made splendid talks taking for their subject, "Loyalty in the Church."

At the noon hour dinner was served in the Grove. The afternoon program, consisted of special music, recitations and readings from the churches presented, these were well rendered and enjoyed.

Much credit is due Mr. Baskett, of the Spring Valley church, for his untiring efforts in helping make these fifth Sunday Rallys worth while.

Circle No. 1 of our Auxiliary met with Mrs. Rudolph Cheatham April 25th. A goodly number were present. Misses Virginia Rogers and Kittrell gave good reports on the Branch meeting which was held at High Point.

Mrs. Richard Harris conducted the Bible lesson.

In conclusion the hostess served ice cream and cake.

Our church has purchased a hundred new song books, and interest seems to be growing in the singing.

MRS. MAUDE W HIGHT, Reporter.

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Efland-Orange, May 1.—Even though a bit late we want to say we had two services during the Easter season in keeping with the occasion. "Christ the Man" was the theme Brother Morris used for his splendid Easter message. Following this we dedicated our new Methodist Hymnals using the dedicatory service from the publishers. This was a very impressive service and we know the addition of these Hymnals will mean better church services.

We were happy to have the combined choirs of Hebron and Mebane M. P. churches bring their Easter cantata to our church, under the direction of Mr. T. O. Pender with Mrs. Clayton Dixon at the piano. They sang "Life Eternal" by Halton for our enjoyment on the Sunday evening after Easter. Our Easter offering was made at this time.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Claude Murray, our Christian Endeavor Society is progressing very nicely with interest and attendance growing.

We are having good attendance in S. S. and are making one attempt to enroll new members. A gift offering was made to a family in which there was sickness on a recent Sunday. The offering was fourteen dollars or more.

The people of our community were fortunate to have Rev. Roland C. Stubbins of Calvary Church, Greensboro, with us Sunday evening. The occasion was the baccalaureate sermon for the Efland high school. As is his custom Brother Stubbins gave us a splendid sermon, using "Life's Interlude" as his theme. He gave the senior class some very helpful information on preparing for the next act. Several members of the class are members of our church and we wish for them continued success.

Work has been begun on the water system for the parsonage. With our industrious pastor as an able assistant it should go rapidly to completion.

Mrs. Morris and Jerome Philip have been at home for some time and are getting on nicely.

We are pleased to read of the progress the Uniting Conference is making and are looking forward to having a part of the great Methodist Church of our Lord.

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Weaver's Chapel, Rev. D. D. Broome, Pastor.—This church seems to be going forward nicely.

Our pastor brought us a very interesting and inspiring sermon last Sunday. There were a good number of people present. Now that spring is here we expect more people to come out to worship.

The Women's Auxiliary held its April meeting with Mrs. L. T. King. Bettie Mae King had charge of the devotionals. Although we are slow in getting on to this society, never having had one before, we are learning and with the help of Rev. and Mrs. D. D. Broome we can go right ahead. Our next meeting will be held in the home of Rev. and Mrs. D. D. Broome. At this time we will have a group meeting of the three Auxiliaries of this charge. The members of our group are looking forward to this, maybe we can learn some of the ways of other people.

Our Sunday school is very active. Some of the ladies are planning a Children's Day program. We hope this will be a great success.

Memorial services were held at Sunset Hill cemetery, Littleton, in honor of one of the Methodist Protestant ministers, Rev. Mr. Fiskel. On the coming Sunday, May 14 at 4:00 o'clock memorial services will be conducted at Roanoke Rapids cemetery in honor of another deceased minister, Rev. Mr. O'Brien.

BETTIE MAE KING, Reporter.

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Love's Grove, Friendship - Love's Grove Charge, Rev. Earl A. Cook, Pastor.—Our Sunday school is the best that it has been in several years. Our superintendent is putting forth very special efforts to make it a success and he has had good cooperation from his members.

At this time I want to give a short report of the Fifteenth District Rally which was held at Roberta Church on Sunday, April 30, at 3:00 and 7:30 o'clock. At 3:00 o'clock the churches in the district were represented by a fifteen minute program from the primary and elementary departments of the schools, both in song and verse. We thank those who took part and those who helped to make the program possible. Your cooperative spirit was very fine.

The churches in the district were represented in number as follows: Albermarle 20, Concord 38, Friendship 9, Kannapolis 4, Love's Grove 13, Mill Grove 8, Pine Bluff 6, Porter 0, and Roberta 42.

The main feature of the 7:30 o'clock service was a talk by Mrs. J. S. Nesbitt, a returned missionary from Korea. The audience was held spell bound as she told of the conditions in the foreign land.

Let us have a little more thought for our missionaries and try to do our part in helping them to bring the word of Christ to those who do not know Him. Let us be thankful for our religious freedom and share it with others.

MRS. W. L. LITTLE, Dist. Chm.

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Midway, Haw River Charge, Dr. C. W. Bates, Pastor.—This is the third week our pastor has been in Kansas City attending the Uniting Conference. He is being missed very much, however we are trying to carry on the work as best we can. Last Sunday Mr. Moffet from Greensboro had charge of the devotion in Sunday school. We enjoyed his talk, and were also glad to have him teach the senior class. There were 119 present at Sunday school last Sunday.

We appreciate the cooperative spirit in our Sunday school work, and are proud of our record. The Sunday school gave a program Easter Sunday night, and will give a Mother's Day program next Sunday just after Sunday school.

The Auxiliary meets each first Sunday just after Sunday school with a good attendance and is doing a good work.

Miss Pattie Bartee and Miss Helen Wilson are home after having finished their year's work as teachers.

Miss Pearson of Greensboro visited her mother last weekend.

Howard Apple, of Atlanta, spent a few days with his friends last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Butler, Jack and Hilda Butler of Greensboro worshiped with us last Sunday.

MRS. G. W. APPLE, Reporter.

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Canaan Ladies' Aid Society, North Davidson Charge, Rev. O. B. Williams, Pastor.—Our society is moving along nicely. We have done right much in securing funds for our church in the last year.

As I have not given any reports on the last two meetings will give it together.

Our April meeting was held with Mrs. Grant Reece, all members present except two, and there were three visitors. This was a very interesting meeting. The program was on the Resurrection. Mrs. Leroy Miller and Era Zimmerman were appointed as delegates for the Branch meeting at High Point.

The May meeting was held at Mrs. J. D. Smith. This also was a very impressive meeting. This program was on "Mother." Several poems were read and a song "Plant a Flower on Mother's Grave." The program was enjoyed very much both in memory of our mothers who have gone on and in honor of those that are still with us.

Rev. Mr. Williams gave a short talk on the Branch meeting, and there were reports from others who attended the meeting. We are always glad to have Mr. Williams with us. As this is the end of another year's work it was at this time we reorganized, electing new officers in our circle. This was not hard to do as the old board was practically all re-elected.

I would like to say here that I think we should take our hats off to Mrs. J. D. Smith as president of our Aid Society. She has served this place since our Ladie's Aid was first organized in May, 1932.

We appreciate her greatly, both in spiritual and social affairs. As we start on our new year we are hoping to do greater things for our Master in the future.

We have had right much sickness in our community, but are glad to know that all are improving. Our society has made 324 calls in April and May. We are praying that health will be restored to those who are sick.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. A. L. Berrier is back home after being in the Winston hospital for appendicitis. She is recovering nicely.

"May righteousness still abound that we might win a loving crown."

MRS. CARL W. CLODFETTER, Reporter.

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Liberty, Aubert M. Smith, Pastor.—Church work is moving on in a very satisfactory way. The attendance and interest are encouraging.

A very impressive Easter program was given.

The vested choir, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. J. H. Reitzle, rendered selected anthems for the Liberty commencement. Rev. Tom A. Sykes, Friends minister of High Point delivered the baccalaureate sermon. The members from this church in the graduating class this year were: Wayne Isley and Paul Brewer Deaton. Our pastor gave the invocation.

Mrs. J. B. York entertained the Auxiliary at the home of her daughter in honor of Mrs. Colon Brady, who is to leave soon to make her home in Rural Hall. We are losing a very substantial Auxiliary member.

Our Sunday school will observe Mother's Day Sunday. Our sympathy is extended to our superintendent, Mr. R. L. Elkins, whose mother so recently passed away.

The writer's mother, Mrs. W. C. Shepard, who has been quite ill for several weeks will observe her 84th birthday, next Monday, May 15th. My father, in his 90th year, remains very feeble.

Let us not forget to pray for each other.

BERTINE SHEPARD, Reporter.

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Littleton Charge, Corinth Church, Rev. D. D. Broome, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment at this church Sunday morning. He delivered a splendid message. Our congregation was real good but we wish more could have been there and heard this fine sermon.

Our Sunday school is moving along nicely.

The annual memorial service will be held at this church the first Sunday morning in June at 11:00 o'clock.

A memorial service will be held at Rev. J. B. O'Briant's grave in Roanoke Rapids cemetery the second Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. Rev. Mr. O'Briant was pastor of this church for several years.

Two of our Sunday school pupils, Sarah Brewer and Claude Warren, Jr., graduated from Aurelian Springs High school last week.

Rev. Mr. Broome and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Morris Sunday.

Miss Edith Carter from our church and Mr. Churchill Brown from Vaughan were married in Emporia, Va., Sunday, May 7th. We wish for this young couple much happiness as they journey through life together.

MRS. B. F. MORRIS, Reporter.

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Liberty Hill Church, Anderson Charge, T. M. Johnson, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointments Sunday. The morning and evening services were based on the second chapter of Galatians, and were very interesting. The C. E. society held its regular Sunday meeting, using as the subject, "What Should a Church Member Do?" This was very interestingly discussed.

Dr. Johnson will also be with us on the fifth Sunday of this month to preach to us at morning and evening services.

A singing school, which began a week ago, is being conducted here. The class is held each Saturday night at 7:30.

The pupils that attended the Bible school recently received their certificates on Sunday evening.

Mrs. A. A. Foster and Mrs. George Hamby are sick. We wish for them a speedy recovery.

The prayer meeting Wednesday night will be conducted by a young minister, Rev. Jock Greene. We hope a large crowd will be present. The Saturday night prayer meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Johnson.

The Willing Workers class will meet May 2 at the home of Mrs. R. T. Bennett. The program will be for mothers; therefore, all the mothers have a special invitation to attend.

Mother's Day! What a great day that is! Let us all remember to give our mothers flowers while they live, and not wait until they are dead.

MRS. HOBART SMITH, Reporter.

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First Methodist Church, High Point, N. C.—Our pastor, Mr. J. C. Madison, returned last Friday night from Kansas City, where he attended the Uniting Conference. He reported on his trip at the regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary Monday afternoon and seemed very much impressed with the events taking place out there. An unusually good meeting of the Auxiliary was held Monday. Broadus Leonard, Jr., twelve years hold, had charge of the devotionals. After Mr. Madison's report, a group of children from Mrs. Walter Kirkman's kindergarten gave several songs and recitations that were greatly enjoyed.

On Sunday night, May 21, a Methodist rally will be held at Wesley Memorial Church, with all Methodist churches of High Point cooperating. A combined choir, under the direction of Mr. John Briggs will render several special selections. Dr. Lynn Hough, dean of Drew Theological Seminary, will be the speaker. This service promises to be a very inspirational and informative meeting.

Friday evening of this week the Junior church is giving a tea in the church basement honoring the mothers of the church. Miss Myrtle Davis, in charge of the Junior church, has planned another elaborate program and much interest is being shown by the children. A large attendance is expected.

Last week the Philathea class had one of its best meetings of the year at Mrs. Leonard Honeycutts. Miss Mamie Ellis had charge of the devotionals, using "Nature" as her theme. A. C. Lovelace, Jr., director of our church choir, sang several selections, and Mrs. Hubert Lane Barrier played several numbers. Miss Myrtle Davis reported on the recent Baracca-Philathea convention held in Goldsboro, and Mr. E. Z. Jones, a member of the staff at the local radio station, spoke very interestingly to the group. The Philathea class, taught by Mr. S. S. Coe, continues to grow and the attendance at their regular monthly meeting was unusually good.

Fortunately we know of no serious illness among our members, though there have been several cases of measles among the children. None of the cases have been very severe, however.

MRS. ROBERT DAVIS, Reporter.

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"WESTWARD HO!" BUT NOT FOR GOLD

Perhaps I should have headed this letter, "Eastward Ho," but we have not started east yet, though we are thinking of being on the homeward way, for today, Saturday, April 29, we are entering Yellowstone Park.

Our last letter was written from Hollywood, California, in the home of our son. The impressions one gets from that country is, that there is not the interest in things religious that we find in the east. Numbers and numbers of little towns and villages through which we passed, if there was a church anywhere we did not see it. It seems to me that there is still missionary work that needs to be done as in the days gone by.

Of course to one passing through hurriedly, there is not much chance to get the best impression, for you only come in contact in most cases with those who are there for what they can get out of it, and they get the impression that you are simply going through to see all you can, and they propose to most cases to make you pay for it. Perhaps most tourists have not made the best impression for good, though they may be religious people at home. Well do I remember the expressions of disappointment from many of the people in Palestine and in other countries that we visited, that we did not buy wine and other strnog drink like the folks that were there before us. I know I am on dangerous ground here, for many people do not like to be checked up on their behavior abroad. But if there is any argument against what I have said about this, I have plenty of material. But we all know that there are some who are religious at home, while others only wish to make an impression when away from home.

After spending a week in Hollywood our son journeyed with us to the country of the big trees. This is one of the places of interest to the visitor in California of unusual interest. After spending some time here taking picture and looking upon these giants of the forest, we began our journey onward. Sam came with us for a distance of seven hundred and twenty-five miles. We spent only a little time in San Francisco; like most cities, it is just one more. The Fair is mammoth. There are so many things there to show the progress that we are making, that to the visitor whose time is limited, it is almost bewildering to undertake to see it. One just has to pick out what he wants to see and find it, for unless you have plenty of time, and I might say money too, which we do not have, you just cannot see it all in a short time.

As fate would have it, we spent one night in Reno, Nevada, and one in Salt Lake City, both places because of their main business do not appeal to me. We saw that courthouse in the first place where so many find release, as they think, from the troubles that beset them, only in most cases to find more. I got the impression that many of the citizens there do not like to discuss what takes place, while others seem to glory in it. Guess the latter are the one that help to keep the business going, or rather reap their fortunes from the unfortunate.

We heard part of a speil in Salt Lake City, at the Mormon Temple, for only as one man said, here in Idaho, where we are stopping for the night, you have to be a good Brighamite to get in. No one is allowed in here. Guess this is the place where the prophets get their inspiration for keeping up the propaganda of telling about Joseph Smith who received all those so-called wonderful revelations about how one should be batized, etc. I could hardly keep still as I heard this guide talk about how John Baptist came and told Jo how to be baptized. There is much of this that is interesting, but will defer further notes on this for another letter, perhaps.

N. G. BETHEA.

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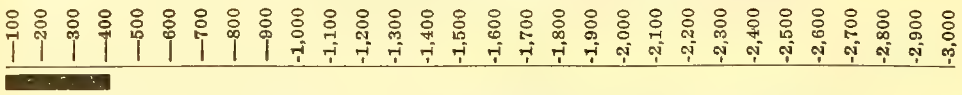

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Luth. "I have to come extra early to get here ahead of the boys and girls. They have most of the responsibility for arranging the room and carrying out the department activities. There's always something that someone wants to do early."

As she sat down to wait until the opening of the assembly period, Mrs. Tilton was thinking over her experiences of the morning. "There must be some way of making our church school rooms more attractive," she thought. "Even though we don't have many rooms, and not very much money, we should be able to apply the same principles to our situation that these teachers have to theirs. I believe that I shall tell Mr. Turner I'll try to work out some plans to make our church school more interesting."—Edith B. Ruby, in "Elementary Teacher," April, 1939.

MISSIONARY MEETING

A district meeting will be held at Mt. Carmel Church, Forsyth Charge, Sunday afternoon, May 21, at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. R. M. Andrews, president of the North Carolina Branch, will speak, and Mrs. W. C. Hammer will give a report on the Uniting Conference. All women in the district and any others who are interested are urged to attend.

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We Salute the Methodist Church

On the evening of the tenth day of May, about 8:30 o'clock, there was formed in Kansas City, Missouri, The Methodist Church. A Church with its far-flung lines of philanthropic and missionary activities; its mission stations in thirty countries of the world manned by 1,275 missionaries with 16,500 native workers. A Church having 82 hospitals with 5,300 nurses where in 1937 263,000 patients went for rest and healing. A Church with 140 schools and colleges where 105,000 youth like John Wesley sat at the feet of their teachers seeking the better way of life. A Methodist Church which in 1937 received into its membership, upon confession of faith, 262,750 persons, making a grand total of 7,741,300. A Church with a membership which contributed that same year for ministerial support and for the benevolences of the Church the sum of $75,202,000 or $10.18 per capita.

It was upon this manner that the task of completing the organization of this great church was completed; the delegates were assembled in the Municipal Auditorium, when Bishop John M. Moore read the six articles of The Declarations of Union which concluded as follows: "The Methodist Church is the ecclesiastical and lawful successor of the three uniting churches, and through which the three Churches as one united Church shall continue to live and have their existence, continue their institutions, and hold and enjoy their property, exercise and perform their several trusts under and in accord with the Plan of Union and Discipline of the United Church; and such trusts or corporate bodies as exist in the constituent churches shall be continued as long as legally necessary." To this every delegate standing with uplifted hand said, "We do so declare." And then in concert, Bishops and delegates said, "To the Methodist Church thus established we do solemnly declare our allegiance, and upon all its life and service we do reverently invoke the blessings of Almighty God. Amen." Then Bishop Frank Smith led the prayer consecrating the Church, concluding with the following words: "Having part among the people of God and the Church universal in the inheritance of the Apostles and prophets, fathers and teachers, martyrs and evangelists; we give thanks unto the Father who has made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. Compassed about by so great cloud of witnesses, we do here and now consecrate the Methodist Church to the worship of God and the establishment of His Kingdom among men everywhere, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Then a choir with more than a hundred voices sang the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's *Messiah*. The congregation of ten thousand people rose to their feet as was sung, "Hallelujah, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Hallelujah."

The spiritual impact was profound. The great congregation standing with bowed heads as the word "hallelujah" was taken up by the sopranos, the altos, the tenors, and the basses; each group emphasizing the word in beautiful harmony, cleansing the heart of every impulse but of praise and adoration of our God. And then was brought into our consciousness the full realization of the dream of men like Thomas H. Lewis that all Methodist peoples should be united in their efforts to extend the Kingdom of God upon earth. "The Methodist are one people."

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The Uniting Conference

As is well known to most of our people the Uniting Conference at Kansas City closed on Wednesday night of last week in one of the most impressive services I ever expect to see this side the Pearly Gates. When the nine hundred delegates stood with uplifted hand pledging allegience to the Methodist Church and the choir of five hundred voice struck up the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah and the ten thousand people in the balconies stood as one man it was a sight never to be expected again in this world. Well, we have to come down from the mountain top into the valleys below to do our work there.

And Now For The Final Stretch

While the three denominations are officially untied we are given until the end of this Conference year to finish up our work and to go into the new conference. It is possible that the Conference year will be shortened slightly but this announcement will be made in due time. The plan is for each of the former conferences to have a short session and to adjourn and to go in and organize a new conference. Those who stop and think for a moment will realize that there is much for us to do before we end our final year. The fact that we put so much emphasis upon the World Service the first half of the year caused us to neglect many other things, so that we find ourselves considerably behind with Annual Conference Expenses, The College Assessment and possibly some other things. The months of May and June are set aside for Church Extension and of course half of May has passed. I am asking that we put forth every effort to catch up with these delayed assessments so we can get on schedule again.

Election of Delegates

I am now calling attention to the fact that we are to elect delegates to the next annual conference just as we usually do. These delegates will not only sit in our final session but will sit in the new conference when it is organized. In view of this fact it is important that people be elected who can go and who can represent the people. This matter of a delegate from every charge is one of the things which we carry into the new church as distinctly Methodist Protestant. For this has been the practice all the time with us. Let us now prove to the rest of the household of faith that our people really appreciate this part of our government.

District Conferences

Now that the District Conference is to remain a permanent fixture in the new church it seems to me to be important that our people use every opportunity to acquaint themselves with the workings of such bodies by attending these whenever convenient, not as official members but simply as visitors this year. Next year we shall be in better position to take our places in the conference if we get acquainted with them this year. I am sure that District Superintendents will be glad to have our people visit their conferences. In fact, some have told me that they expected to invite our ministers to sit in.

Many Things To Be Interpreted

Already I have been asked questions concerning the requirements in the new church and especially about the requirements for candidates for the ministry which I cannot answer now. The Uniting Conference was so comprehensive that no one person could keep up with all the legislation passed. A good deal of this will be interpreted for us. When the new Disciplines come out that will throw light on a good many things. In the meantime I am asking our young men in the course of study to go right on as formerly until they are otherwise advised. A good deal of the new legislation passed cannot be used for a year or two anyway.

The Quarter Has Ended

This is to give notice that this quarter of the conference year ended with Monday, May 15th. Those making up their quarterly reports may include everything up to that date. Report blanks will be mailed out as early as possible for the quarterly report. Being away attending the Uniting Conference has delayed this part of my work. But if the statistics are kept close at hand it will be easy to fill out the reports when received.

June 4th Peace Sunday

Our good brother, L. L. Wren of Siler City has called my attention to a resolution adopted by our conference in 1934 setting aside the first Sunday in June of each year as a day on which ministers are to preach on the glories of peace and the horrors of war. Surely there has not been a time in quite awhile when this subject is brought to our attention more vividly than at the present. In this time when all the nations of the earth are arming to the teeth surely it behooves the Church to do everything it can in order that war may be banished and that peace may reign on the earth. To this end I am calling on all of our ministers to make the best possible use of the day, Sunday, June 4th.

In Memory of Our Honored Dead

Early in the conference year a committee was appointed to call the attention of our people to the importance of honoring the memory of our deceased ministers on a Sunday near Memorial Day. Since this is Appreciation Year surely there is no more fitting way to express our appreciation to those who have made possible what we are and have than to go to the cemeteries where our ministers are buried and have a brief service at the grave and place some flowers thereon. Having conducted similar services for the past two years I know the value of it and I also know that this could be observed almost everywhere. Either the Sunday before or the Sunday following the national memorial day will be a good time to do this. Brethren, please do not fall to do this. Let the laymen help in every possible way.

Appointments

Sunday, June 5th, Spencer in Dedicatory Services.

Sunday, June 18th, Friendship Church, Fallston Charge in dedicatory services.

Sunday, June 25th, Kannapolis in dedicatory services.

J. E. Pritchard.

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"Methodists are one people." Last week eighty-two per cent of the Methodist peoples of this country were united under one banner; are now known by one name, The Methodist Church.

In all of the fifteen days of the Uniting Conference we never heard anyone regret that unification was progressing so rapidly and in such a friendly manner.

Many were the expressions made by pastors in our former M. E. Church, South, of their pleasure that we could now plan and work together in one Church. It is indeed a great day of opportunity that has come to us.

The editor greatly appreciates the assistance Brother J. E. Carroll gave Mrs. Andrews in keeping the Herald running on a normal program. We here and now say, Thank you. We enjoyed every session of that mighty conference that we attended. It far surpassed all former conferences and conventions we had the pleasure to attend. Many of the programs greatly enriched our life.

It is suggested that the Piedmont Ministers attend the District Conference held in the First Methodist Church, Asheboro, next Monday instead of holding their regular meeting in Grace Church on the same date. All former M. P. ministers are invited to be present at this District meeting by District Superintendent Hayes. 9:30 a. m. is the time for this conference to begin.

Local Mergers

This Methodism is no fabrication of ambitious, selfish ecclesiastics. It is rather the flowing together of great streams going out to the same seas. When separations lose their motives, meaning and value, union becomes a normal movement and act. This is just as true in local communities as with the denominational bodies. Union of the three denominations puts all local churches under the same family but it does not require any local mergers. These are left entirely to the will, judgment and action of the membership of the local churches involved. When the Plan of Union was first submitted to the three Churches the Joint Commission warned against the quick amalgamation of churches and societies that are geographical neighbors. That warning this Uniting Conference may well repeat and re-enforce. Some local unions will become desirable and even necessary, but they should not be made in haste nor urged from merely economic considerations. Great loyalties and holy sentiments cluster about many altars and they should be respected. Sacred memories attach to the very aisles. These should not be sacrificed without due consideration. The economic argument, the saving of money, standing alone, may be regarded with suspicion. The sale of a place of worship to a body of irregular religionists only increase the problem of division in any community. Two wholesome Methodist Churches are apt to do more for Christ than one if the other is sacrificed upon a strange altar. When local unions are made, the congregations should keep in mind the ministers who are serving them. What will become of them? Their interests should be regarded and protected and their families should have care when mergers are being planned. This Conference should lift all mergers above the plane of financial selfishness to high places of Christian motive and service.—*From the Episcopal Address to the Uniting Conference.*

What About Local Mergers?

Now that we are all Methodists the question asked, what shall happen to the churches in communities where there are two or more Methodist Churches and one can take care of the situation? As an answer to this question we are giving below a paragraph from the Episcopal Address delivered by Bishop John M. Moore at the Uniting Conference. This we believe will set at rest any who are disturbed by the situation. There will be no pressure brought to bear upon two congregations to unite into one; the people are to unite when they are ready to unite. Nor can there be brought pressure upon any congregation to remain separate from another Methodist Church if the conditions are desirable for union as coming from the Bishops of the Church. In short the entire matter of local mergers is in the hands of the local congregations.

The Herald Goes On

We believe many of our subscribers have waited to know what is to become of the Herald the rest of this year; we expect to keep it going to all who subscribe to it. It is the opinion of the editor that it will discontinue when the conferences shall merge; but not before. We shall greatly need the Herald to inform our people about what has happened in the merged. We shall still keep our Children's Home, High Point College; and the Woman's Work of the state will continue as it is, likewise all our conference budgets, pastors' claims, etc., must go on. The Herald has been our medium by which we have publicised these programs and projects. One dollar will continue your subscription until the conferences merge, and you will get the worth of your money by the visits of the Herald from now until that date. We expect arrangements to be worked out by which all unexpired subscriptions to the Herald shall be completed by the North Carolina Christian Advocate. At present we are not prepared to make any statement as to this matter, but we assure our readers that if they renew for an entire year, sending us two dollars, now, they will not lose anything by the transaction.

We hope that every pastor and HERALD agent will send in the full amount of the subsidy apportioned their pastoral charge; send it soon as possible. Then explain to all subscribers whose subscriptions are expiring that one dollar will keep the HERALD coming to them until the annual conference meets. Please send in all subscriptions as rapidly as you can.

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ANNUAL LEADERSHIP EDUCATION SCHOOL

By J. ELWOOD CARROLL, DEAN

The eighteenth annual gathering of young people of our Conference will be held at High Point College the week of June 26-July 1, 1939. An inspiring and helpful program has been arranged, under the direction of the Conference Council of Religious Education.

The Leadership Education conference has an attractive and well-balanced program including fellowship, recreation, music, dramatics, a banquet, inspiring addresses, and courses both in the First and Second Series. The school will open Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock with registration and close Saturday at noon with luncheon.

The total cost of the entire week, including board, room, registration, library fee, and special banquet ticket is $6.75—the same as last year. Registration and library fee for those who do not care to live in the dormitories is $1.75. And for those who do not register banquet tickets may be had for sixty cents as long as they last, but not later than Wednesday noon, June 28. The banquet is Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock.

One of the outstanding features of the program will include the night gatherings when on Monday evening (8:00 o'clock) Rev. J. T. Bowman and a group from Thomasville present a play and on the remaining evenings of the week when Rev. F. L. Gibbs, of Pittsburgh, Pa., delivers a series of addresses to youth. The public is invited to these addresses and the play.

Morning Services

Each morning following breakfast the day will begin with a general group worship in the auditorium upon the theme "What Christ Means To Me." Four of our young ministers will speak, one each morning as follows: J. Leo Pittard, Clarence P. Morris, Joseph F. Coble, and William M. Howard, Jr. Rev. E. Lester Ballard will direct the music at all the services.

A second assembly at ten o'clock will feature an address followed by a general discussion. The morning speakers include (Tuesday) Rev. T. J. Whitehead, Henderson, "Adventures In Personal Religious Living"; (Wednesday) Dr. J. E. Pritchard, High Point, "Adventures In Organized Religion"; (Thursday) Rev. J. Clay Madison, High Point, "Adventures In Social Reconstruction"; and (Friday) Rabbi Fred I. Rypins, Greensboro, "Adventures In World Friendship." The discussion leaders and topics for the days beginning Tuesday will be J. T. Bowman and J. F. Coble, "Leisure Time Activities for Young People," Oscar L. Easter, "Religious Problems of Youth"; J. W. Braxton, "Social Relationships of Young People"; and T. J. Whitehead and others, "Youth In the New Methodist Church."

First Series Courses

The six First Series Courses will be open to young people between the ages of 13 and 15 years. Each student is expected to take two courses. The courses being offered by the following instructors are: 112a. "The Essential Missionary Character of Christianity," J. Leo Pittard, Greensboro; 120a. "The Life of Christ," William M. Howard, Jr., Enfield; 123a. "The Life and Work of Paul," Clarence P. Morris, Efland; 130a. "The Meaning of Church Membership," E. Lester Ballard, Reidsville; 132a. "Christian Stewardship," T. J. Whitehead, Henderson; and 313a. "Planning a Young People's Society Program" by a Duke University student.

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Miscellaneous

Students are reminded to bring their own bed linen, pillow, towels, soap, sport clothes and sport equipment such as tennis rackets, balls, baseball and softball equipment. If there are young people who wish to work in the dining room and earn part of their expenses please write to Rev. J. Clyde Auman, Box 628, Thomasville, immediately.

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The labor we delight in physics pain.—*Shakespeare.*

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In the blackest soil grow the fairest flowers, and the loftiest and strongest trees spring heavenward among the rocks.—*J. G. Holland.*

WITH THE POETS

Elizabeth Vera Idol

THE BARREL-ORGAN

By ALFRED NOYES

The English poets, Alfred Noyes and John Masefield, published their first volumes of poetry within the same year and continued to publish subsequent volumes almost simultaneously for almost a decade. During these years readers and critics, as well, believed that another pair of wrtiers had arisen to follow the same curious coincidence that has occasionally occurred in the world of writers—that of two stars of the same magnitude running their courses at the same time. Noyes and Masefield, however, drew apart. Masefield continued to write and to grow in importance until now he holds the coveted position of poet-laureate of England, but Noyes has produced no new book of poetry since 1905. What he wrote does not belong to the new poetry; he even attacked many of the new forms of verse and defended the superiority of the older forms, but he has written a kind of poetry that is popular with many classes of people. Untermeyer says: "His gift lies in the almost personal bond established between the poet and his public. People have so good a time reading his vivacious lines because Noyes had so good a time writing them."

Many of his poems will not live, but he will always be remembered for the melody of *Sherwood*, the gallop of *The Highwayman*, the lilt of *The Barrel-Organ*, and a few other ballads.

The rime and rhythmic beat of *The Barrel-Organ* sets our feet to tapping out the time and our bodies to swaying in accompaniment to its swing. It catches the monodic repetition of the hand-organ as it pauses under the window and plays over and over its meager round of tunes:

"There's a barrel-organ caroling across a golden street
In the City as the sun sinks low;
And the music's not immortal, but the world has made it sweet
And fulfilled it with the sunset glow:
And it pulses through the pleasures of the city and the pain
That surround the singing organ like a large eternal light;
And they've given it a glory and a part to play again
In the Symphony that rules the day and night."

How its music sets us to remembering "human joys and wonders and regrets"! What a medley of tunes the player assembles, ranging from the popular songs of the dance-hall and the carnivals of today, back into the grand music of the past, the operas:

"And there *La Traviata* sighs
Another sadder song;
And there *Il Trovatore* cries
A tale of deeper wrong:"

But the recurrent melody carries us away from the prosaic, the commonplace, of London streets down to that paradise of nature lovers, not far away, Kew Gardens, where trees, flowers, and birds make us forget all the sadness and gloom of life to wander hand in hand with love in the summertime of life:

"Go down to Kew in lilac-time, in lilac-time, in lilac-time;
Go down to Kew in lilac-time (it isn't far from London!)
And you shall wander hand in hand with love in summer's wonderland;
Go down to Kew in lilac-time (it isn't far from London!)"

All this and much more fill our hearts as the troubadour plays again:

"And in all the gaudy busses there are scores of weary feet
Marking time, sweet time, with a dull mechanic beat"

What are they thinking, these people, as he grinds out Verdi's *A che la morte?*

"There's a thief, perhaps, that listens with a face of frozen stone
In the City as the sun sinks low;
There's a portly man of business with a balance of his own,
There's a clerk and there's a butcher of a soft reposeful tone,
And they're all of them returning to the heavens they have known:
They are crammed and jammed in busses and—they're each of them alone
In the land where the dead dreams go.

There's a laborer that listens to the voices of the dead
In the City as the sun sinks low;
And his hand begins to tremble and his face is rather red
As he sees a loafer watching him and—there he turns his head
And stares into the sunset where his April love is fled,
For he hears her softly singing and his lonely soul is led
Through the land where the dead dreams go . . ."

Still the barrel-organ is caroling across a golden street singing its love song:

"My own love, my true love, is coming home today"

or a street cry

"Buy a bunch of violets for the lady,
And tell her she's your own true love."

More insistent still, however, and over and over sounds the invitation, luring us away from all that baffles and perplexes, as it plays on until the last notes of the refrain die away in the distance:

"Come down to Kew in lilac-time, in lilac-time, in lilac-time;
Come down to Kew in lilac-time (it isn't far from London!
And you shall wander hand in hand with Love in summer's wonderland,
Come down to Kew in lilac-time (it isn't far from London!)"

Sunday School Lesson

By Rev. W. H. Yokeley

BEVERAGE ALCOHOL AND THE HOME

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, May 21

By Rev. O. L. Easter

Lesson Text—Jeremiah 35:5-10; Ephesians 5:15-21; 6:1-4.

Golden Text—Drink no wine nor strong drink, then, nor thy sons with thee. Leviticus 10:9.

Since Paul's day with its brave preaching of the Christian way of life many great social evils have come to be more or less abolished from among human society. It is a thrilling study to trace the gradual uplift of social conditions as effected by Christian attitudes. Think a moment of the social status of womanhood before the influence of Christianity upon the peoples of the world. Under the loving care of Christ's attitude womanhood has come a long way in two centuries—the distance between the old slave auction block and our present institution of Mother's Day. Thus we could show the gradual improvement of attitudes towards childhood, brotherhood, and many other phases of human life, and this observation is the chief joy and inspiration for the Christians of today. But with all this we must readily admit that the full Kingdom of God on earth has not come yet. Paul's words in our lesson text are of pertinent importance still:

"Look, therefore carefully how ye walk, not as unwise, but as wise; . . . because the days are evil. . . . Be not drunken with wine, wherein is riot, but filled with the Spirit." Ephesians 5:15-18.

Of all the tenacious problems of sin with which the forces of righteousness have elected to wrestle this one with intoxication of men has been perhaps the most stubborn. Of course, after years and years of courageous battle against this social evil we can claim some change in mental attitude towards the problem; at least in the more Christian groups. As in the case here of Paul he had to meet the problem of intoxication not only upon a social basis but also upon theological grounds, for we hear him in our text exhorting the Ephesians to "be not drunken with wine but be filled with the Spirit." Back of this statement lies the fact of certain groups, religious groups, who used intoxication as a means of communication with the divine. As pagan as that seems to us it was a real problem to be met by Paul's preaching. Thus in our theological field this part of the evil has been abolished by pure doctrines of Christian teaching.

Sadly enough, however, the crux of this evil did not rest there, but rather in the social aspect which remains with us even today. It seems that at the present writing that no progress within our country can be claimed and that with the coming of modern mechanical devices that its social dangers are greater than ever in our human history. Of course we turn our minds back just a few years and proudly remember our Eighteenth Amendment only to look at the present and have that—hope shattered. Instead of the mighty voice of our great government speaking in unison with the voice of church, school, and home against this dangerous foe of democracy and human welfare, about all that can be heard today is a trembling voice in a pulpit or classroom or home here or there weakly saying to our youth: "Look carefully how you walk . . . because the days are evil."

Let God and them be praised for these few remaining voices in the wilderness, but before we take undue refuge in them let us take notice of the sea of voices which are more or less drowning out these others from the itching ears of a waiting youth. Every available voice of modern use is being used by the liquor traffic to sell its product. The radio, newspapers, magazines, movies, all are urging their constituents to buy and drink alcoholic liquors. The most alarming aspect of this whole fact is that all of these are so effectively breaking through the age-old protection of the home. Where children were once kept at home and barred by the law from the lure of liquor in the saloon, now the voice of advertisement (which is so effective that firms pay thousands of dollars for one spoken word) can hurl its liquor urge into millions of homes throughout America and home is powerless against this intrusion as yet. If that is true of the home which has been the bulwark all these centuries against this subtle evil, then what must be the condition elsewhere.

With the national control of the liquor problem so disconcerted and undermined the home is perhaps the greatest point of attack upon this evil. If our churches can produce strong Christian parents who like Jonadab will command their sons, saying, "Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor your sons forever . . ." then it will have a fighting voice to match the strong voices of this evil. Let the church place a strong lifting arm under the homes within the shadow of its steeple and lift these homes above the dangers of the social level; that at least within them there shall be a safe haven for the youth of our land. Many are the homes which need this elevation. Like the robin's nest in the low hanging orchards, the parent birds build their nest too low and the baby birds become the prey of the hungry cat. Let the voice of the Christian prophets say to such homes, "You are building your nests too low."

SPECIAL NOTICE

At the last Branch meeting this writer was selected Secretary of Scholarships and Native workers. It is her desire to be of the greatest service she can to the Branch, so she is asking that anyone who has anything to give to the cause she represents or that she can help in any way please write her. The address is Mrs. W. H. Neese, Denton, N. C.

UNION SERVICE IN WESLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH, HIGH POINT

All Methodist churches in High Point are invited to attend a Union Rally at 8 o'clock Sunday night, to hear Dr. Lynn Harold Hough. High Point College Choir and the choirs of various Methodist churches in High Point will sing.

High Lights of Appreciation Year Campaign

Liberty.
Siler City.
Piney Grove, Siler City Charge.
Pleasant Grove.
Mt. Pleasant, Cleveland Charge.
Julian, Tabernacle Charge.
Concord Church, Saxapahaw Charge.
Hope Church, Siler City Charge.
Lawndale Church, Cleveland Charge.
Hickory Grove, Guilford Charge.
Friendship, Shiloh Charge.
Shiloh, Shiloh Charge.
Mebane.
Pine Bluff.
Mt. Pleasant Charge.
Burlington First.
Asheboro.
Friendship and Loves Grove.
Pleasant Hill on Cleveland.
First Church, Charlotte.
First Church, Thomasville.
First Church, Concord.
Flat Rock and Spring Valley on Vance.
Reidsville.
Shiloh Church, Randolph Charge.
Fairfiield Church, Guilford Charge.
Maple Springs, Forsyth Charge.
Mt. Carmel, Forsyth Charge.
Graham.
Pleasant Hill, Spring Church Charge.
Haw River, Glen Raven Charge.
Tabernacle, Tabernacle Charge.
Brower's, Richland Charge.
Denton and Canaan, Denton Charge.
Lebanon, High Point.
Grays Chapel, Randolph Charge.
Kistler's and Mt. Moriah, Cleveland Charge.
Fairview, Haw River Charge.
Glen Raven, Glen Raven Charge.
North Davidson Charge.
Saxapahaw, Saxapahaw Charge.
Who will be next?

J. E. PRITCHARD.

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What we seem to be the world knows. What we really are, we alone know. What we can be God alone knows—and has revealed in Christ.—*Dr. D. L. Warmouth.*

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The religion of our fathers is one of the great elements in the stability of our lives. It can't be run on yesterday's path. If it's going to be important tomorrow, its promotion is youth's today.—*Albert W. Beavan.*

LIFE'S BLIND ALLEYS

As youth stands at the beginning of the highway of life, he sees a long stretch of road, clear and wide, leading to the full realization of his ambitions and to unalloyed happiness. Of course, he has his petty troubles, which sometimes loom large, but he is so full of enthusiasm and hope that he is inclined to attach little or no importance to ephemeral worries. But life moves on apace and grows more complicated. Burdens increase, problems multiply, and hindering circumstances begin to emerge. The youth soon discovers that the broad highway is flanked on each side with narrow lanes and alleyways, some of them at least seemingly with no outlets. Conditions over which he may or may not have control force him on occasion to turn either to the right or to the left from the main road to meet unforeseen responsibilities or to readjust himself to sudden changes in his situation. Once off the highway in one of these narrow lanes, the young man—or the young woman, as the case may be—sometimes discovers to his surprise and consternation that there seems to be no way out. He is caught in a blind alley.

Blind alleys! Here is a youth ambitious to go to college, to fit himself for one of the professions. Suddenly death takes a hand. Father and mother are called away, leaving a group of brothers and sisters who must be supported. What to do? The young man is forced to earn a living for the family. He secures work in a mill—temporarily. But the years come and go, and we see him, as a gray-haired man, still standing by his lathe. The hopes of youth have vanished. He is in a blind alley.

Here is a young woman. She too paints a glowing picture of the future in her imagination. Husband, home, children, are in it. One day she catches a cold, it develops into a persistent cough, and then—tuberculosis. The dream vanishes. In a blind alley, she awaits death.

What of this successful business man who has toiled hard all his life and is looking forward to a happy old age of retirement in the bosom of his family? Crash! comes a money panic. He is undone, and now he walks hopelessly toward the dead wall in his blind alley.

For all of us, the hopes of the years have a way of eluding us as we grow older, and life becomes, oh, so different from what we anticipated in the days of morning sunshine.

What are we to do about our frustrations? There are two ways of meeting them. For one thing, we may settle down in our blind alley and bitterly accept our fate like a dumb, driven animal. But there is another way. We may face the setbacks and disappointments of life with an unbroken will, with enduring patience, with constructive plans under the limitations that we are forced to accept, with chastened hope and persistent good cheer.

Why not plant a garden in the blind alley, train a flowering vine over the dead wall? Why not make out of this graveyard of our hopes a beauty spot toward which the weary travelers on the main road may look and drink in new courage for their long and wearisome journey?

Or why not, by the use of all our powers of body, mind, and soul, find a means not of breaking down the dead end of the alley but of working our way back again to the main highway? Said a famous Swiss philosopher, "No trouble lasts for more than three days." His saying is, of course, an exaggeration, but it serves to point out the fact that difficulties do have a way of clearing up if we give them time, provided we work while we want. By no means infrequently, blind-alley days have proved a godsend to the disappointed traveler. The realizations fo his early hopes have finally come, but in a different and better form than he dreamed their outcome in the flush of his youth. By no means infrequently also, when a man has faced his frustrations with courage and a patient spirit, a miracle has been wrought within his own heart. His faith in God and man has been increased, his spiritual power has grown, his character has been strengthened.

What is life for? Let us look "not down but up! to uses of a cup"; for He, God, fixed us "mid this dance of plastic circumstance," and "this Present" is indeed "machinery just meant to give" our souls their "bent." Browning's Potter's wheel in Rabbi Ben Ezra is the answer. Life with all its frustrations, disappointments, troubles, burdens, is intended to bring out in us the strength and beauty of our inherent godlikeness. Stress and strain may, of course, work in an exactly contrary direction if a man or woman allow adverse experiences to create an inner bitterness, but the eternal God of Love has to run this risk in dealing with free souls.

Life does press hard. Our hurts are real, our disappointments tragic. But we may be assured that every soul is of infinite worth to the loving Heavenly Father, and if we are to take the gospel teaching at face value, He pours out the fullest measure of His affection and concern, not upon those whose lives pursue their even tenor, but upon those frustrated souls who, baffled by adverse circumstances and conditions and lost in hopelessness and despiar, pace back and forth in their blind alleys. The more we need Him, the more He pours forth His love upon us.—*Zion's Herald.*

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WE MUST HAVE THE BIBLE

By HUGH THOMSON KERR

We must have the Bible. There are some things we can get along without. If we must, we can get along without the telephone or the radio or the automobile. It would be interesting to sit down and make a list of the things we could get along without. One of the world's greatest men once said that he liked to look into the shop windows and note the things he could do without. There are many people in the world today who must of necessity do without many things to which they have been accustomed. There is one thing every one of us must have.

We must have bread.

We must have bread for our hungry bodies.

We must have bread for our hungry souls.

"It is," said Ruskin, "the curse of every evil nation and evil creature to eat and not be satisfied. The words of blessing are that they shall eat and be satisfied."

We must have bread. The Bible is bread.

The Bible ministers to hungry bodies. It is the guide book for all who minister to the hungry, the needy, the unemployed, the underprivileged in this and other lands. "The Word had breath, and wrought with human hands." The Bible will allow no one to carry an easy conscience when men and women and little children need bread. The Bible issues the mandate, "Give ye them to eat." It demands an answer to the question, "If a brother or sister be naked and in lack of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Go in peace, be ye warmed and filled; and yet ye give them not the things needful to the body; what doth it profit?" It passes judgment according to the rule, "I was hungry, and ye gave me to eat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink." The Bible is the great textbook for all social service. As you enter the foyer of a great municipal hospital, you look into the picture of the good Samaritan, and underneath you find the inscription, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." We must have the Bible, if the bodies of sick and hungry and needy folks are to have bread; for God makes use of human hands and human hearts when he distributes bread.

The Bible ministers to hungry hearts. We remember what Jesus said, and we know what he means. "Men shall not live by bread alone." We need more than wheat and corn and coal. We must have bread to satify our hungry hearts. The world is full of weary feet. They must find rest. The world is full of folk who carry about with them disappointing hopes and broken purposes. They must have courage. The world is full of aged people and ambitious youth. They must have peace and aspiring gladness. The world is full of sinners. They must have a Saviour. We can get along without the newspaper and the magazine and the latest book; but we must have the Bible.

The chamber of commerce must have it.
The court of justice must have it.
The hall of legislature must have it.
The college and school must have it.
The office and factory must have it.
The home must have it.
Every man, woman, and child must have it.

It is said Alexander slept with Homer's "Iliad" under his pillow; for even the great conqueror needed something more than words and soldiers. He needed vision. We need something more than gold and silver. We need hope and courage. We need light and guidance. We need security. We need a Saviour. The world wants an adviser, an administrator, a philosopher, an economist. The world needs a Saviour. If we are to find a Saviour, we must have the Bible. It was the President of the United States who said, "I am sorry for the men who do not read the Bible every day." Certainly. We are sorry for the man who misses his daily bread. We are more than sorry for the man who starves his soul.

We must have the Bible.

—*From American Bible Society Tract.*

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Let us beware of losing our enthusiasm. Let us ever glory in something, and strive to retain our admiration for all that would ennoble, and our interest in all that would enrich and beautify our life.—*Phillips Brooks.*

FAIRY TALES COME TRUE

By JOE FULKERSON

I once shared offices with a chap who had two sons in school. At the time of which I speak, one boy was studying algebra. Every day his dad would stop work for an hour while he boned up on the algebra lesson his son would have the next day. The boy always came to his dad for assistance, and dad was too proud to let the boy know that he liked algebra about as well as His Satanic Mayesty is supposed to like holy water.

I used to laugh at my friend, but this was before I had a youngster of my own. Just as he had to revive his mathematics, I have had to revive my interest in the familiarity with juvenile literature. I have had to renew my acquaintance with Jack of the Beanstalk, Jack the Giant Killer, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Robinson Crusoe and all the Hans Christian Anderson fairy tale people.

In reading aloud these books with my young daughter on my knee, I have discovered something about all the juvenile literature which has lived. The authors wrote with their tongues in their cheeks. They all poked fun at grown folks while they amused the childer.n Gulliver's Travels, Alice in Wonderland an half a dozen other stories are well worth re-reading by any grown person who likes delicate sarcasm.

All of which is leading up to the fact that I have spent the past week reading Charles Kingsley's Tom the Water Baby to Betty Jo. There are parts of that story which are well worth any grownup's thought.

Particularly was I interested in those folks whom Kingsley called the Doasyoulikes. They were a people who lived in the Land of Readymade at the foot of Happygolucky Mountain, where the succulent flapdoodle grew wild.

They loved music, but found it too much work to beat the drums, to blow saxophones or play fiddles, and dancing was such hard work that they abandoned it entirely. So they sat on ant hills all day and played jew's-harps, and when the ants bit them, just moved over to another ant hill to be bitten again.

They sat under the flapdoodle trees and let the flapdoodle drop into their mouths, and if any little pigs ran around already roasted and begging to be eaten, as was the custom in that country, they waited until the pigs ran close enough for them to reach out and take a bite.

They needed no weapons and no tools, for everything was ready-made to their hands, so they did not have to use their wits or their strength. But one day Happygolucky Mountain erupted (it was a volcano) and one third of the Doasyoulikes were blown up and another third were smothered in the ashes, but the remaining third stayed where they were, believing the mountain would never blow up again.

All the flapdoodle trees were killed by the volcano; they had eaten all the roast pigs, which, being roasted, could not reproduce themselves, and they had forgotten how to plant and reap and how to take care of pigs. They had even forgotten how to make jew's-harps. So they lived miserably on roots and nuts and had to climb trees to escape their enemies.

A dozen generations later they had had to grow hair on their bodies to protect them from the cold, and as their teeth were chattering most of the time, they forgot how to talk. Pneumonia and tuberculosis reduced their number until they finally came down to one survivor, who was mistaken for an ape by a hunter and was shot, because he had forgotten how to talk and could not explain to the hunter that he was a man.

All very silly, isn't it?

Or is it?

Doasyoulikes. Never in the history of civilization have we heard so much of personal liberty, of self-determination and of as many different opinions of where and how we should go. Never have we been as far from a definite line of morals or government or thought as we are today. Our whole civilization is degenerating into Doasyoulikes.

The Land of Readymade. Our opinions are ready made by chain newspapers filled with propaganda. Our food is ready-made and housewives live by the can opener instead of by the cookbook. Our clothes are ready-made and our laundry is ready-made. We, too, are living in the Land of Readymade.

Happygolucky Mountain. Between Fascists, Nazis, Leftists, Rightists and half a dozen other groups trying to undermine our form of government; with all Europe seething with wars and rumors of wars, we are indeed living in Happygolucky Mountain, a volcano ready to blow up one third of us, smother another third with ashes, and leave the rest of us in a land where sustenace is well nigh impossible.

Flapdoodle. Go to any political meeting and listen to the candidates for office; watch any investigation of graft and corruption; think of the speeches made in parliament and congress—flapdoodle, all of it. High sounding phrases used to conceal selfish laws to favor this or that interest or organization.

Jew's-harps. No longer do we teach our children to play the piano or the violin. No longer do we give them lessons in singing. The radio is our jew's-harp. No longer do our children study dancing seriously. That is too much work. Between the Big Apple and the Shag, our dancing has become the individual expression of the savage in us.

Enough of the comparison. Your own thought will complete the parallel. Your own imagination will fill in the blanks I have left. Was Kingsley a writer of fairy stories to amuse children, or a prophet whose prophecies are about to come true?

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Theatres are largely filled and Churches are largely emptied because actors treat fiction as fact, while many preachers treat fact as fiction.—*Jack Troup.*

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The only conclusive evidence of a man's sincerity is that he gives himself for a principle. Words, money, all things else are comparatively easy to give away; but when a man makes a gift of his daily life and practice, it is plain that the truth whatever it be, has taken possession of him.—*James R. Lowell.*

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STUDY BOOKS FOR 1939-1940 YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECRETARIES

For Young People and Seniors

At Home:

"Right Here at Home," by Frank S. Mead. The real people reached by home missions are introduced in this book—young folks and older ones, persons from different race ancestries, from retarded areas, from across the sea—all those who have been given a chance through missionary agencies here at home. Cloth $1; paper 60c. Ready April 1.

"A Course for Young People and Seniors on Christian Missions in America," by John Irwin. For group leaders. Designed to bring Christian youth into direct touch with the home missions enterprise. The suggestions for young people's groups are based primarily upon "Homeland Harvest," those for seniors on "Right Here at Home." Paper 25c. Ready May 15.

For Intermediates

At Home:

"People Who Have Made a Difference," by Ezra Young. A plan-book for individual use by intermediates. In nine sections, each presenting a personality carrying on some form of home mission service especially interesting to this grade. Paper 25c. $2.50 a dozen. Ready June 1.

"Tales from East and West," compiled by Margaret B. Cobb and Ezra Young. Adventures in Christian service taken from life at home and in other lands. Although the book is of general reading interest, the tales are selected with a view to supplementing the two home and foreign plan-books: "People Who Have Made a Difference" and "How Did It Happen?" Paper 50c. Ready July 1.

For Children

At Home:

"Under the North Star," by Katharine E. Gladfelter. A story and course book for junior children and their leaders, containing stories of an Eskimo boy and girl, folk tales, informational material, and session plans for eleven meetings. Cloth $1, paper 50c.

"Windows Into Alaska" (Teacher's Edition), by Gertrude Chandler Warner and Elizabeth Harris. This primary story and course book gives informational material, suggestions for activities, plans for worship services and stories about Alaska. Cloth $1; paper 50c.

"Windows Into Alaska" (Story Edition), by Gertrude Chandler Warner. These stories introduce primary children to the Indians, Eskimos and missions of Alaska. Cloth 75c, paper 25c.

For Young People and Seniors

Abroad:

"Comrades Round the World: Christian Youth in Action," by S. Franklin Mack. Mr. Mack, a leader in the Christian youth movement, has attended the Madras meeting and traveled round the world within the past year. He introduces to senior high school readers their Christian comrades of many countries—what they are thinking, doing and hoping. Cloth $1; paper 60c. Ready Aug. 1.

"A Course for Young People and Seniors on the Theme, 'Christ and the World Community'," by Sue Weddell. Paper 25c. Ready September 1.

"World Focus," a photographic panorama of the Madras meeting of the International Missionary Council and its world backgrounds. For both youth and adults. Paper 20c.

For Intermediates and Children

Abroad:

"How Did It Happen?" A plan-book on world missions for the intermediate pupil, designed to stimulate him to take initiative in planning discussion and projects. Guidance for the teacher is incorporated. Paper 25c each: $2.50 a dozen. Ready June 1.

"Far Round the World," by Grace W. McGavran. True missionary stories for juniors, picturing the adventure and romance of the missionary enterprise. Cloth $1; paper 50c. Ready March 15.

"A Junior Teacher's Guide to Accompany 'Far Round the World'," by Grace W. McGavran. Suggested plans and procedures for leaders. Paper 25c. Ready May 1.

For Children

Abroad:

"Welcome House," by Jessie Eleanor Moore. Through this true story of a missionary family for whom a welcome house was prepared by friends for their furlough in America, the primary children may learn in simple terms of various types of missionary work around the world. Cloth $1; paper 50c. Ready March 1.

"How to Use 'Welcome House'," by Jessie Eleanor Moore. A simple teaching guide for leaders who are using "Welcome House." Paper 25c. Ready June 1.

"The Friendly Missionary," by Nina Millen. A picture story book which describes through text and illustrations the various types of missionary work and explains the meaning of difficult phrases such as "furlough" and "mission board." Paper 25c. Ready June 15.

Supplementary Books for Children

"Open Windows," by Mary Entwistle. Stories for juniors on life in many lands. Cloth 50c, paper 25c.

"The World in a Barn," by Gertrude Chandler Warner. An old favorite, now offered at a reduced price. Cloth $1, paper 35c.

"Zakki and His Puppy," an Eskimo story for young children. Boards 40c.

"Under Many Flag Series," Give popular books: "Under Many Flags," "Three-Cornered Continent," "Doorways," "Friends in Nippon," "Ling-Yang." Boxed $1 a set.

"Eagle Books," Twenty stirring missionary biographies for older juniors and intermediates. Paper, each title 10c.

"Hunt for a Hero," by Joyce Reason. An adventure story of India. Boards 60c.

Visual Aids

"Picture Map of the World," an illustrated map to be colored. 30x50 inches. 50c. Individual notebook size 10c a dozen.

"Missionary Map of the World." In seven colors, with statistical diagrams. 102 x 43 inches. Paper $1.

"Picture Map of North America." An illustrated map to be colored. 30x50 inches. 50 cents.

Pictures, Cut-Outs

"Children and Their Toys Around the World." Pictures by Eleanor Frances Lattimore. Stories by Jessie Eleanor Moore. A new set of eight teaching pictures in four colors with accompanying text, for small children. 60c a set. Ready March 15.

"To the Land of the Eskimo," a picture punch-out suitable for use on the sand-table or as place cards. Paper 10c.

"Eskimo House Cut-Out." Paper 25c.

"Alaska Picture Stories." 25c a set.

I would call your special attention to the book, "More Missionary Stories to Tell," by Nina Millen. Companion volume to "Missionary Stories to Tell." This book will be ready September 1. Cloth $1, paper 50c.

These books can be ordered from our Board of Missions, 516 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md., at the stated prices.

MRS. EUGENE A. LAMB, Secretary,
Young People's Department.

MARRIED

Foust-Braxton

Miss Edna Gray Foust and Ira Braxton were united in marriage April 28, 1939 at Kimesville, by Rev. J. W. Braxton, a brother of the groom.

Mrs. Braxton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rezzie Foust, Graham, N. C. and is a member of Bethel church on the Alamance Charge. Mr. Braxton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Braxton, Graham, N. C. and is a member of Center church on the Alamance Charge.

We wish for this young couple a happy and successful journey along the road of life.

J. W. B.

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SPECIAL CALL

A number of pastors, or S. S. superintendents will mail us cards this week giving us the name and address of the chairman of the committee for local churches, as per letter sent out last week, and also published on page ten of last week's HERALD. We thank you.

Will we receive yours? If not, please get a post card an send us the information at once. We cannot wait long.

Our experience teaches us that some always answer such requests, and that some do not. We wish, and we need your direction in this; but if we do not get it soon we will have to assume that the Children's Home secretary in your local church, or churches, is the chairman of committee which is to be set up for Children's Home Day. We thank you for your cooperation.

We are doing our best to plan a fine program, and we are especially anxious to have a good representation present from every church in the Conference. We will be looking for you with your picnic baskets at 10:00 o'clock on June 22nd. Thank you.

A. G. DIXON, Supt.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Charlotte M. P. Church, Rev. Charles Grant, Pastor.—The Ladies' Auxiliary will meet with Mrs. W. E. Harper on North Fayetteville street Friday night, May 12th.

Memorial day will be held at Charlotte M. P. Church, Sunday, June 12th. All day services, and dinner on the ground. The public is invited.

Charlotte M. P. Church will sponsor the Ranger's Quartet Saturday night, June 12th in the Asheboro school building. Details will be posted later.

Rev. Mr. Loffin from Cedar Falls brought the Sunday morning message, May 7th, in the absence of our pastor, Rev. Mr. Grant, who was away in a conference.

EDITH HARPER.

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Bessemer City Church, Shelby-Caroleen Charge, Rev. H. D. Garmon, Pastor.—There has been no report from our church for some time however, we've been carrying on for our Master just the same. There has been an increase in Sunday school attendance, also in the church attendance. Our pastor has filled his appointments bringing insiring messages to suit the needs of our people.

We have just closed a two-weeks' revival meeting in which our pastor did the preaching. The Lord blessed abundantly with the saving of souls and the revival of many church members. We are proud of the fine work our young pastor is doing. We also appreciate the fine cooperative spirit shown by the other churches in our city during our revival meeting. We request the prayers of all our friends that our work will continue to grow and prosper in the Master's name.

REPORTER.

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Community Church, Thomasville, N. C.—The report from the Community Methodist Church has not been coming as much lately as it should. There have been measles and other sickness in the church and with this and the excitement of the wedding we have not spent as much time as we should on our reports.

On Sunday afternoon, April 29th, the Christian Endeavor of the church entertained in honor of Miss Nell Meyers and Mr. Lewis Johnson. Devotionals were in charge of Miss Sybil Bost, after which Miss Audrey Leonard read a poem. During the program, Mrs. Susan Finch sang a lovely solo, which was very fitting for the occasion. She was accompanied at the piano by Miss Suzana Mathews. Mr. Wayne Surratt, president of the Christian Endeavor, presented the honoree with crystal in her selected pattern. Delicious refreshments were enjoyed by those present.

The Community Church was proud of the fact that we entirely paid up our Appreciation Year and our World Service budget before our pastor was sent to the Uniting Conference in Kansas City. I know that he went with a better heart knowing that the members of the church were working together for the good of the church.

The first thing that Mr. Auman did on his return was to perform the marriage ceremony for Miss Nell Meyers and Mr. Lewis Johnson. They were married at the church on Saturday following the return of Rev. Mr. Auman. The church was decorated very pretty. It was a beautiful wedding and one of the happiest that I have ever seen. After the wedding, a reception was held at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Jake Sechrist, on Elliot Drive.

On Friday evening, May 5th, the Young Men's Baraca class entertained the Young Ladies' Class of the church with a weiner roast. The weiner roaost was held at a very appropriate place, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartley, which is on the outskirts of town. Everyone enjoyed the outing very much.

Mrs. John Perry is out after being ill for so long and her many friends are glad to welcome her back into active life.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Crutchfield announce the birth of a daughter, Imogene Gay. Both mother and daughter are getting along nicely.

Master Bobby is confined with the measles and although he has been feeling quite badly he is much better now.

REPORTER.

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Piney Grove Church, Siler City Charge, Rev. A. M. Smith, Pastor.—Since this is my first report for this year I shall try to give a report of all the important happenings at our church for the past several months. First I want to say that we are very, very happy to have Mr. Smith with us for another year.

I am very sorry to report that we did not have a Christmas program this past year, so we got busy and got a little more interest stirred up and the children and young people gave an Easter program which was very good. Our pastor has filled all of his appointments and he always brings us a good message. Our Sunday school is progressing nicely, and our attendance is extra good. Delegates from our church attended the Albright, Matthews, Hadley and Hickory Mt. Township Interdenominational Sunday School Convention at Silk Hope the fifth Sunday in April. Mr. Smith gave the morning address using as his subject "The Life of the Church." He sure made a fine address.

We are making plans now for Homecoming and memorial services at our church on May 28. Everyone is invited to come and spend the day and enjoy the program.

Communion services were held at our church Sunday, May 7. We ask the prayers of all the Christian people that Piney Grove will live and continue to grow.

WILMA DARK, Reporter.

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Davidson Charge, W. H. Neese, Pastor.—The Lineberry Auxiliary met with Mrs. W. C. Wood. In the absence of the president the vice-president, Mrs. Vernon Hall presided.

The program as outlined in the Guide Book was carried out. Those taking part were Mesdames Vernon Hall, W. C. Wood, Van B. Wood, Garvin Elliott, J. C. Taylor, W. H. Neese, and Miss Pallie Brown Wood. Mrs. W. C. Wood and Miss Pallie Brown Wood sang a duet.

Due to sickness several of the members were absent. The usual business was transacted. The society decided to send the church paper three months to Misses Mary Ann and Abigail Coggins.

At the conclusion of the program a contest was held with Mrs. Garvin Elliott as the lucky winner.

The hostess was assisted by Misses Pallie Brown Wood and Myrl Lax who served delivious refreshments . The June meeting will meet with Miss Bruce Smith.

Several of our number are sick at this writing. Mr. J. B. Cook of Allegheeny church is a patient in the Stanley Journal Hospital at Albemarle, Mrs. Lizzie Crandford of Chapel Hill is ill at the home of her son, Cassie Cagle. Mrs. J. P. Elliott has been right sick for several days but is improving. Mrs. Margaret Frank, the mother of Rev. J. W. Frank, who is a missionary in Japan, had the misfortune to a fall about three weeks ago and is confined to her bed. "Grandma Frank" as she is known to her many friends was 90 years old last December. She lives with W. A. Frank, another son, a daughter Mrs. B. K. Taylor is helping care for her aged mother. For all these good people we wish a speedy recovery.

On next Sunday, May 21st, a Circuit Rally will be held at Chapel Hill Church. A special feature of the afternoon program will be an address on the Woman's Work by Mrs. James T. Bowman of Thomasville. The rally will be an all day affair. Everyone is invited.

The people are still remembering the parsonage family with good things to eat, for which we are thankful.

MRS. W. H. NEESE, Reporter.

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First M. P. Church, Danville, Va., Rev. G. L. Reynolds, Pastor.—We had an increase of one over last year's attendance at Sunday school, last Sunday. If that one will just keep coming and bring another, then we'll win them one by one, and grow until we really do have a big school. The Christian Endeavor Society had charge of devotional service, rendering a fine Mother's Day program, with Miss Elizabeth Thomas leading. Miss Ora Whisenant gave a very enjoyable talk about Mothers, and Mr. G. H. Sides sang a Mother's Day solo.

Our pastor, Mr. G. L. Reynolds, certainly did preach a grand sermon last Sunday at the morning service. He also related the history of Mother's Day, and quoted several poems along with the sermon.

Congratulations to our former pastor and wife, Mr .and Mrs. C. P. Morris, on the birth of their son, Phillip Jerome. We wish for him an inheritance of the best of qualities, including a sweet disposition like his mother's, a profession like his father's, and an appetite like his mother's, in order that the chess pies will hold out at the picnics this summer. We really do wish him the best that life has to offer, and although our congratulations to the parents come late, they are full of the biggest and best wishes for them and the son.

The Christian Endeavor Society entertained mothers of the members of the society last Saturday night, at a party, at the home of Ryland Stephens (or the mothers entertained them). We had a mother hen leading her daughter by means of clucking, a mother duck quacking to her duckling, a mother cow mooing to her calf, and a father horse neighing to his pony. All of you members and mothers also, who missed this party, missed a lot of fun, and if you don't believe it, just ask Mr. G. H. Sides, who helped the thousand-legged worm hop around the room.

We were glad to see Miss Catherine Forbes back at Sunday school last Sunday, and recovered from her recent illness. We've been missing her, and also Miss Electa Jarvis, an appendicitis operative at Memorial Hospital. We're looking forward to having her back with us before long, and are praying that God will lay His healing hand upon her and make her completely well.

ELEANOR TANNER, Reporter.

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Friendship Church, Shiloh Charge, Rev. C. E. Ridge, Pastor.—For services Sunday we had a Mother's Day program.

At the parsonage Saturday, Mr. Harry Hartley and Miss Sarah Rice were quietly married by the pastor. We were glad to have them worship with us Sunday. The groom is our efficient secretary. We wish them happiness.

Mr. Howard Shoaf is visiting in Baltimore.

Our Woman's Auxiliary will meet with Mrs. Harper Shoaf on Monday night. Among our recreations in it are the Polly-Anna Sisters from whom many were remembered on Mother's Day.

In our congregation were two sets of twins. Mr. and Mrs. Otis Phillips who have two beautiful twin maidens and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer MacMahan who also have pretty twin girls. We hope they will come often.

For our hut we have a large new stove with a big water tank, and, also, new screens for which we are glad.

Several of our Sunday school children have measles but are better.

We feel the greatness and sublimity of being a part of the great Methodist Church. The Conference in Kansas City which we followed closely, must have been made up of the most truly consecrated people on the globe to have done their colossal work in so short a length of time. We hope to follow their plans fervently in all humility.

IDA B. HOLT.

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Bellemont Church, Rev. J. R. Anderson, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment the fourth Sunday morning bringing us another helpful and inspiring message. Mr. Walter Cates, our choir director, sang a beautiful solo which was very much appreciated and enjoyed by all. The Holy Communion service was held with a good number taking part in this service.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely with our attendance increasing. We had 180 present Sunday. Measles and flu have kept several away.

The Auxiliary met at the hut for the April meeting. Plans are being made to get the ladies to become more interested in the work. Mrs. Paul Lowder has invited the ladies to meet in her home for the May meeting.

Many are attending the mid-week prayer services. These services are being held at the Baptist Church each Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock with the exception of the fourth Sunday. Rev. Wayne Curtis is the new pastor.

Two of our members were in the graduation class at E. H. Holt high school. They were Misses Ruth Fogleman and Madeline Moser. We wish for them much success in life.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Coble, and son, Herman, Jr., of Leaksville, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Coble Sunday.

On Saturday before Easter Mr. Coy Rich and Miss Edith Iseley were united in marriage. Mrs. Rich is a member of the Friendship Church while Mr. Rich is one of our own members. We wish for these young people much happiness and success.

We visited Mr. Isaac Sharpe, one of our older members, last week. He has been a patient at Duke Hospital for the past six week but is hoping to be home very soon.

Class No. 9 is planning a mother-daughter banquet for Saturday evening.

The Bellemont Memorial service will be held the next fourth Sunday. The program has not been announced.

Mrs. Gurney Holt, who has been sick for sometime is improving.

We have lost several members of church and Sunday school this year. They are: Mrs. Monroe Holt, Mrs. Mary Shoffner, Dewitt Holt, Mr. Heenan Hawks and Oscar Bowman. May God comfort their families in their bereavement.

MRS. CLAY W. HOLT, Reporter.

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West End, Thomasville, O. C. Loy, Pastor.—On Sunday morning, May 14, Class No. 9 of our Sunday school presented an interesting Mother's Day play at the close of Sunday school. The stage was very attractively decorated. A trellis of daisies and fern, pots of lillies and baskets of roses were arranged to form a flower garden scene with an arch of white flowers and fern over the entrance.

At the 11 o'clock service the pastor, Mr. Loy, preached a special Mother's Day sermon. The church was well filled with people for both of these services.

But the most important event of the morning was the marriage of Miss Lillian Binkley to Mr. Wade Suggs at the close of the services, in the presence of the congregation. Mrs. Suggs is president of the Senior C. E. society and the present teacher of Class No. 9. We extend to them our very best wishes for a happy future.

REPORTER.

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Matthews Chapel Church, Greenville Charge, Rev. J. M. Morgan, Pastor.—Although our reports have been very few during the past months, we have accomplished many things during that period of time.

Our pastor, Mr. Morgan, filled his regular appointment with us Sunday afternoon. He brought to us a splendid sermon.

Our Sunday school seems to be improving in attendance. We are glad to have some of our members back who have been on the sick list. Many of our members are still away with measles. We wish for them a speedy recovery.

The Christian Endeavor will hold its regular meeting Sunday night, May 28, at 8:00 o'clock with Carolyn Taylor as leader. The topic for discussion will be "What Should a Church Member Do?" We hope that the attendance will increase over the last meeting.

The Woman's Auxiliary will meet Saturday afternoon, May 13, at 2:30 o'clock, in the church.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whitley and daughter Darnell accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Morgan and daughter Juanita attended the rally held at Enfield, N. C., Sunday, April 30.

We are glad to report that the parsonage is complete enough for Mr. Morgan to be living in it.

CAROLYN TAYLOR, Reporter.

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Sapling Ridge Church, Alamance Charge, Rev. George R. Brown, Pastor.—Our work seems to be moving along very nicely. There is a gradual increase in our Sunday school. We hope that it shall continue. Rev. Oscar Lindley preached at the morning service the first Sunday morning in the absence of our pastor. He brought us a wonderful message.

The Woman's Auxiliary under the leadership of Mrs. T. M. Clark has begun its work for the new year. Good interest and good attendance are being shown at each meeting. The last meeting was held with Mrs. J. L. Self. Our next meeting will be held Saturday afternoon, May 20, with Mrs. M. H. Woody. We feel like our Auxiliary is doing a good work. We want the prayers of all the people that we may carry on the Master's work in the right way.

We are sorry to report that Mr. A. G. Campbell has not got able to attend church yet, and also Mrs. A. V. Ferguson who has been a shut-in for years. But they still have our prayers.

Miss Annie V. Self has been sick for some time and unable to attend church, but am glad that she is improving.

Pray that each may be found working to carry on the work of our Lord when we shall be called in death. Pray for us that we may win more souls for the Master.

MRS. FRANK WEBSTER, Reporter.

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Hawkins Chapel Church, Littleton Charge, Rev. D. D. Broome, Pastor.—Fourth Sunday evening Brother Broome filled his regular appointment.

Fifth Sunday morning before going in class we were very much inspired with the solo Mr. and Mrs. Willie Grey Mitchell's little girl, Margaret Ann, sang who is not old enough to go to school. We were also glad to have to worship with us Rev. and Mrs. Leo Pittard. After Sunday school Mr. Pittard said he was going to play a game to show the children how Christianity worked. It wasn't only for the children. It will help everyone to see and know how it works. We owe much credit to him. We hope they will soon be back to Mr. Pittard's own home church. We love them very much.

Sunday morning at the 11:00 o'clock servive Brother Broome preached a Mother's Day sermon which seemed to impress everyone under his voice. The children sang a song and the choir two.

Sunday evening several members attended the memroial service at Mr. J. B. O'Briant's grave. One of our former pastors, a man whom we held in high esteem.

The Ladies' Aid and Auxiliary of the other churches on this charge will meet at

Rev. and Mrs. Broome's Thursday evening, May 18.

The reporter will take the blame of reporting of different ones in the hospital of last month and for leaving out Mrs. Walter Groome for we love her and think of her as Miss Alvaroda Faison.

Children, sisters and brother, was called to the bedside of Mrs. F. A. Greene Wednesday evening. But happy to note she is better.

Among our members finishing high school are Virginia Vincent, Leonard and Lillian Hawkins, Margaret and Virginia Pittard.

From Roanoke Rapids, N. C., Hospital as nurse, Miss Mary Virginia Hawkins. We hope for them much success through life.

MRS. CLAUDE HAWKINS, Reporter.

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Shiloh Church, Shiloh Charge, Rev. C. E. Ridge, Pastor.—The work at Shiloh is moving along nicely. We have been having good attendance and the financial end of the church is coming along well. May 21 we will have our annual memorial and home-coming day at Shiloh, at which time we will pay tribute to everyone buried here, especially Mr. Madison Fritts, Mr. Web Craver, Mr. Frank Waitman, and Mr. Luther Shoaf, all members of the church who have died this year. We will also pay tribute to Rev. R. S. Troxler, former pastor and founder of our home-coming day, who died this year, and Rev. Mr. Young and Rev. Mr. Pickens, former M. P. pastors who are buried in our cemetery. We will have the memorial service in the morning and the home-coming address in the afternoon. As has been done heretofore, we desire that those having loved ones buried in our cemetery place flowers on their graves. We ask an interest in your prayers and your presence that this day would be a success and that our church will continue to grow in spirit.

MRS. KYLE SINK, Reporter.

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Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant Charge, Rev. J. W. Braxton, Pastor.—The Philathea Class in charge of Callene Phillips conducted the service at Sunday school May 14th. A talk was made by Mrs. R. C. Causey at which time she recognized Miss Nila Amick who had composed a beautiful song about mother. Mrs. Carl Clapp read a tribute to mothers. Special music was furnished by the Philathea Class and a quartet from the Young Ladies' Class composed of Una Mae and Lucille Phillips, Ione Clapp and Katherine Murray. A picture was presented to the oldest and youngest mother present at this service, who were Mrs. Sarah Phillips and Mrs. Joyce Hudson. Mrs. Guy Alexander dismissed with a prayer. Attendance was 222. At the church hour Rev. Braxton brought a splendid message to a large congregation on the subject "A Mother's Desire."

Special music was furnished by Mrs. H. F. Amick, Mrs. Howard Roberson, Alfred Smith and Norman Alexander.

Again we wish to thank Rev. Mr. Braxton for the lovely Mother's Day bulletins and also the persons that brought flowers for this service.

Nathaniel Greene School has closed and the graduates from our church are: Celia Garrett, Ella Mae Black, Maxine Smith, Homer Holt, J. F. Smith, Vernon Bowman, Howard Clapp and Winfred Black. From Pleasant Union Church: Ruth Staley, Annie Mae Keck, and Esta Mae Brothers. Clifford Faust graduated from Alamance School. We wish for each one a happy and successful life.

Plans are underway for the annual homecoming and memorial day on the first Sunday in June. Come, bring your dinner and worship with us at both services. We are glad to announce that our speaker for the day will be Mr. Clifford Frazier of Greensboro.

Joseph T. Carruthers, Jr., of Greensboro, gave the commencement address at Nathanael Greene School. He told the graduates that for a successful life they must live by the three I's: Integrity, Intelligence, and Industry.

Girls from the fifth and sixth grade, girls from the Glee Club and members of the senior class furnished the music. The baccalaureate sermon was preached by Rev R. C. Stubbins from Calvary Church, Greensboro.

MRS. CARL CURTIS.

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Rankin Memorial Church, Rev. Edw. Suits, Pastor.—Although the reporter hasn't been on the job lately, we are not asleep at Rankin Memorial. We are still working and at present are raising money to finish the halls in the church. Our pastor has been bringing some very interesting messages lately and our attendance is unusually good. We were very glad to have Dr. Pritchard with us last Sunday morning, and he brought us a good sermon on the subject, "The Power and Influence of the Church." He also gave us some highlights on the Uniting Conference. On Sunday evening the Christian Endeavor, assited by some members of the church, gave a Mother's Day program. The main feature of the program was a pageant entitled "So He Made Mothers," which was well received. We are planning to observe Children's Day some time in June.

The Philathea class has been assisting with the work of the primary department in the Sunday school. They have had some tables made and are ordering some material to help teach the small children.

There is still some sickness among our church members. Mrs. M. H. Griffith is critically ill now. We hope she will soon be better.

REPORTER.

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Tabernacle Charge.—It has been so long since a report came from this charge that I feel like I might have to look back over other reports to see how to write one; but, on second thought, I could not say that our pastor has been "preaching such sweet and helpful sermons." I could say that "our silence is no indication of inactivity" and that the "work is moving along as usual" or "as well as could be expected."

The activities of the year on this charge have been encouraging. Interest and attendance have been as good as any time during the present pastorate. Our greatest accomplishments have possibly been the material improvements at Tabernacle. I realize it is a little late to talk about it but our first project of the conference year was the installation of a heating system. Heretofore our church had been partially heated (particularly in extreme cold weather) by stoves. We installed two pipeless furnaces. This equipment was a memorial gift by E. T. and W, C, Coble in memory of their parents. We might say, incidentally, that this equipment becomes the memorial of one of the donors, as W. C. Coble has passed to his eternal reward since that time. The church did the most of the installing, especially the digging of the basement which was done by the men of the church. Our next improvement was the building of a choir loft and chancel rail. This work was done as memorial gifts by Mrs. E. T. Coble in memory of her foster father, Mr. J. E. Hanner, and by Mr. P. A. Hardin in memory of his wife, Mrs. Ella Mae Harris-Hardin. To complete our work of improvement, the Woman's Auxiliary has had a new carpet laid. They had been working and saving for this for some time, and, we say modestly, they did a good job. These improvements have all added to the beauty and comfort of our church.

We were happy that we were able to do our share in raising the Appreciation Year apportionment, and the Delegates' Expense to the Uniting Conference. Both of our churches are honor roll churches in this respect. At Tabernacle we did it by means of an every-member canvass. Solicitors acted in the community and a circular letter went out to the non-resident members. Any of those non-resident members who read this who responded to our appeal, we wish to take this opportunity to say thank you.

On next Sunday, May 21, we will observe our annual memorial services at Tabernacle. Rev. L. B. Hayes, district superintendent of the Greensboro District of the Methodist Church, will be the morning speaker. Grover H. Jones, City Attorney of High Point, will be the afternoon speaker. We extend an invitation to all former pastors, members and friends to come and worship with us on this day.

EUGENE A. LAMB, Pastor.

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Roberta Charge, Rev. H. W. Bell, Pastor, May 15.—Mother's Day was observed Sunday morning. The mothers had charge of the devotion and also occupied the choir and did the singing, which was enjoyed by the young folks. The pastor's subject was "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages." The two oldest mothers present were Mrs. Jerry Penneger and Mrs. J. W. Stowe. They are something like 80 years old.

The Ladies' Aid is raising money to put in new floor and carpet the church; the men to cover the church.

Our Sunday school is increasing since spring is blooming out.

REPORTER.

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Denton, Central Church, Rev. George L. Curry, Pastor.—Last Sunday morning at the Sunday school hour, 9:45, the members of Central Methodist church observed Mother's Day in a very impressive service.

The choir opened the service by singing "Love Divine," followed by the scripture, which was read by Mrs. Ruth Hoover, and prayer by Mrs. Moses Sexton. The choir very beautifully sang "Mother's Prayers Have Followed Me." Mr. Paul Hamilton sang a solo, within keeping of the memory of the day, "Mother Macree."

A group of young girls then sang "Mother" in a very pleasing manner. The toast to the living mothers was given by Mrs. Arthur Lanier, after which she presented a corsage of red roses to Mrs. Savannah Sexton, who in turn accepted them in behalf of the living mothers. Mrs. Roy Morris and Miss Marjorie Cranford sang a duet, "Songs My Mother Sang," after which Miss Edna Morris gave the toast to the deceased mothers, and presented a corsage of white roses to Mrs. Grayson Lomax, who in turn accepted them in memory of the mothers who have passed to their reward. This was followed by the closing song, "My Mother's Prayers," and the benediction.

This was the most impressive Mother's Day program ever presented by the church here, and the members of Auxiliary Circle No. 1, who had the program in charge, are to be congratulated in presenting such a splendid service.

MARVIN SEXTON.

West End, Greensboro, Dr. R. M. Andrews, Pastor.—Several able speakers have filled the pulpit for us in the absence of Dr. Andrews, among them being Rev. W. F. Ashburn, Rev. E. A. Lambe, and Rev. Tommy Strickland, all presenting forceful gospel messages.

Our pastor was welcomed back Sunday, May 14, and gave us a very interesting and enlightening account of the highlights of the Uniting Conference.

Miss Thelma Morrison of Greensboro College presented a monologue, "The Uncrowned Queen" on Sunday evening. This was a dramatization of the life of Frances Willard, famous for her work in temperance and the rights of women. She wore the dress of the 1800 era and talked in a most engaging manner to a very attentive audience.

The Intermediate department will present an "Amateur Hour" on Friday evening at the church. Several interesting items are listed on the program, and the offering will go in a building fund.

Miss Ruby Armistead of the Florida Methodist church was welcomed into membership with us on April 23.

For those of our number who are ill we wish for them a speedy recovery.

MILDRED STAPLETON, Reporter.

Liberty Hill, Anderson Charge, Rev. T. M. Johnson, Pastor.—Our pastor, Rev. T. M. Johnson, filled his regular appointments Sunday bringing very helpful messages.

We are indeed sorry to report that several in our community are sick. There has been lots of flu around and several of our members have been confined to their beds. We ask the prayers of all Christians for them that they may have a speedy recovery.

Our Sunday school is still holding up fine with the splendid help of Mr. J. P. Waddell, who is our superintendent. Although it was a cool rainy day Sunday we had a grand total there Sunday.

Rev. T. M. Johnson was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McClimon Sunday.

The contest which the Girls' Class has been having will end the fourth Sunday of this month. I think there has been splendid work done since the contest started in January. Several new members have been added and a great number of visitors come each Sunday. We ask the prayers of all for our class and its work.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Compton and son were the weekend guests of Mr .and Mrs. W. M. Compton and family.

Miss Clara Burnette and B. B. Burnette of Abner Creek were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. League Davis.

We were indeed glad to have Mr. Stout and sons of Greenville, S. C. to come and worship with us Sunday.

The children of Mrs. Jerry M. Burnette gave her a surprise Mother's Day dinner. She received several nice gifts from her children.

We were indeed glad to see Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McClimon, B. A. McClimon, and B. B. McClimon arrive safely back home Sunday after a long trip to Dallas, Texas, for a stay of eight days to visit relatives. They reported to have visited different places and towns sightseeing and reported a splendid trip while away.

Were indeed glad to have Authur Nalley from Fairview Church in our community this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bennette visited Mrs. Ashmore Bennette, whom all the children was having a Mother's day dinner for her.

MRS. JOHN D. McCLIMON, Reporter.

Zoar, Mecklenburg Charge.—Our pastor, Rev. Robert Short, brought us a helpful message the first Sunday in May. A very large congregation was present, and there is much more interest shown in our church work, financially and spiritually, than at any time last year. We have a very good Sunday school under the leadership of Miss Jessie Osborne, and good attendance; also good offerings. Comparing our church work in every way, it is over and above the average of last year. We feel there has been much good accomplished at Zoar in the last four years; but we feel that we owe it to our good pastor, Rev. Robert Short. Although his task has been heavy, — he has five churches to serve.—and we pray that God may be with him and that he may go forward and do greater things in the future than in the past.

LILLIE.

Lawndale, Cleveland Charge, Rev. T. G. Madison, Pastor.—On Easter Sunday night Revs. Madison and Goforth held a joint service. Rev. Mr. Madison conducted the devotional, and Rev. Mr. Goforth brought the message of the hour, which was very impressive. Mr. John Neal, who was gloriously saved during the meeting, took the church vows and the ordinance of baptism by immersion. Rev. Mr. Madison heard the vows and Rev. Mr. Goforth baptized Mr. Neal. This was a very impressive service.

The Woman's Auxiliary met during the month of April with Mrs. Ruth Clonninger as hostess. Mrs. Eskridge as usual conducted the devotional. Mrs. Madison, the president, presided. The meeting was very interesting. During the business session an invitation for the meeting May 16 was given by Mrs. Grover Eskridge.

Our pastor was permitted to attend the Uniting Conference in Kansas City.

Last Sunday night, May 14, the Woman's Auxiliary installed its officers for the year, with a very impressive candlelight service, after which our pastor, Rev. T. G. Madison, brought a very inspiring message.

Mrs. Tom Richards is very sick at this writing. Mrs. Peeler was indisposed last week with septic sore throat.

REPORTER.

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You can hold it just so long;
But don't try to keep it there—
It was made for all to share,
And it don't belong to you—
God wants us to have it, too!

If you're thinking kindly things,
Little thoughts, with angel-wings,
Turn them loose, and let them fly
At us people passing by;
Give them to us with a smile;
Let us keep them for awhile,
Then we'll turn them back to you,
And some others with them, too!

Misers they can hoard their gold,
And it's something they can hold,
Without hurting you, or me;
If they want it—let them be;
But no one can happy live
If they get—and never give;
So when God showers gifts on you,
He wants us to have them, too!

—James E. Hungerford.

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A CALL TO YOUTH

You whose hearts possess a dream
You whose vision still is true,
Will you follow still the gleam?
Will you build the world anew?
Futile is the reign of hate,
Fated is the rule of gold;
On your deeds great issues wait,
Let your hearts with love be bold.
Vain are all the tools of war,
Vain the boastings of success;
These the dreams you battle for:
Faith and truth and righteousness.
Let who will despise your youth,
Let them trail your words in dust;
You shall conquer, with the truth;
In your visions be your trust.
You whose hearts possess a dream,
God is God; His Word is true;
Follow still the luring gleam
Till the word is built anew.

—Thomas Curtis Clark.

Love is one game that is never postponed on account of darkness.—The Salemite.

There was a young lady named Banker
Who slept while the ship lay at anchor;
She woke in dismay
When she heard the mate say:
"Now hoist up the topsheet and spanker!"

—"Urchin."

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Whitaker's Chapel, Enfield	5.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Steubenville, Ohio, for shoes	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Smith, Greensboro, personal	5.00

We sincerely thank you for the above offerings. May the dear Father richly bless all who have contributed.

School Is Out

Jamestown high school has closed and five of our young people graduated, four girls and one boy. All four of them hope to take further training. We hope they will be successful in being accepted where they are applying.

With thanks to all who help us with the work from month to month, and praying God's richest blessings upon each of you.

Yours in His service,
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Leaving Salt Lake City we found almost every mile of the way interesting. Snake River was an interesting stream because of its course. The people along its banks spoke of it as crawling through certain sections. This was the last stream we saw before entering Yellowstone Park from the West Gate. We were told that all the ways through this great place of interest were not open but that there would be enough to interest us for the one day that we had to give to it.

So many things have been written and so many have seen the many natural wonders there that perhaps for this scribe to undertake to describe them would be superflous. Of course we went to see Old Faithful, the geyser that thousands have gazed upon in the years gone by. We waited to see the periodic eruption. We have a good movie of this and we could but stand and gaze with wonder, and after it was over to think of how nature works in such was in many instances as to cause those who stop to think of the Creator, who has given us so much to enjoy.

"The Falls" is a place that reminds me of Niagara, though not as big, it has all the natural beauty surrounding it, even the rainbow, that causes you to be glad that the effort was made to get near, for it is necessary to go down four hundred and ninety-three steps to get the best view. Some of our party got sick in making the ascent, but this writer has climbed over and up so many difficulties that he held his equilibrium all right.

We saw the main points of interest in our miles of travel through the Park, and one of the things we enjoyed was looking at the great banks of snow, in many cases as high as our heads, where it had been cut through by the great snow plows that were opening the roads. The sun was as hot, it seemed to me as a July sun at home, for it was hard to keep from getting blistered. When we left we had to drive about two hundred miles out of the way to get on our road toward Denver. But we felt well repaid for doing this for what we had seen. There were only two gates that were not blocked with snow to that extent that no entrance or exit could be made. So we made a curcuitous route through the North Gate into Montana and started on our way indirectly, eastward.

Sunday morning we attended service in a Methodist church in Laurel, Montana, and heard a splendid sermon by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Chappell. We went in just as the services began and he told me afterward that he had his suspicions that I was a minister. The people were very cordial, and made one feel at home to be among such friendly people.

We have noticed in all the churches where we have been that there was a pronounced interest in the Uniting Conference, as prayers were made for guidance there and the expressions of interest were encouraging. On the church bulletins mention was made in a way that showed that Methodist people generally are very much concerned about this.

We are expecting to attend the Uniting Conference in Kansas City tonight, as we are in three hundred miles of it at this writing, but shall not undertake to write about that as there will be so much given by those who have an opportunity to get it all together.

We had a pleasant night in Denver, visiting old friend and members. Anyone who knows anything about Fountain Place, Burlington, knows H. M. Scott. Well, he has two sons in Denver, Edgar and Porter. The former has been a policeman there for about fifteen years, and the latter went there some three years ago and has an important position with the telephone company. He has a dandy home and his good wife Mary, was so nice to us that it was restful to stop where we knew some one. That was the first time since leaving our boys in California. Mary was secretary of the Auxiliary at Fountain Place while we served there, so she and Mrs. Bethea had a good time talking of old times together.

We are expecting to stop at Pine Ridge before reaching home.

N. G. BETHEA.

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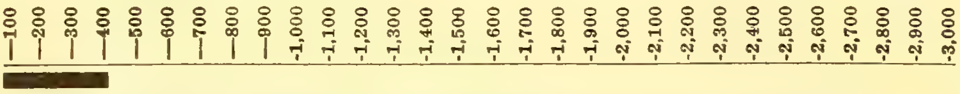

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Hope

Always somewhere in the world it is midnight. The shadows are as deep as death. Where darkness is, fear reigns. Even so, it is also true that, as it is written on a sundial on a pier at Brighton, England, "'Tis always morning somewhere in the world." This hopeful suggestion is worthy of our remembrance. As we look at some parts of our world, they are as unpromising as darkness and as ominous as the grave. Violence and tyranny seem invincible. Sin and moral chaos appear to rule for the time being. Just as surely, however, there are parts of our world where the opposite is quite true. These are full of promise and radiant with hopeful outlook. These are the morning places, where the sun is shining and the denizens of the darkness are driven to their lairs. Fear and terror cannot thrive there. The radiance of hope turns devastation into gardens, dries the tears of grief and replaces them with the happy smile of expectant faith, dispels the quaking fears of evil, and inspires the courage of the conqueror. God is not dead, and rebellious man lives and reigns only a brief span. It is always morning somewhere, and it is going to be morning everywhere, some day. The days of sin and pain cannot always last. "Weeping may endure for the night, but joy cometh in the morning."

—*Watchman-Examiner.*

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dr. George R. Brown Honored

When any one of our ministers or laymen is honored in a special way I am sure it brings pleasure to all the rest of us. While at the Uniting Conference two honors came to Dr. George R. Brown of Liberty, N. C., the pastor of the Alamance charge. The first honor came to Dr. Brown when former Governor Alf M. Landon of Kansas invited Dr. Brown to come to his home at Topeka, seventy miles from the site of the conference for Sunday dinner. Governor Landon was chairman of the committee on Publishing Interests and Dr. Brown was vice-chairman, hence the invitation.

The second honor came to the same gentleman when he was elected to the Judicial Council of the new Methodist Church. The Bishops of the Church nominated certain persons to be voted on by the conference. Dr. Brown and Dr. A. J. Allen of the Pittsburgh conference were the two nominated from the Methodist Protestant Church and when the election was held Dr. Brown won on the second ballot. This election was by the entire conference of nine hundred delegates. This Judicial Council is made up of four members from the M. E. Church, four from the M. E. Church South and one from the Methodist Protestant Church. It is really the Supreme Court of the new Church.

A Sunday Morning At Rankin Memorial

Sunday morning, May 14th was spent with the Rankin Memorial Church in High Point, Rev. Edward Suits, pastor. This church was formerly known as the English Street church. When the congregation lost its building on English street due to financial reverses, a few years ago those who remained loyal to the organization bought a lot and built a nice brick building a few blocks from the old location. Brother Suits has been the pastor ever since the new building was started and has been its guiding star. He and the people have worked hard and have undergone great sacrifices in order to have the nice new building. While the auditorium has been finished for a couple of years or more some of the Sunday school rooms have been finished just recently. Work is still going on in finishing up some of the halls to the rear of the pulpit. This building makes a nice appearance from the outside as well as the inside. It is in a residential district of the city and there is no other Methodist Church in that vicinity. It is expected that this church will serve a considerable section of this fast growing city.

The Sunday I was there was known as Mother's Day and the congregation was said to be off somewhat due to the fact that several of the members had gone away to visit their mothers. But those who were there were very attentive and seemed to appreciate the service very much. Both the pastor and people have cause for rejoicing in the achievements which have been wrought here. I trust that this church may continue to prosper.

My plans were changed on Friday of last week. I found myself able to accept an invitation to the Circuit Rally on the Davidson Charge at Chapel Hill Church which I had previously turned down. On arriving found a fine group in Sunday school. Pastor Neese had arranged a very fine program for the day. All the churches on the charge were asked to add some contributions to the program. Special music added much to the inspiration of the occasion. Others who took part on the program were at their best. This is Brother Neese's first year on this charge, and seems to be making a fine beginning on the work.

For some reason Community Church, Thomasville, failed to be reported some weeks ago as having paid World Service and Delegates' Expenses in full. Sorry for this error.

J. E. Pritchard.

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PLAN OF YOUTH WORK FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH

The three directors of youth work of the former churches uniting got together and worked out a compromise plan which finally became the legislation for the new church after adoption by the Uniting Conference at Kansas City. If you study both plans, either one of which may be used in the local church, there is nothing to prohibit, under Plan II, there being a Christian Endeavor Society or an Epworth League. To understand the background of this legislation, one must keep in mind that the former three churches each used a definite type of organization. For example, the Methodist Protestant Church sponsored Christian Endeavor, the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Epworth League, and the Methodist Church, South, the unified plan which is outlined in Plan I. The legislation follows:

Paragraph 1,125, Section 3.

Each (youth) department shall organize in accordance with one or the other of the two following plans (to be outlined by the General Board of Christian Education) as may be determined by the membership concerned and the Church Board of Christian Education.

"(a) Plan I. Where a *unified organization* is desired, one organization, with one set of officers and one program planning Department Council, shall be responsible for carrying on all the activities of the department as outlined in Section 2, above.

(b) Plan II. Where two or more *correlated organizations* are desired they may be provided within the department to carry on activities outlined in Section 2, above. Each may have its own officers, program committees, and separate memberships. Suitable representatives from each organization within the department shall meet together as a Department Council monthly or as often as necessary to give such supervision over the programs of the organizations concerned as will avoid duplications and omissions and meet the total needs of the age group concerned. The Department Council shall represent the entire department in matters which concern that age group of the local church."

F. L. Gibbs

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Maintenance of democracy and its extension into new fields is the chief moral problem confronting Church people today.—*Dr. Dwight Bradley.*

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A Message In Verse

THE DAY AND ITS WORK

"To each man is given a day and his work for the day,
Once, and no more, he is given to travel the way;
And woe if he flees from the task, whatever the odds,
For there is appointed to him on the scroll of the gods.
There is waiting a work where only his hands can avail;
And so, if he fails, a chord in the music must fail.
He may laugh to the sky; he may lay for an hour in
the sun,
But he dare not go hence till the labor appointed is done."

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Rev. and Mrs. Eugene A. Lamb are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter, Winifred Loureta. Both mother and daughter are getting on splendidly.

You can have the M. P. Herald until the first of November for one dollar. Let us have your renewal at once. Pastor, Herald agent, please send us a long list of new subscribers on this proposition.

The date for Western North Carolina annual conference, as released, is October 19th at West Market Street Church, Greensboro. The date of the former M. P. Conference was referred by the Board of Bishops to Bishop Straughn who will hold it. It is now expected to meet October the 18th and hold a one day session. The North Carolina conference of the former M. E. Church, South, is scheduled to meet at Fayetteville, November the 9th.

Several pastors of the former M. P. Church attended the District Conference of the Methodist Church in First Church, Asheboro, last Monday. There was a fine attendance of pastors and delegates, and District Superintendent Hayes dispatched business with the skill and rapidity of one ''born to rule.'' Pastor Powell and his members proved themselves most thoughtful and gracious hosts; a most bountiful lunch was served in the dining rooms of the Church and the educational building of the Church. It was good to be there.

"Forgetting Those Things Which Are Behind"

There come certain things into the life of an individual which he or she can live more happily and do the tasks of life better if they are forgotten. St. Paul spoke of things which he had suffered, things of which he had gloried achievements in scholarship, and an ancestry of which any loyal Jew might well boast. But for the sake of pressing forward and obtaining the prize set before him as a follower of Jesus Christ he would forget them.

Has not the time come with us former members of the Methodist Protestant Church that we start working the forgetting section of our brain in order that we may the more fully appreciate the large heritage which recently has become ours as members of the Methodist Church?

Let us forget the division which gave the M. P. Church its existence; forget the difference which divided us, the organizational set-up which made us unique, in order that we may more completely rally our forces and employ our resources in the service of Jesus Christ in this larger Methodism in which we now find ourselves. Our losses in the new set-up are pitiably small in comparison with our gains. Our denominational fellowship has been so greatly enlarged; our liberties have not been restricted, nor is there laid upon us financial burdens we are unable to bear. Our creed is unaltered, we attend the same churches as formerly and have the same privilege of choosing the pastor who shall minister to our spiritual needs as of yore. We bid adieu to nothing, we face no new issues of which we are afraid. The Methodist are one people. Let us thank God and take courage.

The Benefits of Group Life

One fact not always appreciated is that much of our best training for life comes from group contacts. The books one reads in seclusion, the experiences one has in the cloisture, must be translated into the affairs of life; must enter the stream of human progress, through group contact. ''The man of affairs'' and the ''book worm'' are the antipdial types which comes under our consideration here. One with friends in wide areas of progress, the other with tomes of the sages in memory but kept inside his own mind. Or the Christian missionary like Dr. Livingston, translating the gospel of Jesus Christ in terms of a varied service, and the ancient ''pillar dweller'' who kept his vigils through heat and cold away from the ''gadding throng.''

The Church is a place where youth, all youth, should receive training for life. Here the relationships are more uniformly Christian, the attitudes more nearly Christ-like. Here the meaning of the word of God finds a richer, fuller interpretation through the words and acts of the believer. The practice of prayer in the congregation, the participation in the worship service, the assumption of responsibility for the group; these have a developing, steadying influence on all who experience them which is not found elsewhere.

HIGH POINT COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

Exercises begin this week and close next Monday, May 29th. Baccalaureate sermon, Sunday, May 28th, First Church, President Humphries, preaches. The address to Religious Organizations by Dean Lindley Sunday night at 8 o'clock. The Baccalaureate Address is delivered by Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, Harrison Gymnasium, 10:30, Monday, May 29th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By **O. L. EASTER**

PAUL THINKS IN WORLD TERMS

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, May 28

Lesson Text—Romans 1:1-17.

Golden Text—I am not ashamed of the gospel: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. Romans 1:16.

Every modern recipient of Christianity can well thank the God of Providence that one little, frail-bodied Christian of many centuries ago was able to think in world terms in his efforts as an Apostle of Jesus Christ. One of the greatest problems that faces civilization today is produced by the fact that men high and low in leadership of nation just will not allow their people to think in world terms. If nations could be led to admit, as did Paul, that they are ''debtor both of the Greek and to the Barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish,'' then would they begin to think through gratitude in world terms concerning their common problems. How can any Christian nation thoroughly despise the scattered Jewish people when they remember that they are debtors to that race for their religious heritage? America has only to read its early history of the settlement of its great wilderness stretches by human elements of almost every race and clan to forever know that she is debtor to ''Greek and Barbarian.'' Thus all nations are debtors to each other but the crying need of the hour is for admission to this fact and payment made in reciprocal brotherhood which the world so sorely needs.

As in no other element of world life, there is found in the nature and message of Christianity the highest possibility of real world thinking. If to be Christian means obedience to Christ then the parting command of Jesus must be obeyed, which if obeyed will mean action that will demand our thinking in world terms. The same central ''go'' of Christ gospel which caused St. Paul to long to go to dangerous Rome until he went is still throbbing within the heart of genuine Christianity today. Although there seems to be a clearage of nations today as acute as the world has seen, yet in the name of Christ men are thinking in world terms as never before seen in the history of mankind. Great ecumentical world conferences are being held attended by not only all races of men but nearly all sects of religious bodies. Above all the nationalistic voices of the rules of nation's the Christian church is succeeding wonderously in raising up a host of hearts in every land who are obeying the nobler marching orders of God Himself. The late Duke of Wellington once met a young clergyman, who being aware of Welllington's former residence in the East and his familiarity with the ignorance and tenacity of the Hindoos in support of their false religion, gravely proposed the following question: ''Does not Your Grace think it almost useless and extravagant to preach the gospel to the Hindoos?'' The Duke immediately rejoined, ''That is not your business. Your business is to obey your marching orders,—'Preach the gospel to every creature.' '' Thus as a good soldier of Christ even if our inherent prejudices caused us to want to halt, our faith and allegiance to our Great Commander would lead us to exclaim in the words of Tennyson's *Charge of the Light Brigade.*

''*Ours* not to make reply,
Ours not to reason why,
Ours but to do and die . . .''

As true as that should be with us, it would still not be enough to accomplish this great task of taking Christ to the world. Such blind allegiance would never reveal the Savour. Christ knew this and said to us: ''I call you not servants, but friends, for the servant knoweth not what his master doeth.'' No, like Paul we must sincerely feel a tie of love for even the foreigner or stranger if we are to really import any spiritual gifts to them. ''That is,'' says Paul, ''that I with you may be comforted in you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine.'' Professor Curtis in a lecture on President Lincoln said that men had two ears, and often a different anthem was sung in each. The reformer has one ear opened toward God and he hears by that alone and goes forward. The politician has only one ear open, and that to man, and he marches to that alone. The statesman has one ear open to God, and the other to man, and when he hears the same anthem in both ears he goes forward. Let us pray in a time like this for a rising host of world statesmen like Paul who are not ashamed of the gospel of Christ and who, like Whitefield, are willing to forget all else about men before them but their immortality and their misery.

''He who can part from country and from kin,
And scorn delights, and tread the thorny way,
A heavenly crown through trial and pain to win,—
He who, reviled, can tender love repay.

''And, buffeted, for bitter foes can pray,—
He who upspringing at his Captain's call,
Fights the good fight, and when at last the day
Of fiery trial comes, can nobly fall,—
Such were a saint, or more; and such the Holy Paul.''

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PASTORS SUMMER SCHOOL JUNE 5-10

The registration begins at 9 a. m. Monday, June 5th at High Point College. Classes start at 10 a. m. The charges are the same this year as last; total cost of board and room for five days, $5.00. Registration, the same as last year. Pastors' wives pay no charges.

If a man can write a better book, preach a better sermon, or make a better mouse-trap than his neighbor, though he build his house in the woods, the world will make a beaten path to his door.—*Emerson.*

DEVOTIONAL ADDRESS TO UNITING CONFERENCE BY BISHOP G. BROMLEY OXNAM

"He Came Too Soon, This Christ"

In his play, ''The Wingless Victory,'' Maxwell Anderson has written a tragedy that strangely enough may be called beautiful. It is phrased in the strong, simple English of Elizabethan days, and speaks of the terrible nemesis that forever pursues intolerance. The scene is laid in Salem, Massachusetts, about the year 1800. Nathaniel McQueston and his wife, Oparre, are the central characters. He is a sea-captain, who left Salem in poverty to return in wealth. Oparre is a Malay princess, who has saved his life. They return with their two children, to meet the bitter rebuff of racial prejudice; a rebuff in this instance made the more bitter by the covetous spirit of the self-righteous who envied his possessions.

Oparre, once a worshipper of the tribal gods of revenge and blood, is drawn to the gentle, kindly Christ. She seeks to win the love of her husband's people; but they are cruel in their intolerance, even though, in pleading declaration, they hear her say, ''Still carrying in my heart the secret Christ by whom you live, I answer, I am your friend.'' But she warns them, ''Dark as your words have been, dark as your looks at me, evil as you may think you are, your evil is as the play of children to the world we two have left behind.'' But they will have none of her, nor her children. They would ruin her husband. At last she speaks to her husband's brother, a clergyman, whose prejudice is the more terrible because of the very passion of religion: ''Sir, if this winter coast is tarnished by our footsteps in the snow, as I fear it might be; if the Christ you worship gives sanctuary only to his own lest they be polluted, say this at once, and we shall rouse the children, and be away. I came only with a hope.''

The Passion of a Broken Heart

They have their way with her, and in a moment of awful trial, her husband falters, broken by the overwhelming pressure of the community. Knowing that she must leave, and leave alone save for her children and a faithful servant, she repudiates the Christ, rejects all; turns once again to gods of earth and blood. She boards the ship, resolved to die and to take her little ones with her. She speaks of ''unwanted babes'' and of the ''drink of darness.'' Taking the poison, with broken heart we hear her say, ''We shall sleep and turn to nameless ground.'' Awaiting the end, she kneels to utter a prayer, her last. It is addressed to the gods she knew.

> ''The earth rolls toward the dark, and men begin to sleep. God of the children, god of the lesser children of the earth, the black, the unclean, the vengeful, you are mine now as when I was a child. He came too soon, this Christ of peace. Men are not ready yet. Another hundred thousand years they must drink your portion of tears and blood . . .''

''He came too soon, this Christ. Men are not ready yet. Another hundred thousand years . . .'' ''He came too soon.''

Paul, the apostle, believed Christ had come in the fullness of time. Oparre, the Malay princess, thought he had come too soon. A court, charged with decision, might conclude that the evidence justifies the contention of Oparre rather than of Paul.

It is written that the common people heard Him gladly; but He was despised and rejected. The long-awaited Messiah had come too soon. Barabbas was released. Jesus was crucified. It was not the recitation of a line from a predestined drama. It was the crucifixion of a poor Galilean, who had come too soon. Surely the Garden of Gethsemane was more than a pre-determined scene from the pen of the Eternal Playwright.

The Unspoken Thoughts of Christ

Did the broken-hearted young Christ, who would have the cup pass from Him, who feared the Father had forsaken Him, believe He had come too soon? There was so much more he desired to tell them; but He said, ''Ye cannot bear it now.''

''When Jesus came to Golgotha
They hanged Him on a tree
They drove great nails through hand and feet,
And made a Calvary;
They crowned Him with a crown of thorns,
Red were His wounds and deep,
For those were crued and cruel days
And human flesh was cheap.''

—G. A. Studdert-Kennedy
(*Indifference*)

He had come too soon!

Oparre might well call upon the court to note the many centuries of struggle, unfortunately not yet concluded, wherein man lived the fighting way of life. The warrior was king. There are those who yet believe that strength comes through struggle. They insist that man is ruled by an inner urge to survive. They argue that nature is red in tooth and claw and if man would survive he must be fit, physically fit. They tell us this is the fundamental reality beneath the thin veneer which man hyprocitically calls civilization. Did Christ come too soon? Is our biological heritage too strong? Is this talk of the strong bearing the burdens of the weak, of laying down a life for a friend, of finding life in losing it, the demand of a poor dreamer? Are we fated to struggle on, until at last, the groups that have survived because they have learned to cooperate in fighting against their environment, develop enough of this cooperative spirit to realize at last that mutual aid must be carried into all the activities of men? Oparre would not be alone in that court room. Regardless of the millions who bow before cross or crucifix, there are many millions more who argue, ''This Christ came too soon.'' His teachings, we are told, are but the evanescent pictures of perfectionist ethics projected upon a silver screen.

They insist that the Christ who came too soon must be taught the futility of the distant ideal.

Too Soon for the Christ Way of Life

A Chinese Christian said, "You cannot teach men to love their enemies in the twinkling of an eye." It is still an eye for an eye. The fighting way of life carries on; and grows more brutal in the very refinement of the money-making way of life. Here the financier is king. Sidney Lanier, poet of the South, tells us that "Trade is war grown miserly."

You came too soon, Galilean, too soon to talk of the second mile, the cloak, the cup of cold water—to son to tell of houses builded on the sand, of new barns, and Mammon—too soon for Matthew and Zaccheus, for broken alabaster and forgiven sins. Puritanical codes justify flinging the first and the last stone. Too soon to behold Mary of the streets becoming Mary of the saints! We are still in the fighting way of life, the money-making way of life, it is argued. Jesus dreamed of a personality-making way of life, in which the suffering servant would be king. But we are forced, Oparre might say, to be awake to the realities, the realities of the fighting way of life, of the money-making way of life. Were this poor Malay princess addressing the court, with what overwhelming argument might she build her case? She would repeat it, "Your Christ came too soon, I say. Look if you will to the Eternal City. Was it not upon a rock your church was built? Is it not called Saint Peter's Church? Did not the man Paul, who was so sure that Jesus came in the fullness of time, did he not lie in prison there? Did he not die there? I know that he wrote:

I may speak with the tongues of men and angels, but I have no love,
I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal;
I am prophesy, fathom all mysteries and secret lore,
I may have such absolute faith that I can move hills from their place,
  But if I have no love,
  I count for nothing;
I may distribute all I possess in charity;
I may give up my body to be burnt,
  But if I have no love,
  I make nothing of it.
Love is very patient, very kind. Love knows no jealousy; love makes no parade, gives itself no airs, is never rude, never selfish, never irritated, never resentful, love is never glad when others go wrong, love is gladdened by goodness, always slow to expose, always eager to believe the best, always hopeful, always patient. Love never disappears. . . .
Thus "faith and hope and love last on, these three," but the greatest of all is love.

Another Who Came Too Soon

But he, like his Lord, came too soon. The ancient Roman was ready for the Christ of Empire. He could envision the Empire that was to be, the Holy Roman Empire. The Roman conqueror could understand killing in the name of the very cross upon which Jesus had been killed—"By this sign conquer." No, he was not too soon for the empire builders, this Empire Christ. But the Christ of Love, the peasant who had no place to lay His head, He came too soon. They were ready, these mediaeval theologians, for the Christ of Dogma. With what delight did they create the formula to explain Him! Actually, they buried Him in another tomb. They bound Him with creedal graveclothes. He was not too soon, this Christ of Councils. But the Christ who declared, "I am the way, the truth, and the life," this Jesus who knew the truth would make us free, He came too soon. And so today, in the Eternal City, the city of Peter's Church and Paul's Christ, we hear a new Caesar who fears not the usable Christ of Empire, nor the dead Christ of Dogma. Mussolini speaks in his March twenty-sixth speech and says:

> We wish to hear no more about brotherhood . . . because relationships between states are relations of force and these relations of force are the determining elements of their policy.
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> We must arm. The watchward is this: More cannon, more ships, more airplanes, at whatever cost, with whatever means, even if it should mean wiping out all that is called civil life. When one is strong one is dear to one's friends and feared by one's enemies. Since prehistoric times one shout has come down on the waves of the centuries and the series of generations: 'Woe to the weak!'

There it is: "Woe to the weak!" Oparre might point out the leaders of Left and Right, the dictator leaders, who profane the very name leader. They are not leaders, but drivers, "You came too soon, Jesus."

Other Woes, Other Leaders

It is Mussolini who cries, "Woe to the weak!" The woes that Jesus uttered were directed to Scribes and Pharisees. Were they uttered too soon? "You are all brothers . . . for One is your Heavenly Father." Moffatt translates the next verse: "One is your leader, even the Christ." Not Benito Mussolini, not the Fuehrer—Adolph Hitler! One is your leader, even Christ. You came too soon, Christ; we have other leaders. He who would be greatest among you must become the servant of all. It is to laugh. Whoever humbles himself will be uplifted—absurd! And is there not a danger in the Church itself? Some Churchmen have become so enamored with the very idea of the Church that they regard the Church as an end in itself rather than as a means to create the Kingdom. Will we say He came too soon, with His insistence upon finding life by losing it? When He scathingly denounced the Pharisees, did He not refer to swearing by the sanctuary, the altar, the gift? Did He not talk of tithes of mint and anise and commin? Is there not danger that we, too, may forget the weightier matters of the law? We do well to remember that He said, "Woe to you, you irreligious Scribes and Pharisees!" Let us note that word irreligious and be sure that the idea of church does not become a tomb for the prophets.

Methodism is one, we say. What do we mean? Are we to mimic the upper room, to receive the bread and wine, to content ourselves with a form? Are we to stand a few moments later in the open court, denying Him thrice? Is it to be the form of Communion and the fact of denial? Is the denial to be found in the mental reservation, "He came too soon, this Christ. Men are not ready yet. Another hundred thousand years . . .?" Or is Methodism to be one in declaring, "Now is the accepted time"? Not "Now is the appointed time," but "Now is the accepted time." We Methodists, who have emphasized the place of decision in the Christian life, ought to be the very first to declare "Not in another hundred thousand years, but now." The church that nominally accepts Jesus, but virtually rejects Him, is no church.

Now Is the Time for Brotherhood

Now is the time to cease postponing the idea of brotherhood. Now is the time to take it and enthrone it. Let us not associate the idea of holy love with altar alone, but relate it to mill and mine and market. Let us take the idea of a Father of all mankind and translate that idea into instruments that make for a brotherly world. Let us have done once and for all with the atheism that lies in pagan statements bandied about by nominal Christians who declare, "Self-interest is the only sufficient motive to drive men to real achievement"; "moral right must bow to economic necessity"; "war is inevitable." Now is the accepted time. Christ did not come too soon. We came to Christ too late.

It was not the daughters of the Confederacy—no, it was the Daughters of the American Revolution—who refused Marian Anderson the right to sing in Constitution Hall. Let us forget that and turn rather to the expression of an Americanism worthy of the founders of this Republic—I refer to the concert given there upon the steps of the Lincoln Memorial Easter Sunday. I saw men and women of the South, distinguished leaders of this nation, among the great who had come to pay tribute to a voice. I saw them sitting there while she sang, "America," "My Country 'tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty." And then we heard "Ave Maria—Hail Mary!" A black girl—Hail Mary, a Jewish girl. Send that message across the sea, and let them know One is our leader, even Christ.

In this Uniting Conference, may I not say the heavy economic burden carried by the South has been due in large measure to the economic privilege of the industrial North? We cannot have a protected industrial North and an unprotected agricultural South and talk of the United States of America and of brotherhood. I am trying to suggest without entering debatable territory at all that now is the accepted time. Let us realize that the dictatorships across the sea are to be destroyed finally by the rebellion of peoples, who see in another land a people who have used their political liberty to bring economic justice to every child of the nation. Let us not walk about in self-righteousness until we ourselves have revealed a love that cannot rest with millions underprivileged and thousands overprivileged. Let us be at our own tasks, our holy tasks. Let us have done with postponing Christ. Let us accept Him indeed.

Mobilizing Moral Might

If there has been a touch of bitterness in any word I have uttered, as I have referred indirectly to tyrannies across the sea, I am sorry. It was unintended. May we not behold in a suggestion that has come to us from David Lawrence a power that is yet to be used by those who accept Jesus. He calls upon us to consider the use of moral force as the world confronts the mobilization of physical force. "What would happen," asks Mr. Lawrence, "if our people, recognizing our own sinning, would nevertheless pause at noon each day to pray, honestly pray for the peoples who suffer tyranny, pray even for the tyrant, not that we tolerate his tyranny, but that he would save him from his sins. Then, in the act of prayer, we should call upon God to forgive us because, when we had the power and the privilege of cooperating with growing democracies, we put down upon these youthful democracies burdens grievous to be born. If in that prayer we could dedicate ourselves to the recordering of this world upon a just basis, what might happen?" I do not know but I do know that now is the time. Paul himself called upon us to make love a real thing.

Is Methodism to call out, "He came too soon, this Christ of peace. Men are not ready yet. Another hundred thousand years . . .?" I think not. I think we are going to say, "Now is the accepted time."

"Let us remember Jesus:
Who, though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor and dwelt among us.
Who was content to be subject to his parents, the child of a poor man's home.
Who lived for nearly thirty years the common life, earning his living with his own hands and declining to humble tasks.
Whom the common people heard gladly, for he understood their ways.
May this mind be in us that was in Jesus Christ.

"Let us remember Jesus:
Who was mighty in deed, healing the sick and the disordered, using for others the powers he would not invoke for himself.
Who refused to force men's allegiance.
Who was Master and Lord to his disciples, yet was among them as their companion and as one who served.
Whose meat was to do the will of the Father who sent him.
May this mind be in us that was in Jesus Christ.

"Let us remember Jesus:
Who loved men, yet retired from them to pray, rose a great while before day, watched through a night, stayed in the wilderness, went up into a mountain, sought a garden.
Who, when he would help a tempted disciple, prayed for him.
Who prayed for the forgiveness of those who rejected him, and for the perfecting of those who received him.
Who observed good customs, but defied conventions which did not serve the purposes of God.
Who hated sin because he knew the cost of pride and selfishness, of cruelty and impurity, to man, and still more to his Father in heaven.
May this mind be in us that was in Jesus Christ.

"Let us remember Jesus:
Who believed in men to the last and never despaired of them.
Who through all disappointment never lost heart.
Who disregarded his own comfort and convenience, and thought first of others' needs, and though he suffered long, was always kind.
Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again, and when he suffered, threatened not.
Who humbled himself and carried obedience to the point of death, even death on the cross, and endured faithful to the end.
May this mind be in us that was in Jesus Christ.

"O CHRIST, our only Saviour, so come to dwell in us that we may go forth with the light of thy hope in our eyes, and with thy faith and love in our hearts. Amen."—*The Daily Christian Advocate.*

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THE BIRTH OF METHODISM

Described by John Wesley in these words:

In 1729, two young men reading the Bible saw they could not be saved without holiness, followed after it, and incited others so to do. In 1737, they saw that holiness comes by faith. They saw likewise that men are justified before they are sanctified; but still holiness was their point. God then thrust them out, utterly against their will, to raise a holy people.

In the latter end of the year 1739, eight or ten persons came to me in London, who appeared to be deeply convinced of sin, and earnestly groaning for redemption. They desired (as did two or three more the next day) that I would spend some time with them in prayer, and advise them how to flee from the wrath to come, which they saw continually hanging over their heads.

That we might have more time for this great work I appointed a day when they might all come together, which, from thenceforth, they did every week, namely, on Thursday in the evening. To these, and as many more as desired to join them (for their number increased daily), I gave those advices from time to time, which I judged most needful to them, and we always concluded our meeting with prayer suited to their several necessities.

This was the rise of the United Society, first in London and then in other places. Such a society is no other than a company of men having the form and seeking the power of godliness, united in order to pray together, to receive the word of exhortation, and to watch over one another in love; that they may help each other to work out their own salvation.

In that same spirit 8,000,000 Methodists in one family now pledge themselves "to watch over one another in love." What hath God wrought—and how wonderfully!

This is a work of the Holy Spirit. Man has not the lips or the pen even to describe it, but in response to an official request, the writer undertakes to give glimpses of Methodist progress toward reunion.—*Harry E. Woolever In Daily Christian Advocate.*

THE CHRISTIAN USE OF MONEY

"The directions which God has given us, touching the use of our work substance, may be comprised in the following particulars. If you desire to be a faithful and a wise steward, out of that portion of your Lord's goods which He has for the present lodged in your hands, but with the right of resuming whenever it pleases Him, first, provide things needful for yourself, food to eat, raiment to put on, whatever nature moderately requires for preserving the body in health and strength. Secondly, provide these for your wife, your children, your servants, or any others who pertain to your household. If, when this is done, there be an overplus left, then 'do good to them that are of the household of faith.' If there be an overplus still, 'as you have opportunity, do good unto all men.' In so doing you give all you can; nay, in a sound sense, all you have: for all that is laid out in this manner is really given to God. You 'render unto God the things that are God's,' not only by what you give to the poor, but also by that which you expend in providing things needful for yourself and your household."—*John Wesley: "Sermon on the Use of Money."*

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THE PRACTICE OF PRAYER

John Wesley cultivated the practice of prayer. He urged method in devotion. He described a Methodist as one to whom prayer was a habit. "Not that he is always in the house of prayer; though he neglects no opportunity of being there. Neither is he always on his knees, although he often is, or on his face before the Lord, his God. Nor is he always crying aloud to God, or calling upon Him in Words; for many times 'the Spirit maketh intercession for him with groans that cannot be uttered.' But at all times the language of his heart is this: 'Thou brightness of the eternal glory, unto Thee is my heart, though without voice, and my silence speaketh unto Thee.' And this is true prayer and this alone. His heart is ever lifted up to God, at all times and in all places. In retirement, or company, in leisure, business, conversation, his heart is ever with the Lord. He walks with God continually, having the loving eye of his mind still fixed upon Him."—*John Wesley, "Works."*

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

Memorial services will be held for the Methodist Protestant ministers, whose bodies are buried in Pine Hill Cemetery, on June the 4th at 3:00 p. m. We invite ministers and their people of nearby churches to be with us on this occasion.

As far as the writer knows Brother T. A. Williams and Brother R. S. Troxler are the only two buried in the Burlington Cemetery. If there are others, the writer would appreciate that information.

FRED W. PASCHALL.

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Poverty is very terrible, and sometimes kills the very soul within us, but is the north wind that lashes men into Vikings; it is the soft, luscious south wind which lulls them to lotus dreams.—*Ouida.*

WITH THE POETS

Elizabeth Vera Idol

MICHAEL

By William Wordsworth

Michael, a pastoral idyll in blank verse, stands as one of the greatest poems of this type in all literature. The plot was suggested by two incidents from actual life: the disloyalty of the dissolute son of an old couple of whom the poet had heard; and the laborious erection of a stone sheepfold by an aged shepherd who had, many years before, owned the house at Townend, Grasmere, in which Wordsworth lived. And of course many objects long familiar to the poet's own eyes are woven in. The two incidents are brought together in a plain actualistic fashion, but develop into deeply imaginative fiction turning upon a single character creation, that of an aged shepherd, and the tragedy of his shattered hopes.

One critic has said: "It is truly Wordsworthian in its avoidance of literary devices and melodramatic straining after effect, yet the pathos is maintained by a nameless grace, the sincerity of the style, the patriarchial directness of manner, and the restraint and dignity with which the deep emotions involved are treated." It is like a story from the Bible.

The story begins by describing the steep mountain that rises from the tumultuous brook of Greenhead Ghyll, including, in true Wordsworthian fashion, the sights and sounds to be found among the hills. But the starting point of the poem is

" . . . one object which you might pass by,
Might see and notice not. Beside the brook
Appears a straggling heap of unhewn stones!"

There dwelt here a shepherd, stout of heart, strong of body, and keen of mind, Michael by name, who had lived to his eightieth year here close to the heart of nature, seeing her every mood and learning the lessons she taught:

"Hence had he learned the meaning of all winds,"
". . . he had been alone
Amid the heart of many thousand mists."
"Those fields, those hills—what could they less?
had laid
Strong hold on his affections."

His helpmate was old, too though twenty years younger than he, and was as industrious and thrifty as her husband, so

"That they were as a proverb in the vale
For endless industry."

The son, Luke, born when Michael had begun to feel that he was old, was the center of all his father's thoughts and aims, and his constant companion.

"Exceeding was the love he bare to him,
His heart and his heart's joy!"

He had shared the mother's care of him in babyhood, and as he "put on boy's attire" he had taken him often with him to the hills to the "Clipping Tree," teaching him the tenderness necessary in caring for sheep. So the years went by until he

". . . carried in his cheek
Two steady roses that were five years old";

then he was ten; daily he went with his father and the familiar objects loved before became dearer because they were shared. At eighteen

"He was his comfort and his daily hope."

But the shadow of disaster crept near. Years before Michael had been bound in surety for his brother's son, and now, through a series of misfortunes Michael was called upon to pay the bond. It would take more than half his substance and the farm which he had looked forward to passing on to his son.

Finally he evolved a scheme. Luke should go to a distant prosperous kinsman and repair the loss. Dreams of other boys who had left the farm to become rich and famous won the mother's consent, and she set about the simple tasks of preparation for her son's departure.

The father's advice to his son and the laying of the cornerstone of the Sheepfold are told in unforgettable lines.

". . . Lay now the corner-stone,
As I requested; and hereafter, Luke,
When thou are gone away, should evil men
Be they companions, think of me, my son,
And of this moment; hither turn thy thoughts,
And God will strengthen thee."

For many months all was well; the son prospered; loving letters came home! and the Shepherd went about his work confident and cheerful, and when he could find time he took his way to the valley to work at the Sheepfold.

Thus far the story has progressed slowly and leisurely. Swiftly now the tragedy falls. In language comparable in dignity, simplicity, and restraint to the Biblical account of the Prodigal Son the story of Luke's fall is told:

". . . Meantime Luke began
To slacken in his duty; and at length
He in the dissolute city gave himself
To evil courses; ignominy and shame
Fell on him, so that he was driven at last
To seek a hiding place beyond the seas."

What of Michael?

"There is a comfort in the strength of love;
'Twill make a thing endurable, which else
Would overset the brain, or break the heart."

The old man lived on for year and carried on his tasks as always. But deep pity filled the hearts of all his fellow countrymen for his shattered hopes. And in lines that contain the very essence of poetry, the simplicity that evokes great imagination, Wordsworth shows the broken heart of Michael:

"... and 'tis believed by all
That many and many a day he thither went,
And never lifted up a single stone."

The story ends in the present as it began, but the tragedy lies between:

"... and the remains
Of the unfinished Sheepfold may be seen
Beside the boisterous brook of Greenhead Ghyll."

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MODERN NICODEMUSES

By J. G. Butler

Nicodemus was a ruler of the Pharisees, so important a man that he dared not risk publicly meeting Jesus. He came to Him by night and said, "Master, thou are a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him."

Was Jesus flattered by Nicodemus' coming? Do we think to flatter Jesus in the same way, saying with our lips that Jesus is a teacher sent from God because of the miracles He has performed? But Jesus did not feel Himself flattered by the condescension of this man, who was ashamed to let it be known that he came to Jesus. Immediately the Master challenged him, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

We, like Nicodemus, come to Jesus attracted by physical miracles that may or may not have been performed. Jesus made such miracles secondary—He pushed them aside for the much greater miracle, the changed human heart.

It is ever thus. Camp-followers of the kingdom point to Jesus and say, "See the miracles that He wrought." But Jesus always soft-pedaled prestidigitation. He refused to cast Himself down from the pinnacle of the temple; He refused to make stones bread. He was always saying, "Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men."

We do not know Nicodemus' verbal answer to Jesus' challenge. But we do know his real answer, for he fades out into the dark after that interview, never to be heard from again. We know he chose the cautious, conventional, and commonplace. He refused to change his mind. He refused to repent—even though the kingdom of God was at hand. He conformed to custom, and remained a ruler of the Pharisees to the end of his days.

Later on in Jesus' conversation, He tells Nicodemus: "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell when it cometh, and whither it goeth." But it goes out over the world. And so is he that is born of the Spirit. There is no limit to the possibilities of a twice-born life. When the miracle of God's kingdom is worked in human hearts, a group of five thousand people may be taught by the example of a little boy sharing his barley loaves and fishes so that all might be fed. But all the hungry did not die two thousand years ago.

Let one person be on fire with the kingdom, let him see the limitless possibilities of God's will being done here on earth, and he can change a whole cesspool of corruption. In the long ago, Abraham bargained with God to save Sodom, if ten righteous men could be found, because he knew the power for righteousness of just one honest person. Today, Jesus Christ calls us to be born anew. He demands loyalty, not for a day, but eternally.

Christians have much to witness if they will save themselves and the world from sin and war. We literally must be born anew in our spirit and thought. In our discouragement and disillusionment, we say that this is a post-Munich world, we must deal with madmen, force is our only solution. We fervently hope that someone may shoot Hitler and Mussolini before it is too late. But we have always lived in a world of force. And while Hitler still lives, there is an old man living in Doorn who twenty-five years ago was thought to hold the key to our ills. We used force to unseat the Kaiser. We conquered Germany. We were victorious! We sowed the wind and reaped the whirlwind. Why is it that we say the principles of Christ's kingdom, of love to enemies, and justice, and brotherhood, no longer obtain today? Do we expect anything different this time, if we "win" a war?

If we are to take Jesus Christ seriously, it means we must practice the precepts He gave us. His life is meaningless if we don't. You say the Sermon on the Mount is meant for the heavenly kingdom. But why? Are there any enemies to love in heaven? Are there any false prophets there? Shall we need to forgive seventy times seven there? Shall we have to go to the second mile there? Shall we be persecuted for righteousness' sake there? No. The teaching of Jesus Christ is meaningless unless we pray with our lives, "Thy kingdom done *on earth,* Thy will be done *on earth.*"

"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature." Shall we be born again?

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NOTICE TO MINISTERS' WIVES

This is to remind you that it is not long until the Pastors' School at High Point College, and we hope to have a large attendance of both pastors and their wives for the entire week. This school begins Monday, June, 5th and closes Saturday, June 10th. Those of us that attended last year enjoyed both school and fellowship, and we trust the attendance will be larger this year. Make your plans to be there. On Wednesday, June 7th the Ministers' Wives Association will have a meeting beginning at 10:30. A program is being prepared. The morning program will be inspirational. After lunch a business session will be held. Those not being here for the week are requested to come for this meeting on June 7th.

Mrs. J. E. Pritchard, *President.*
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Eternity itself cannot restore the loss struck from the minute.—*Ancient Proverb.*

MISSIONARY COLUMN

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Since Methodists are "all one" now, I thought perhaps we would like to become familiar with the work of Methodist Missions, as a whole. The following article tells us a little about what is being done in Africa.—Editor.

THE METHODIST MISSION IN AFRICA

By W. G. CRAM

(From "The Church School" Magazine)

Africa is the second largest of the continents. It is the setting of an ancient civilization. Much of Bible history had its origin in Africa. Since the beginning of the modern missionary movement Africa has been the objective of the Protestant and Catholic churches of the world in the opening of missions, for the building of churches, and the preaching of the gospel. The efforts of all Christian missions have been rewarded with unprecedented success. Some of the great missions of the world are to be found in Africa.

In the heart of this continent lies the Belgian Congo. It is so called because it is the colony of Belgium. The Colonial Government is directed by a Governor General appointed by the King. This colony is one of the richest sections of Africa. It has within its borders the famous Congo River with its many tributaries which is one of the great water systems of the world. It is rich in copper, diamonds, tin, and precious metals. In many sections it is extremely fertile.

The inhabitants of the Congo number approximately 10 million and are of Bantu origin. They respond readily to the appeals and messages of the Christian gospel. Bishop Lambuth established in the Belgian Congo among the Batatela tribe in 1914 a mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was guided in the selection of this tribe and in the formulation of the policies and plans of the new enterprise by the leaders of the Southern Presbyterian mission which had been established in the Katanga-Kasai area south of the Batatela territory in 1890.

After an exploratory trip of 40 days, accompanied by J. W. Gilbert, a Negro who at the time was a professor in Paine College and a member of the Colored Methodist Church, Bishop Lambuth came upon the village of Wembo Nyama, the seat of Chief Wembo Nyama's area of supervision. After many "palavers" the missionaries who accompanied Bishop Lambuth were granted concessions, and they laid the foundation for the church and began building the institutions.

It has been 22 years since this enterprise was undertaken. A survey and review of the progress of the work and its success during that period furnishes one of the great stories of Christian missions to be found in the annals of Methodist missionary evangelism.

Among the first things done by the missionaries was that of mastering the strange and difficult language and then of inventing for it symbols that put the language in permanent form. With this knowledge of the language they have built an educational, healing, and evangelistic program that has borne fruit abundantly.

The Batatela are hardy despite the ravages of disease. They show remarkable endurance and manifest degrees of intelligence and leadership. The best estimate we can make of the population of the tribe is about 350,000. The men do the heavy work, such as clearing the forests and spading the ground, while the women care for the planted crops. Very little lameness and few deformities are noticeable among them. Tuberculosis is beginning to make deadly inroads upon the life of the people. Sleeping-sickness still persists, though the Belgian government sanitary agents are waging a strenuous warfare against it. Elephantiasis, malaria, mossy-foot, philaria, yaws, and tropical ulcers take a yearly toll that must be very great. It is estimated that at least two per cent of the people are lepers. That gives a total of 5,000 lepers in the whole tribe.

The missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, have established their work in four stations: first, in Wembo Nyama, the one opened by Bishop Lambuth; later, at Minga and Tunda; and in 1935 at Lodja. Minga is the first station one reaches on coming from Lusambo, the capital of the province. Wembo Nyama is in the south central portion of the tribe. Tunda is across the Lomami River near the Cape-to-Cairo railroad and in the territoyr where two languages are spoken, the Otelela and the Kingwana. Lodja is located in the northern part of the tribe. This is the city in which Bishop Lambuth wished to establish work on the opening of the mission in 1914. Because of dense forests and marshes and roadways through swamps, this plan of Bishop Lambuth's had to wait until the summer of 1935.

At each of these stations a definite and consistent plan of missionary objectives has been carried out successfully. The lands on which these stations are built were given to the mission by concession from the Colonial government. Each station has its residences for missionaries, its boys' schools, and its dormitory for the girls, called "the fence," hospital, church, and industrial plant. At Minga and Tunda there are separate colonies for the treatment and care of the lepers located a few kilometers from the main station.

In the prosecution of their work the missionaries have not been content to copy plans and methods of other missions. On their own account they have done some genuine pioneering which has stood the test of usefulness and adaptability. In fact, they were the first to provide specific treatment for the lepers. The work of our missionaries has been regarded by the Colonial government as the pioneer in this field.

In 1936 a leper colony was opened in Tunda through the support of the Colonial government and the American Mission to the Lepers. Already over 300 patients have been colonized in this center.

Another pioneering movement on the part of the missionaries was the establishment of "nurseries" in connection with the hospitals. This came about through the effort of missionaries to save motherless babies who were left to die because no African mother would care for a child who was not her own. By the trial-and-error method the missionaries finally hit upon the plan of the "nursery" in connection with the hospital. After the "nurseries" were established the problem of feeding many of these babies arose. As a result of the study of this problem the famous peanut milk formula was discovered, and by the use of it babies about to die were made to live. This is one of the prize achievements of our missionaries; it is being widely adopted by other missions having work in the Congo.

During the period that the missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, have been in the Congo the language of the people has been studied and the results have been carefully tabulated. An Otelela-English dictionary has practically been completed. Also the missionaries have worked on the translation of the Bible. The Old Testament has not yet been completed, but the New Testament has been finished, and has just come from the presses of the American Bible Society. It will soon be distributed widely among this tribe.

Church-school literature is printed quarterly in the mission printing press located at Wembo Nyama, as is also a quarterly paper. A hymnal and study books for the schools are printed and published from the same press. In Wembo Nyama there is a Bible training school in which the preachers of the region are given a chance to take study courses in the Bible and other related subjects, fitting them for the work of evangelization and the care of the churches. There is also a normal school at Wembo Nyama which follows government regulations and provides standard curricula.

The work of the missionaries is not confined to the stations only. The missionaries, men and women, form itinerating parties and make trips to the surrounding villages where they build churches and establish schools and win many converts to Christ.

In the northern part of the tribe the evangelistic work has been unusually effective during the past four years where many new churches have been opened with larger groups of believers who have genuinely espoused the Christian religion. On the whole this mission in Africa is most fruitful and is big with the possibilities of an enlarged movement for the revival and salvation of the people.

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ATTENTION—SECRETARIES OF BENEVOLENCES

Dear Secretary:

Your auxiliary has now for your benevolent work, its first call to service since the Branch meeting: that is to rally to the plans for the Children's Home Day on June 22. Dr. Dixon has told us of this in previous articles in the Herald.

You have been of assistance in every appeal previously made, and we do greatly appreciate your loyalty. We know you will do your best now.

Only a month off and we meet at the Children's Home for the annual anniversary occasion. We are hoping for a record-breaking crowd, and the best offering ever. Last year our Graham ladies brought the largest gift. They had a lovely plan which made them over $82. How about writing them for their plan?

We are hereby asking every Secretary of Benevolences of each auxiliary of the Branch to begin now to collect the birthday gifts from each member of your church, Sunday school, and auxiliary. We suggest a "Birthday Book, From ——— Church." Get each person's name for the book who contributes, and present it to Dr. Dixon with the cash offerings. Dr. Dixon is offering a picture of the present Children's Home family to one in each of four groups of churches whose book shows the largest amount in that particular group. See his article in the Herald for May 25th (this issue).

June 22nd will soon be here, so let's work fast. Everybody plan to be there. It will be a great day. A splendid program is being arranged. Of course you will fill your big basket with good things for the picnic dinner, as usual.

May we be very much in earnest about getting the signatures and offerings from all the membership. Urge your people to be there to visit with the children and have a big day.

MRS. J. M. STONE,
Secretary of Benevolences,
N. C. Branch.

CHILDREN'S HOME DAY JUNE 22

Our Dear Friends:

Children's Home Day is coming within a month. Please begin planning for it at once. We are writing committees where they have been appointed. But in other local churches we are asking Children's Home Secretaries, Sunday school superintendents, and pastors to act as our committee, or to appoint a committee at once, with the Children's Home Secretary as chairman. Please arrange for those to serve who are vitally interested in the Home.

The time is short, and quick work must be done if the Home is to receive a good offering for June 22.

1. Work up a good interest and get at least one automobile load of people to come from your church to the Home for that day. Bishop Clare Purcell and Bishop James H. Straughn have both promised to be present and speak that day, so we are anxious for our people to be here in large numbers.

2. Work the suggested plan in your church and Sunday school so that all your people will have a chance to contribute. Set a worthy goal and keep working until you reach that goal.

3. Buy a small notebook, as suggested in the plan, and jot down the names of all contributors. We shall be glad to keep the little books in our files. Try to get each one to give as much as one penny for each year of his age. If one does not care to tell his age, then $1.00 will excuse him. We shall be glad for large gifts, but we are asking for a large number of small gifts.

4. Publish the meeting well in all the communities you serve, and help us to get a large attendance of Methodists and their friends present.

5. The program will be given in the gymnasium at High Point College, beginning at 10 o'clock a.m., June 22, and the picnic dinner will be served in the grove at the Children's Home at about 12:30 noon. No program in the afternoon.

6. We have a splendid picture of the entire Children's Home family, which was made in May, 1939, and we will gladly present one of these pictures to the chairman of the committee in each of four groups of churches as follows:

1. The church with over 200 members which raises the largest amount.
2. The church with a membership between 100 and 200 which raises the largest amount.
3. The church with a membership between 50 and 100 which raises the largest amount.
4. The church with fewer than 50 members which raises the largest amount.

We will place tables in the grove for the picnic dinner, and look to you as usual to supply the food. We shall be looking for you in goodly numbers.

Yours in His service,
A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

OUR PLAN FOR CHILDREN'S HOME DAY OFFERING

For June 22, 1939

Some simple plan closely followed always brings better results than no plan at all. So follow this plan as closely as you can, or present a better one to your people:

1. Hold a meeting in your church at some convenient hour in the interest of your Children's Home, and get some one who is familiar with the work of the Home to make a short address, a young people's program, or an ice cream supper.
2. Have your committee purchase a small notebook in which to record the names of all those who contribute. Let the committee, with as many helpers as they may select, canvass the entire membership and get an offering of as much as a penny per year for the years of his or her life; or $1.00 instead.
3. Be sure to keep a record of all contributors. If one does not desire the name used, then just write "A Friend." These little notebooks with the names of contributors will be kept in our files.
4. Without a good birthday offering and good regular monthly offerings from now until conference meets, we will be left in debt for current expenses when we merge into Methodist Union at the approaching annual conference. So please help to avoid that.
5. Get your offerings together in good time to get them into a check, or at least into one envelope, carefully marked, and put it into our Joash Chest upon your arrival.

We, with our 118 children, are depending upon you. We thank you for your cooperation.

A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

THE VALUE OF SYMPATHY

Ask God to increase your powers of sympathy: to give you more quickness and depth of sympathy in little things as well as great. Opportunities of doing a kindness are often lost from mere want of thought. Half a dozen lines of kindness may bring sunshine into the whole day of some sick person. Think of the pleasure you might give to some one who is much shut up and who has fewer pleasures than you have by sharing with her some little comfort or enjoyment that you have learned to look upon as a necessary of life—the pleasure drive, the new book, flowers from the country, and so forth. Try to put yourself in another's place. Ask, "What should I like myself if I were hard worked, or sick, or lonely?" Cultivate the habit of sympathy.—Maritime Baptist.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

First Church, S. S., High Point	$15.00
Giles Chapel S. S., Richland	3.50
Baltimore S. S., W. Forsyth	3.00
New Hope S. S., Mecklenburg, March, April, and May	3.00
Shady Grove S. S., Connelly Springs	2.39
Liberty S. S.	5.00
Haw River S. S., Glen Raven	3.60
Friendship S. S., Shiloh	4.50
Liberty S. S., Davidson	1.00
Whitakers S. S.	5.00
Chase City S. S.	4.00
Rock Creek S. S., Alamance, May and special Mother's Day offerings	6.51
Vickery S. S., Guilford	4.05
Center S. S., Alamance	5.61
Bethany S. S., Randolph	6.50
Brower's Chapel S. S., Richland	8.50
Mt. Carmel S. S., Mt. Carmel Circuit, Ala.	1.00
Bethel S. S., Randolph	3.98
Macedonia, Seagrove-Love Joy, May and June	2.00
Mizpah S. S., Haw River, December to April	5.96
Lawndale Union S. S., Cleveland	24.58
Salem S. S., Saxapahaw	5.16
Lebanon S. S., Spring Church, March, April, and May	6.00
The Ladies' Bible Class, R. I. Ave., Washington, D. C., Clothing Child	5.00
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Yarborough's Chapel S. S.	1.23
Ladies' Aid Society, Elwood, Ind., Feeding Child	5.00
Reidsville S. S.	10.00
Bessemer City S. S.	1.00
Harris Chapel S. S., Vance	5.10
Hickory Ridge, Forsyth	5.50

We thank you so much for these amounts, and we will try to use it all to the very best advantage.

Children's Home Day June 22

Plans for Children's Home Day and Home Coming Day are working out well. We have the promise that both Bishop Clare Purcell and Bishop James H. Straughn will be present and make addresses. And Dr. G. I. Humphreys, president of High Point College has granted us the use of the college gymnasium for the program.

June 22nd is the day, and the program will begin in the college gymnasium at 10:00 o'clock a. m. We will place tables on the campus at the Children's Home for a picnic dinner at 12:30 and will look to you to bring baskets of food for the dinner. We hope for a great gathering of Methodists that day. Be sure to plan to come, and get your friends to come.

A. G .DIXON, Supt.

Traffic Cop (to woman motorist in difficulties: "Hey! Don't you know that this is a safety zone?"

Motorist: "Of course! That's why I drove in here."

Into the woman's keeping is committed the destiny of the generations to come after us.—Theodore Roosevelt.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Bethesda, North Davidson, Rev. O. B. Williams, Pastor.— The Ladies' Auxiliary met with Mrs. J. L. Foust for their regular monthly meeting, with Mesdames J. B. Wagner, E. A. Clodfelter and Sula Wagner joint hostesses. The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. D. D. Brinkley, using the years guide book.

Rev. O. B. Williams and Mrs. Ona Truluck reading scripture, prayer by Mrs. E. A. Clodfelter. Misses Maggie Foust and Ruby rendered special music which was enjoyed very much. Mrs. O. B. Williams gave a talk on "Spiritual Life." The program leader, Mrs. Kenneth Tussey, gave a very interesting program. Poems were read representing the different parts of our church work. Eighty-two sick visits were reported, 1 sent flowers, 1 tray. The meeting was closed with a prayer by the pastor. Delicious refreshments were served to all.

We were glad to have Rev. George L. Curry with us the second Sunday in May. He gave a splendid report on the Uniting Conference, from which he had just returned. Flowers were given the oldest and youngest mothers on Mother's Day. Mrs. Ed Wagner was the oldest and Mrs. Flora Berrier the youngest.

MRS. J. O. EVERHART, Reporter.

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Haw River Church, Glen Raven Charge, Rev. Joseph Coble, Pastor.—On Wednesday night, May 24 a ten day revival will begin at our church. It will be a joint meeting of our two Methodist churches. Rev. Dr. Paschal will do the preaching assisted by Rev. Mr. Curtis leading the singing and Rev. Mr. Henison of the M. E. Church and Rev. Mr. Coble, our pastor. A two week's Bible school for the children will also be in progress. On Sunday, May 28, we will have our memorial service and home coming, with dinner on the ground. We hope everyone, our old friends and new ones will come and be with us.

We are expecting a great meeting and hope many souls will be won for the Master. We are asking that you be much in prayer for the meeting and the advancement of the Kingdom.

MRS. H. E. MARTIN, Reporter.

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Glen Raven Charge, Rev. Joseph Coble, Pastor.—The union evangelistic services of the Haw River Methodist churches began Wednesday, May 24, and will continue until June 4. A special memorial service and home-coming day will be observed Sunday, May 28, with services at 11 o'clock. Memorial service will be held at 2 o'clock, conducted by the young people; services at 7:30 will be conducted by Rev. Fred W. Paschall. Everyone is expected to come and bring lunch and observe memorial and home-coming day at Haw River, May 28. The two Methodist churches are holding their meeting together at the M. P. church, with Dr. Fred Paschall of Burlington conducting the services. The two churches from May 22 to June 2 are conducting a Bible school each morning. Almost 100 scholars have been enrolled. This meeting is being held at the M. E. church, South.

The Glen Raven church will entertain the Alamance County Christian Endeavor Union Friday evening. They have been quite busy preparing a program and refreshments for this occasion. A large crowd is expected to attend this quarterly event.

Fairview church presented an excellent Mother's Day program directed by Miss Arlene Loy. The Woman's Auxiliary has been making plans to paint the church.

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Worthville Church, Rev. C. L. Spencer, Pastor.—There were 102 at Sunday school yesterday although there could and should have been many more. It just seems some people try to get along without attending church. We only wish they had heard each one of Mr. Isley's sermons. .

Our revival began on Friday night, the 12th, and closed the 19th, with Rev. C. G. Isley doing the preaching. We had a good meeting with four conversions. We regret that all of the people in our village could not hear the wonderful sermons he brouht and that some are still unsaved. We hope Mr. Isley comes back again

We were indeed glad to have several of the members of Mt. Lebanon attend the revival and appreciate the special singing they did.

Mrs. Lizzie Fields moved her membership from Bonlee Church back to Worthville, her home church when a young girl. We welcome her. She is one of our best co-workers in the church.

MRS. C. O. BYRD, Reporter.

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Orange Charge, May 22.—It was a pleasure for this pastor to follow the proceedings of the Uniting Conference through the medium of the Daily Christian Advocate. I am sure we have all been inspired by this great accomplishment in Christian unity, and that we shall go forth to labor in the Methodist Church with new zeal and enthusiasm.

We were all very pleasntly surprised Sunday to have with us at Efland Rev. and Mrs. B. M. Williams and son, Currie, of Wendell. Mr. Williams served as pastor of this charge for 13 years, and he and his family are held in the highest esteem by all the people. They will always find a warm welcome at this parsonage and at all the churches and homes on the charge. We hope that they can come back soon and visit the other churches and other homes.

Some improvements have been made recently at the parsonage. Through a cooperative arrangement a pump has been installed to supply water for the parsonage, and Mr. Clyde Pratt's home which is being built on the adjoining lot. Likewise, through a co-operative arrangement with Mr. Pratt and Mr. Aubrey Graham, a sewer system has been installed to serve the three homes . The ladies' auxiliaries of Efland and Hebron are financing a hot water system which has also been installed. A complete set of fixtures has been placed in the bathroom and a drain-board sink in the kitchen. All the churches are participating in financing the project. Pledges and contributions covering most of the cost have already been made.

At this point we would like to acknowledge with grateful appreciation those who have helped to make these improvements possible; Mr. Claude A. Bivins for supervising the project, giving his time, money, materials, and driving his car about considerably looking after the details; Mr. Dudley Thompson for directing part of the work; Mr. Herbert Riley for doing the plumbing; Mr. James Cutchfield for free labor; and all those who made a contribution or assisted in any way. The pastor and his wife are thoroughly enjoying these conveniences, and they will serve the pastors of this charge for years and years to come.

We are at the beginning of the season of special days and big dinners. Union Grove leads off the first Sunday in June with a Children's Day service at 11 o'clock and a memorial and home-coming service in the afternoon. Rev. Roland Stubbins, a former pastor and a former member, will be the afternoon speaker. The second Sunday in June will be Children's Day at Chestnut Ridge, with dinner on the grounds. The fourth Sunday in June will be Children's Day, memorial day, and home-coming at Hebron. As a special feature of the program there will be a memorial service for the deceased M. P. ministers, W. C. Kennett and W. D. Fogleman. Speakers will be announced later. The second Sunday in July will be memorial day and home-coming at Chestnut Ridge. Dr. J. D. Williams will be one of the speakers, and the other will be announced later. All former pastors, members and friends are invited to attend these special occasions.

Our revival season and Vacation Church schools get underway begining the second Sunday night in June. At that time Rev. T. J. Whitehead of Henderson First church will begin a revival with us at Efland. There will be services each evening at 8 o'clock for a period of ten days or two weeks. Mr. Whitehead will also direct a Vacation Church school each morning for the period of the

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two weeks. We are praying for a large school and a successful revival.

Following the Leadership Training School at High Point College, we will conduct Vacation Church schools at Hebron and Chestnut Ridge, beginning the first Monday in July and continuing for two weeks. Rev. S. R. Crumpton, a Foundation student of Duke university, will be with us for these two weeks to teach in the Vacation Church schools and to teach Leadership Training courses each evening. We are anxious that all of our Sunday school teachecrs, leaders of young people, and church workers enroll for these courses.

Our annual revival begins at Union Grove the first Sunday in August, and at Hebron either the second or fourth Sunday in that month. Rev. J. D. Morris is to assist me in our revival at Chestnut Ridge beginning the fourth Sunday in September.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is presenting the Passion Play, a moving picture based on the life of Christ, at Efland High School Friday night, May 26.

The boy, Jerome, is managing his father and mother just fine. He wishes to thank all those who have contributed to his happiness for the first seven weeks of his life.

C. P. MORRIS, Pastor.

Shiloh, Randolph Charge, Rev. H. L. Isley, Pastor.—Our memorial service was observed Sunday, May 14, at the morning service. Our pastor preached a good sermon, after which the congregation met at the cemetery, where a hymn, "Meet Me There," was sung by the choir, and a few remarks by Rev. T. F. McCulloch, followed by a prayer. Dinner was served picnic style on the grounds. At the afternoon services some interesting remarks were made by Rev. T. F. McCulloch and Rev. W. F. Ashburn, and a very interesting and inspiring message on Mother's Day by Rev. J. W. Braxton. At the close of the services, relatives and friends and ministers present met at the graveside of Rev. J. A. Ledbetter, former minister, where a brief burial service was held. Rev. T. F. McCulloch and Rev. W. F. Ashburn spoke of their acquaintance with Rev. Mr. Ledbetter. Three songs by the choir, a few remarks by the pastor, followed by prayer.

MRS. EUGENE BROWN, Reporter.

First Methodist Church, High Point.—This is our first report since our name has been changed. As real Methodists now, I feel this report would be of little value if it were not devoted to the meeting held in our city Sunday night when all of the Methodists of High Point joined together for a union meeting to celebrate the union of all Methodist churches in the nation.

Several pages of The Enterprise, the High Point daily paper, were devoted to the program, the ministers, and the organizations around High Point that had become a part of Methodism.

Dr. E. H. Blackard, pastor of Wesley Memorial Methodist church, presided. Music was rendered by the combined choirs of the churches and the A Cappella choir of High Point College. Dr. G. I. Humphreys delivered the statement of union, and Dr. L. B. Haynes, district superintendent, led the declaration of allegiance to the Methodist Church. Other ministers taking part were Rev. J. Clay Madison, of the First church, and Rev. N. C. Williams, of Main Street church.

The principal address was delivered by Dr. Lynn Harold Hough, dean of Drew Theological Seminary in New Jersey. He held the large congregation spellbound as he discussed the great merge that has so recently taken place.

The sponsors of the program were the following Methodist and former Methodist Protestant churches: Archdale, Calvary, First, Highland, Lebanon, Main Street, Oak View, Mount Vernon, Rankin Memorial, Trinity, Ward Street, Welch Memorial, and Wesley Memorial. The Negro Methodist churches participated in their own churches by means of radio, joining in the responsive readings and pledge of allegiance.

The service made a lasting impression upon all those who attended and we agree with the Enterprise when it said it was one of the most significant meetings of its kind ever held in High Point.

MRS. ROBERT DAVIS, Reporter.

Vickery Church, Guilford Charge, Rev. Joel B. Trodon, Pastor.—Although we have failed to report, we have been busy. Recently, the Woman's Auxiliary painted the new benches and also the floor of our church. We have bought a new piano for the church.

Last Sunday night, the Christian Endeavor society gave a special Mother's Day program to a large audience. There was special music by the Vickery girls' quartet, Nannie Blanche and Emily Kirkman, and a duet by Lois and Fleta Mae Hohn. The program was good and enjoyed by everyone.

I am proud to say that our Sunday school is growing. We are taking in new members. We have had 150 and over for several Sundays. Our pastor is preaching good sermons and they are enjoyed by all.

Our Children's Day will be the second Sunday in June. We are looking forward to a good time.

FLETA MAE HOHN, Reporter.

Community Church, Thomasville.—It was a great experience, not soon to be forgotten, having had the pleasure of attending the Uniting Conference at Kansas City. No one, I hardly think, could have attended without sharing the feeling, which apparently was in the hearts of all present, that a new day had come for Methodism in America. My sincere hope and prayer is that we will not have any occasion to reverse this feeling. That your prayer and my prayer shared greatly in the spirit of the conference is our high privilege to believe. God bless the new Methodist Church, and help every former M. P. to arise to the challenge which is placed on our doorstep.

I could not have shared in this great conference had it not been for the magnanimity of our people here at Community in financing the trip for me. They have been most gracious to me and in return they deserve the very best service I can render.

Rev. J. T. Bowman, pastor of First church, preached for me in my absence, for which I am very grateful. The people reported a splendid message and a good service.

We are planning for Children's Day service, and Mesdames C. R. Reed, E. C. Brandon, Joe Boyles, Jr., Thos. L. Einstein, and J. Clyde Auman have been placed on a committee to prepare the program.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Crutchfield, a daughter, Imogene Gay Crutchfield. Congratulations and a long and helpful life for little Imogene Gay.

As Mrs. Einstein reported last week, Community raised all of her World Service apportionment and also the delegates' expense. Now we hope to get behind the annual conference budget. We must not cripple the work of our annual conference in this the closing year of our history.

J. CLYDE AUMAN.

Mt. Zion Church, Pinnacle-Mt. Zion Charge, Rev. J. D. Morris, Pastor.—We are realizing it is spring, due to the beautiful weather; it makes us eager to make ourselves useful and try to prove our love to God in some way for His great mercy.

The annual home-coming and memorial day was observed at our church Sunday. There were many there who were glad to greet the warm handshakes. The program for the day was: Sunday school at 10 o'clock, preaching at 11 o'clock. Dinner was served on the grounds in picnic style. During the evening there were duets by the Wall sisters of Greensboro and the Ashburn children of Pilot church. The Scott sisters of Yadkin, Carolina Rangers of Pilot church, and Calavary of Mt. Airy, sang some very beautiful quartets for the evening. The church was greatly overfilled for the afternoon. We are hoping for another day of joy like this next year.

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Mrs. A. L. Hunter, who has been confined to her bed for some time.

It was announced the young people would meet next Sunday afternoon at 7 o'clock to organize the young people's society. Preaching will be Sunday night at 8 o'clock by our pastor.

We invite everyone to attend our Sunday school and other church services when possible.

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"WESTWARD HO!" BUT NOT FOR GOLD

The few hours spent in Kansas City were profitable to our company. We got in to the lower floor the night we were there, for there were many seats vacant, as quite a number of delegates were out and that gave us an opportunity to see the workings from the delegates point of view. Of course next morning we had to take a seat in the gallery, and but for the people we would have thought of the great building as we had thought of the deserts we had passed over, because of its vastness.

We had the privilege of hearing Dr. John W. Hawley in a masterful missionary address, and Bishop Broomfield, in the morning devotions. I shall not undertake to speak of this great gathering further more than to say that I was very much impressed with the conciliatory spirit that prevailed. No one seemed to want to take advantage of another. That to my mind means real union. It has been interesting to me to read the accounts coming from so many sources.

We stopped in St. Louis long enough to say that we had been there. A great city. A speedy trip through part of Illinois and Indiana brought us into Louisville in time to strike the great throngs that were leaving the derby that was held there on Saturday. The roads, the camps, boarding houses, hotels, everything was crowded to the limit. We passed on through, and it was ten o'clock before we found a place to sleep. Several miles this side of the city. Not what we had been accustomed to having, but it was a place not only to sleep, but to get off the highway where so many reckless drivers were showing their foolhardiness in the way they were driving. I wondered if after they got their strong drink if they did not imagine they were on the race track.

Another question that came up in my mind: Would there be seventy-five or a hundred thousand attending these races if the gambling element were taken out of it. Like many other things we have in our country today in the name of sport. Take the betting out of it and there would be many who would never go about these places. I have always been in doubt as to the respectability of a thing where the gamblers seem to have the right of way.

Our being put out of a place to stay on Saturday night enabled us to get to Pine Ridge for most of the morning service. We were so cordially received and given lunch by Superintendent Theison, and rested over the remainder of the day, talked for the Christian Endeavor Society in their evening service.

Early Monday morning found us on the home stretch. It was a mountainous way into Asheville as we had these kind of roads in Kentucky, Tennessee, and the great mountains of our own good state. A detour at Marshall put us into the night getting home. But my! how good it seemed to be home again. Our people were unaware of our being back for a few days. But when they found we were here the calls began to come in. Words of welcome, and greetings on every hand, made us feel so much more at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Koontz left us Tuesday morning for their home in Lexington, and I am sure they are both enriched by this experience, for while we did not stay our time out by about four days, for we all got anxious to get home, and we lost no time coming this way, when we "got the prow of our vessel turned toward home."

Great sights we saw, every mile of the way was interesting, and anyone making this trip will have a greater appreciation of our country, but I am sure that anyone from North Carolina will not find anything better than he has at home. Higher mountains, but not as pretty as ours, bigger cities, but I am persuaded to believe, not as good as our little towns, and while we do not grow the citrus fruits, our diversity of crops makes ours more desirable. So you may see that while we went west, it was not for gold, but a richer experience for our work than if we had been digging for that for which many gave their lives. So many interesting stories there about this. I may in some future article give some impressions of the lessons given us. Thank you for reading these rambling notes.

N. G. BETHEA.

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DISTRICT MEETING

All the Missionary Auxiliaries in the Second District held an all-day meeting at Mt. Carmel Church on Granville Charge Thursday, May 18. The chairman, Mrs. T. P. Hester, presiding. The morning sessions opened with the hymn "O Zion Haste." The devotionals were conducted by Rev. J. P. Pegg. Prayer by Rev. J. T. Whitehead. Mrs. J. P. Pegg extended a most cordial welcome to the visitors. The response was given by Miss Emily Lloyd of Union Chapel. Mrs. Tompkins and Mrs. Hight of the Henderson church sang a duet. The roll call and attendance count taken with the followiwng members from the different Auxiliaries present, Spring Valley 2, Flat Rock 7, Henderson 9, Rehobeth 3, Gillburg 12, Union Chapel 4, Mt. Carmel 8. Reports were given and all the Auxiliaries gave splendid reports. The chairman, Mrs. Hester, read a card from Mrs. Bates stating that $500 of Mr. Minnis' salary is still unaportioned and ask that some action be taken in regard to same.

A nominating committee composed of Mrs. E. F. Smith, Mrs. Clyde Finch, and Mrs. Arthur Faulkner were named to select district officers before the next district meeting. Mr. Cranford gave a splendid talk on "Home Missions." He said the time to begin missionary work was while the lullabies were being sung to the babies in the cradle. Following Mr. Cranford's talk Mr. Pegg dismissed for the lunch hour with prayer Lunch was served picnic style.

The afternoon session was opened with the hymn "The Morning Light Is Breaking." Mr. Whitehead had charge of the devotionals using the 13th Chapter of 1st Corinthians. The duties of the secretary of Christian Education was told by Mrs. Clyde Finch in a very pleasing manner. A solo by Miss Sarah Pegg. The highlight of the day was the address by Rev. Harold Schaley of Wake Forest College a missionary from Brazil, S. A.

Mr. Schaley has been in the United States for the past four and a half years. He is planning to return to his native Brazil in November, 1939. He is a wonderful speaker. After hearing him talk you can not help but feel that we should appreciate our wonderful religious opportunities we have here in the United States. He told of the many diseases in Brazil, and of the hardships that he had had to endure that he might worship God. He is truly a man of God. I wish it were possible for everyone to hear his wonderful message of God's love that he brings. Following Mr. Schaley's address the meeting adjourned to meet again next spring, the place and time to be decided later. The benediction was pronounced by Mr. Schaley.

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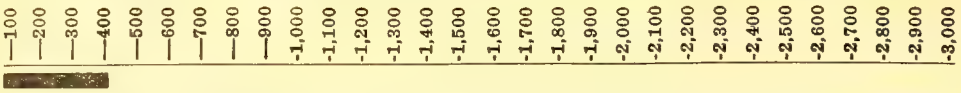

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IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

James William Hopkins

Mr. James William Hopkins was born September 18, 1859, and departed this life after several days' illness, February 28, 1939.

While still a young man Mr. Hopkins united with the Fairgrove M. P. church. Later in life, when the Brown Summit M. P. church was organized, he transferred his membership to this church, and was a loyal Christian member of the Brown Summit M. P. church at the time of his death.

While Mr. Hopkins was still a young man he was united in marriage with Miss Lula Roach, who preceded him in death. However, to this first union were born five sons. Three of these sons, Mr. Arthur Hopkins, Mr. Ernest Hopkins, and Mr. Davie Hopkins, preceded their father in death. Two of the sons, Mr. Clarence Hopkins of Brown Summit, and Dr. J. W. Hopkins of Knoxville, Tenn., survive.

Mr. James William Hopkins was united in marriage the second time with Miss Ellen Moore, who also preceded him in death.

An August 24, 1927, Mr. Hopkins was again united in marriage with Miss Ida Moore, who along with five grandchildren mourn the loss of a faithful husband and grandfather.

It can truly be said of this true father, loyal citizen, faithful Christian, that the family, the nation, and the church have lost a very devoted member.

E. PAUL HAMILTON.

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To know what you prefer, instead of humbly saying "Amen" to what the world tells you ought to prefer is to have kept your soul alive.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

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The Glory of the Commonplace

By Rev. C. F. Banning, D.D.

Out in Estes Park, Colorado, there lies a great giant of the forest, dead. Naturalists tell us that this tree was over five hundred years old when it died. When Christopher Columbus landed at San Salvador it was already a full grown tree. Five hundred winters piled their snows about its roots; five hundred summers spent their heat and storms upon it. Eleven times it was struck by lightning and each time it covered over the scar. Three times there were land slides, but each time the old tree dug its roots deeper and held its place. Five hundred years the old tree defied nature, laughing at the storms, the wind, the lightning, the cold and the heat, but now it is dead. What brought about its death? A tiny beetle, that a child could crush between its thumb and finger, slipped under the bark and quietly began to work. So it did what the forces of nature were unable to accomplish.

This is typical of life. It is not the great forces, the great opportunities, the great institutions that are the most important. We in America think that unless a man is wealthy, he is not important. We think that unless an organization has a tremendous membership it cannot be strong. We think that unless people can have their pictures on the front page of the paper they are not exerting a strong influence.

We need to remember the importance of the common-place. Think with me of the bigness of little things; of the weight of trifles; of the "glory of the common-place."

Sam Walter Foss, the poet, was walking down a country road one hot summer day. Near the foot of a hill under the shade of a tree he found a bench. As he sat down to rest he noticed a sign nearby directing him to a spring. Following the direction of the sign, he found the spring with a glass nearby where a traveller might refresh himself. In the shade, beside the spring, there was another bench and beside it a basket of fruit. Upon inquiry he discovered that an old man lived near the roadside and kept these two benches in repair, kept the spring cleaned out and the baskets full of fruit in season.

Sitting on one of these benches Sam Walter Foss wrote the poem that is known around the world, "The House By the Side of the Road."

I do not know whether the old man was rich or poor, educated or ignorant, Protestant or Catholic, but I know something about his character. Anyone who is faithful about such little things as this, who is thoughtful and unselfish enough to want to help the weary traveller along his way, is a man whom you could trust with the big things of life. One who is faithful in the common-place things of life cannot fail in the larger opportunities as they come to him. It is always true that character is made and character is revealed by our loyalty in the common-place things. It is thus that the common-place comes into its glory.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

No Word Yet Concerning Finishing Up Conference

Up to the present time I have had no word from Bishop Straughn concerning the Finishing Up Conference which he has been appointed to hold in North Carolina. Inasmuch as the Bishops fix the time for conferences we shall have to wait for the official word from Bishop Straughn. My opinion is that our Standing District Committee will still have the authority to fix the place for this conference, however, I am asking Bishop Straughn to rule on that point. So, brethren, just be patient until further notice.

Election of Delegate Deferred

When I wrote two weeks ago that we would elect our delegates to conference in the usual way I did not have before me the legislation passed in the Uniting Conference in regard to the election of delegates. Later the issue of the *Daily Christian Advocate* containing this matter reached me through the mails—the last issue was mailed to each delegate—and after studying this I am inclined to think that we had better wait until we have an official interpretation of this legislation before we vote for delegates.

Be Not Hasty In Merging Churches

Information has reached me of proposed mergers of local churches in so many communities this fall that I am issuing this word of caution. While the merging of some churches will be necessary yet it will be adding to the problem of the stationing authorities to merge any large number of churches immediately. For the past several years we have had difficulty in finding places for all of our men. I understand that the other two denominations have had similar difficulties. Whenever two churches merge that means an extra man unless in some way the merged church can find a place for both of the former pastors. I suggest that this matter be submitted to the officials of the conferences involved before the matter is carried too far, for it would be most unfortunate for the new conferences not to be able to place all of the men. This matter can wait in most of the communities for a year or two or perhaps longer.

No Churches Visited During the Past Week End

A stay of several days in the Guilford General Hospital in High Point last week made it unwise for me to try to visit any of our churches during the past weekend. It also made it necessary for me to miss the District Conference at Asheboro on Monday and all of the High Point College commencement exercises except that of Monday morning. While these things are regretable yet we do not always have the power to stave off sickness. But even a hospital experience is not without some compensations. The uniform kindness shown the patient, the skill with which certain things are done by those who have been trained in the art of making people comfortable have some value at least. And the application of the hyperdermic needle gives comparative calm to the patient while the experts are searching for the cause of the disorders. One who stops and thinks for a moment is bound to be thankful for medical skill and for the modern hospital. If these things were taken away from us then life would be much poorer.

Rev. D. R. Williams Ill

On Saturday of last week information came to me that Rev. D. R. Williams of Enfield was ill again and that he was being taken to Watts Hospital in Durham, N. C., for treatment. This new illness comes to those of us who had been hoping that Brother Williams might finish out this year without further hindrance as a great disappointment. I trust that he may soon get relief and be able to finish the year which is his thirtieth year in the ministry. Rev. W. L. Loy, the pastor of the former M. E. Church South in Enfield has written me offering to take over Brother Williams' work for as long a period as necessary and to allow the salary to continue to go to Brother Williams. I consider this a very fine spirit on the part of Brother Loy and I greatly appreciate it. I have communicated with the church in Enfield in regard to the desirability of this plan.

Preliminary Meeting To Be Held Next Week

I have been asked by Bishop Clare Purcell to be in a meeting at Duke University on Thursday of next week of himself and the District Superintendents of the Western North Carolina Conference in a preliminary survey of the problems before us in setting up the new conference. It is evident to all of us who have thought about it that there is much to be done along this line. But where there is a willing mind the problems are always easier and I am sure that in this case we shall be able to work out our common problem to the satisfaction of all. For the past few weeks I cannot answer now in regard to the procedure for the next few months. I shall be glad to pass on any information which I may receive from time to time but of course I cannot pass on to others information which I do not yet have. But I am expecting things to move rather swiftly from now on so that all may be in readiness for the new conference.

Pastors' Reports

Quite a large percentage of the pastors have returned the report blanks which I sent out a couple of weeks ago. While I have not been able yet to assemble the information in such a way as to arrive at definite conclusions yet it is apparent that much remains to be done before we are ready to go into the new conference. While most of the churches have made a good showing on World Service yet the larger number are far behind with the assessment for High Point College and the various other Annual Conference interests. While I realize the difficulty in carrying on more than one special at a time yet I do beseech everyone to be busy during the next few weeks. The college assessment must be raised in order for this institution to be able to meet its obligations in a manner satisfactory. The Annual Conference also has obligations which it must meet.

Announcements

Sunday, June 4, 11 a. m. Spencer in Dedicatory Services.

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A Message In Verse

We are tired and weary, and worn and sad,
Let us go hand in hand,
Back to the glistening holy town
In an ancient holy land.

Under the high winter stars
The old path still is bright,
So many have wandered and missed the way,
Let us go back tonight.

They have laughed at faith that was clean and strong,
God help us lest that faith grow dim.
Oh, let us go back the old lost road
Let us go back to Him.

—*Grace Noll Crowell.*

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Sentence Sermons From Commencement Addresses

The ability to interpret life is particularly needed today owing to the multitude of conflicting philosophies which are competing for the loyalties of youth.—Dr. Georgia Harkness to Greensboro College students.

Not knowledge, but the love of knowledge, and the desire to acquire and use it for the benefit of others, characterize the educated man.—Dr. Sidney C. Garrison to Wake Forest students.

You must join forces with Christ's purposeful minority in order that you may change things in our day.—Dr. S. L. Stealy to Meredith College students.

You must avoid the philosophy of irresponsibility; getting merely for the sake of possessing, and ignoring the disastrous results is endangering our social order. — Dr. G. I. Humphries to the students of High Point College.

Battles are always lost by blasted morals.—Dr. J. B. Craven to Greensboro High School students.

The past prepares us for future tasks; we should look forward as we approach the problems of life.—Dr. Stanley Harrell to Elon College students.

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The Sermon of the Daily Life

Some one said "If you sift religion down to its essence you will find that its chief purpose is to help men to know real life and to live it satisfactorily to themselves, to God and to their fellowman." We presume there are few Christian people, who will disagree with that statement. While much has been said about the creed of the Christian, the importance of right belief, it is also admitted that living the right sort of life is likewise important. Faith without works is a very poor emphasis on the Christian way of life.

The church, the home, the shop, the community life, affords laboratories in which the Christian can try out the values of his faith. If it works well in all these situations, it must be worth keeping. But if our faith cannot stand the testing it necessarily receives in the home, the shop and the social contacts in daily living, it would as well be discarded and a new faith found. The ascetic feared to test and preferred his salvation by daily contact with the worldly affairs about him; he found a cloister where he could live alone and prove his profession in the absence of the rest of the world. But Jesus was not an ascetic. He never hesitated to contact people because they were not so good. His enemies said, "He receiveth sinners and eateth with them." We sometimes wonder if too much of modern Christianity is not ascetic; lives to itself and lets the world go by. We often emphasize the words of the prophet "come ye out from among them and be ye separate," and forget that Jesus really enjoyed going about among people daily, none of whom could approach Him in the goodness of their deeds or even in their intentions. It was by such a manner of life that Jesus made salvation known and effective with those who never in all their lives had possibly given much thought to God or to the manner of living a good life.

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Facing a Great Opportunity

The other day a member of the former M. E. Church South said, "the Methodist Protestants got more out of the Methodist merger than either of the other participating denominations." Without debating that statement, let me say that if it is true as was said, then there has come to the members of the former M. P. Church the greatest opportunity for real service they have ever faced. The opportunity of entering into this larger fellowship, so many times larger than they formerly shared, will certainly be fruitful of great joy and spiritual exaltation. To be able to enter into the many fields of service which were opened to us by the Uniting Conference should make the consciousness that the world is our parish grow daily in our appreciation. What has come to us is difficult to describe and may require much time for us to fully realize. But we are not altogether insensible to their values. And we do know that everything which has come to us as a blessing from the Uniting Conference has brought to us responsibilities to which we heretofore may have been total strangers. And because these have now entered into our lives we can no longer live detached from any one of them.

To have a knowledge of the wide areas where the Methodist missionary daily witnesses for Christ can but warm our hearts and open our purses to Christian missions as never before. To know something of the scores of schools and colleges where the youth from Methodist homes receive their training for life service surely must make us more education-minded. But what shall we say of the hundreds of hospitals not only in our own land but in many lands, which invite the sick to seek health under their roofs; and many orphanages where the homeless may find shelter, love, protection and fitting for useful careers? Shall not all these by the story of their need make us more eager to send our gifts to them so that we too may share in their wonderful service? Yes, we former members of the Methodist Protestant Church face a wonderful opportunity for larger Christian service in the Methodist Church and let us also feel the larger responsibility which we must now share with all who would keep the Methodist Church going strong on all its fronts.

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New Features Presented In The Methodist Church

The Jurisdictional Conference; there are six of them in the Methodist Church. Delegates to these conferences are chosen on the basis of one for every thirty ministers in the Annual Conference; one lay and one ministerial delegate.

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The One-Board Plan for Missions; the Foreign Missions, the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the Woman's Home Missionary Society, the Wesleyan Service Guild, the Ladies' Aid Societies, the deaconess work, etc. are to operate under this one board. There are four divisions; 1, Foreign Missions; 2, Home Missions and Church Extension; 3, Woman's Division of Christian Service; 4, Joint Division of Education and Cultivation. We will take some time to become thoroughly acquainted with these organizations and the way they are to be operated, but we believe a wise step in advance is taken in this set-up.

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The Herald For One Dollar

We believe we shall receive a general response to our proposition to send the Herald until November first for one dollar. All former Methodist Protestants should make much use of the Herald these remaining months. And then if someone at every church will take a little time to do it, the subsidy requested of that church can be secured; this will surely help us most wonderfully. We are anxious to close up the year with as little deficit as possible. And the plans proposed will help much in doing this.

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WORLD'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETS IN AFRICA

The World's Sunday School Association has issued an official call for the thirteenth world's Sunday school convention, to be held in the city of Durban in the province of Natal, Union of South Africa, on July 28, 1940. This will mark the first representative gathering of world Christian leaders ever to assemble upon the continent of Africa, and the one hundredth anniversary of the departure in 1840 of David Livingstone from his home in Blantyre, Scotland, to make his first journey to that dark continent.

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High Point College, June 5-10

Dear Brethren:

The plans for our school are complete. We trust that you may find the "set-up" interesting and pleasing.

Seminary Course:

1. Jewish History and Literature Between the Testaments.—Dr. M. J. Shroyer.
2. The Conduct of Public Worship.—Dr. J. N. Link.

Classes begin Monday, June 5, 10 a. m.

Lecture Course:

1. Preaching from the Viewpoint of the Layman.—Mr. R. L. Pope.
2. The Next Step in Methodist Union.—Dr. Paul Neff Garber.
3. The Church from the Viewpoint of the Layman.—Mr. A. J. Kirby.

These lectures are open to the public. They follow, in the order listed, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Hour: 2 p. m.

Echoes from the Uniting Conference:

The Delegates and visitors. Friday, June 9, 2 p. m.

Business Meeting:

The Entire Conference. Friday, June 9, 3 p. m.

Evening Devotions:

Rev. J. C. Madison will direct these services each evening at 7 p. m.

Other Matters of Vital Importance:

1. Registration. Dr. Shroyer will have charge of this, as heretofore. Registrations will begin at 9 a. m. Monday. Charges will be the same as last year—$1.50 for those taking courses for credits; $1.00 for all not taking courses for credits. Superannuates are exempt from these charges.
2. Board and Lodging. Dr. Humphreys, President of the college, is making the small charge of $5.00 for the week—Monday noon to Saturday noon. Wives of pastors are entertained free of charge. Those who stay only a part of the time will be charge at the rate of $1.00 per day for meals, and 50 cents for lodging.
3. What To Bring: Bed covers, pillow cases, towels, etc. Those desiring to play, will bring tennis rackets. Provisions will be made for other games also.

Your directors have tried to arrange a program that will be highly helpful. We believe that this has been done. June 5-10 will certainly be a week of blessings. We are expecting a large number of Methodist pastors and their wives to be present.

J. E. Pritchard, J. B. Pegg, T. G. Madison, W. A. Parsons, E. G. Cowan, L. W. Hayes, S. W. Taylor, *Directors.*

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War in China has aided the spread of Christianity there, according to William P. Schell, secretary of the Presbyterian board of foreign missions. He explains that the war has led to the establishment of inland missions in remote points never before reached.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By O. L. EASTER

PAUL PLEADS HIS OWN CASE

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, June 4

By REV. O. L. EASTER

Lesson Text—Act 21:40; 22:4; 24:14-16; 26:19-23.

Golden Text—I have lived before God in all good conscience until this day.—Acts 23:1.

One of the glories of the Roman system in which even the Christian can glory was their justice in giving every citizen of Rome the privilege to plead his case in the courts of justice. However, in this present lesson we are led to say that still further than this, in Christianity everyone of its citizens who has lived before God in all good conscience has a case to plead that will in every event win him acquittal before the highest court of the Eternal Judge and in many cases will win appeal from even the carnolly-minded earthly judges as Agrippa or Felix.

Paul had some very dramatic and commanding points of argument in his case and he used them with brillant choice. He won the attention and respect of the Centurian by quietly asking, "Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned?" Insomuch that he went and told the chief captain, saying, "Take heed what thou doest; for this man is a Roman." Paul admitted that he was not only a Roman citizen but free born and used this means to frighten the captain of the guard in that he had been guilty of putting bonds upon a Roman citizen uncondemned. (Roman law said: "It is a crime to bind a Roman citizen; a heinous iniquity to scourge him; next to parricide to kill him!"). Thus for the moment things were going in Paul's direction. But was Paul trusting in these matters to effect his final acquittal for the offences whereof the Jews were accusing him? They had said to Felix that Paul was a pestilent fellow, a mover of sedition among the Jews of all the world. Not only Paul's life as a Christian with its true effect upon the religious life of the Jews could prove whether or not he was stirring up sedition or ushering in the salvation that every good Jew was clamoring to God to send. Thus Paul zealously won the privilege to present his case in person which was within itself his best argument. Every American Christian has priceless privileges written within his government's sacred laws which in nature and content far exceed in protection those which Paul claimed from Rome. But let us remember that the only real defense for Christianity is not a law, nor a book, but a life which is not disobedient to the heavenly vision which moved the early fathers to place that privilege there. Felix heard the case of these Jews and they told him what they knew about Christianity and he heard unconvinced. When Paul himself stood before him and reasoned with him in righteousness and judgment we are told that Felix trembled and sent him out of his sight for fear that his life would convince even him about this Christ.

"Thus oft it haps that when within
Men shrink at sense of sin
A feather daunts the brave;
A *fool's wild speech* confounds the wise,
And greatest princes veil their eyes
Before the meanest slave."

Sir Walter Scott
Marmion.

We then do well to claim our sacred rights of Christian freedom that are within the body of our law when to claim them serves to thrust us as Christian individuals out upon the stand to give just cause for the faith that is within us. But when that time has come we had better look well to our own selves to see that we have lived before God in all good conscience until this day. Our anxiety for acquittal must look not to Agrippa, nor Felix but to God, for even when all truth testifies to the judges of men that, in spite of all that your accusers have said, you went about doing good often they condemn you. Then your vindication comes only from heaven inasmuch as you were not disobedient to the *heavenly vision.* There is an old Huguenot device which represents men standing around an anvil striking it with their hammers, and others handing them new ones as fast as the ones used are broken on the anvil. Underneath is this legend:

"Strike away, ye rebels; your hammers may break but the anvil of God's word endures."

I am free born, says Paul, not so much by being a Roman as having become a Christian. Let the hammers of the rebels and the barbarian break the anvil of by Roman birthright; I still can claim my freedom—a freedom in the Kingdom of my God which no hammer can break.

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8,000,000 METHODISTS IN UNITING CONFERENCE LAUNCH FAR-REACHING EDUCATIONAL PLANS IN UNSWERVING WAR ON THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC

From: American Business Men's Research Foundation, 111 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

Kansas City, Special.—Calling for the establishment of a new and far-reaching world program against liquor and the liquor traffic, the United Conference of the Methodist Church, comprising 8,000,000 Christians, made a notable contribution to the history of the Reform in the action taken here, on May 3, creating a single Board of Temperance for the new United Church organizations, and setting forth that the purpose of the new plan was "to make more effectual the efforts of the Methodist Church in creating a Christian public sentiment and in crystallizing opposition to all public violations of the moral law."

The importance of the action taken, the declarations adopted and the frank discussion of the problem by distinguished church leaders before the great gathering assembled here for the forthnight ending May 10, 1939, were so notable that they are here epitomized by the American Business

Men's Research Foundation as, altogether, comprising an outstanding utterance in the progress of the reform.

The Uniting Conference made plain its constructive attitude toward the liquor problem by thus describing that the program and objectives of the newly created Board of Temperance would be:

''To promote by an intensive educational program including publication and distribution of literature, voluntary total abstinence from all intoxicants and narcotics; to promote observance and enforcement of constitutional provisions and statutory enactments which suppress the traffic in alcoholic liquors and in narcotic drugs; and to promote the speedy enactment of such legislation throughout the world.

''It shall be the object and duty of this Board also actively to seek the suppression of salacious and corrupting literature and degrading amusements, lotteries and other forms of gambling, and in every wise way to promote the public morals.

''The organization of the new Board of Temperance provides for a Board, the membership of which, in addition to a Bishop, minister, and one lay member elected from each jurisdictional Conference of the United Church, shall include ten members at large of which *five shall be women;* and provides besides for the creation in each sectional jurisdiction of a Board of Temperance auxiliary. It is prescribed that the membreship in each auxiliary shall include two laymen who ''shall be young people under the age of 25.''

''Under the title 'The Local Church' it is provided (a) that each pastor should actively promote a vigorous program of temperance education in all departments of his church or churches, and members of both the church and the church school should be pledged to total abstinence, and (b) that each pastor should present the cause of temperance on or near World Temperance Sunday and take a free will offering for the General Board of Temperance.''

Church Refuses To Modify Liquor Stand

Saturday, May 6, after a sharp discussion, the Uniting Conference refused to modify the section of the Church Discipline which makes local church action mandatroy against any member who uses alcoholic beverages or is found in any way implicated in the liquor traffic.

An attempt to change the verb from a stalwart ''shall'' to a passive ''may'' in a paragraph of the Church Discipline was overwhelmingly rejected by the Conference, the text of the paragraph adopted being as follows:

''A member of the church who, after private reproof and admonition by the pastor or class leader, persists in using, buying or selling intoxicating liquors as a beverage, or who signs a petition in favor of granting a license for the sale of such liquors, or who applies for a license for the sale of such liquors, or who as an attorney or otherwise procures a license for himself or another for the sale of such liquors, or who becomes bondsman of any person or persons engaged in such traffic, or who rents his property as a place in which or on which to manufacture or sell intoxicating liquors, shall be brought to trial, and if when found guilty, he envinces no purpose to amend, he shall be expelled.''

The Conference also unanimously approved a resolution presented by Dean James A. James of Northwestern University, a member of the body from Rock River Conference, and signed by fifty prominent Methodist leaders from every section of the United States, providing for suitable celebration of the centenary of the birth of Frances E. Willard, through special issues of the various Christian Advocates, and centenary services in every local church, on or about September 28, 1939, the birth date of the great humanitarian and temperance leader, who was also an honored and life long member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

INTELLIGENCE ON FIRE

By Bishop Chas. C. Selecman, Chairman, General Conference Commission on Evangelism

In recent months, being actively engaged in an organized effort to promote the spirit of evangelism in our Methodist Church, I have become more firmly convinced of the vital connection between the educational and evangelistic functions of the church. It is impossible to carry on successfully in either of these fields without the other. Teaching that stops short of winning disciples is an unfinished process. ''Take my yoke upon you'' is a necessary prerequisite to ''learn of me.''

Evangelism has been defined by Lynn Harold Hough as ''intelligence on fire.''

In the realm of religion intelligence and fire are joined and we may well say, ''Let no man put asunder.'' Intelligence without fire becomes cold, dead formalism. Can anything be more cold and dead than such a chuch? No wonder pews are empty and finances behind, and the lonely, languid group sings, ''Hosannas languish on our tongues and our devotion dies.''

On the other hand, fire without intelligence in this realm soon assumes the nature of fanaticism. Emotional outbursts unguided and unrestrained by truth soon bring religion under reproach of the thoughtful public. Noisy demonstrations are a poor substitute for intelligent discipleship.

Jesus was both evangelist and teacher. He preached repentance, faith and love. But he also taught as one having authority. By his parables and precepts he laid the foundation of personal character and proclaimed the Magna Charta of the kingdom of God.

Christian education and evangelism are not two traffic lanes that run parallel. They must overlap and permeate each other. For this reason my most fervert appeal is joined in this movement for the increase in church school enrollment. This work must go before evangelism and prepare the way of the Lord. It must accompany evangelism and thereby insure permanence, usefulness, growth and saintliness. Young disciples must be introduced to the curriculum of the school of Christ, that they may grow by ''the sincere milk of the word.'' By this means we will avoid the continued production of spiritual dwarfs—Orphan Annies who never grow up.

This year we celebrate Wesley's first field preaching, April 2, 1739. There is yet a call to go into the highways and hedges and bring them to the feast of life.

WITH THE POETS

Elizabeth Vera Idol

THE VISION OF SIR LAUNFAL

By James Russell Lowell

The youngest, as well as the most important, of the group of nineteenth century poets in New England was James Russell Lowell. Van Wyck Brooks says that he was the most intelligent young man in Cambridge, but his leading trait was a gift of pure enjoyment. "He could lie on his back for days on end, dreaming in the fragrant air or conning some Elizabeth poet." All of his reading, and he read widely, was done with the same gusto and passion. In his four-fold capacity as poet, critic, essayist, and scholar, his position in America is comparable to that of Matthew Arnold in English literature; as editor of the newly-founded *Atlantic Monthly* he was able to become literary dictator of America.

He seemed to be master of all poetic forms, ode, song, epigram, sonnet, narrative poem, elegy, and sonnet, and tried his hand at them all, but his poetry suffers from unevenness of poetic conception and style. Though he can never be called one of the world's first-rate poets, as a secondary poet he ranks high. There was in him, nevertheless, something of a "shadow-poet." He had steeped himself in Shelley and Keats, he was influenced by Byron, he was thrilled by Emerson, and it was Tennyson who gave him the model for *Sir Launfal.* Notwithstanding these limitations, however, Van Wyck Brooks gives a more or less conclusive summary of his place in literature in these words: "Everything that was rich and sunny, all that was loving, strong and true, in Lowell's heart and talent, spoke through his *Under the Willows* and *The Fountain of Youth, Sunthin' in the Pastoral Line,* the 'June' of *The Vision of Sir Launfal,*—with every leaf and blade 'some happy creature's palace.' The Lowell of May and June was the joyous Lowell, the poet and the lover, off-guard for once and all the time, transfigured with the coming of spring and summer."

The search for the Holy Grail was a favorite enterprise of the knights of King Arthur's court, but only a knight who was stainless and pure could succeed in finding it. So it was Sir Galahad in the Romances of King Arthur who was successful, and Tennyson made Sir Galahad the subject of one of the most exquisite of his poems.

The story of Lowell's version is familiar to all. The young knight who sets out in all the glory and magnificence of an untried and undaunted youth to search for the Holy Grail; the leper who crouched by his gate.

"Who begged with his hand and moaned as he sate,"

and the repulsion that the glowing youth felt for the foul beggar:

"So he tossed him a piece of gold in scorn."

But the leper refused the gold:

"He gives nothing but worthless gold
Who gives from a sense of duty."

The second part finds the knight an old man, his youth and zeal gone—

"An old, bent man, worn-out and frail,
He came back from seeking the Holy Grail";

Though the cross no longer was blazoned on his coat, deep in his soul he wore

"The badge of the suffering and the poor,"

and this time as the Christmas season draws near, and the chill pierced his thin raiment, he sighed for the warmer clime he had visited long ago in his search for the Holy Grail. Again he hears a cry,

"'For Christ's sweet sake, I beg an alms,'"

and Sir Launfal again sees a leper, more loathsome and grewsome than before. The knight has learned much since the first encounter,

"And Sir Launfal said,—'I behold in thee
An image of Him who died on the tree'";

and instead of flinging an alms to leprosie, he shared with him his coarse brown bread and gave him water out of a wooden bowl.

"Yet with fine wheaten bread was the leper fed,
And 'twas red wine he drank with his thirsty soul."

So Sir Launfal found the Holy Grail in the cup he had shared with the poor outcast, and the outcast himself stood revealed as the Son of God. And the "voice that was calmer than silence" spoke to him:

"The Holy Supper is kept indeed
In whatso we share with another's need;
Not what we give, but what we share—
For the gift without the giver is bare;
Who gives himself with his alms feeds thee,—
Himself, his hungering neighbor, and me."

The poem reaches its greatest height as poetry, however, not in the story itself and the lesson Lowell would have us learn, but in the description of spring and winter in New England. The chill and desolation of a bleak winter day as the old man returns, broken hearted and disappointed, are impressive; but the thrill and joy of every sight and sound of flower and leaf and bird of the spring, as the young man departs, are pictured in words that cannot be surpassed as incorporating the very breath and spirit of spring:

"'Tis heaven alone that is given away,
'Tis only God may be had for the asking;
There is no price set on the lavish summer;
And June may be had by the poorest comer.

And what is so rare as a day in June?
Then, if ever, come perfect days;
Then Heaven tries the earth if it be in tune,
And over it softly her warm ear lays:
Whether we look or whether we listen,
We hear life murmur, or see it glisten;
Every clod feels a stir of might,
An instinct within it that reaches and towers,
And, grasping blinding above it for light,
Climbs to a soul in grass and flowers."

DEVOTIONAL ADDRESS BY BISHOP FRANCIS J. McCONNELL AT THE UNITING CONFERENCE

A number of years ago I happened to pick up a copy of a monthly magazine. It had a title on one of the articles which immediately arrested my attention. The articles was entitled, ''The Rich Man's Heaven and the Poor Man's Hell.''

It turned out to be nothing but a travel sketch of an experience in one of the islands of the Caribbean Sea.

Going Back to the Jungle

It seemed that a traveler had disembarked from a steamer traveling in those waters and was intending to cross on foot a small island, the island probably ten miles across. He started on a path through the jungle and in the midst of the jungle thought he heard a voice. He turned and saw a woman standing at a gateway. There was a house, rather tumbled down. There were the remains of what had once been a fence; there was a gate off its hinges; there were creepers all over the house and the fence and it was very manifest that the house and everything around it was fast going back to the jungle.

"Poor Man's Hell; Rich Man's Heaven"

The woman came down to the pathway and talked to the passerby and told her story. It appeared she and her husband had been led by some advertising material to sell their property in Indiana and move down into one of the islands of those southern seas to raise tropical fruits.

The first year everything went well. Then the jungle began to creep in on them and finally the jungle indicated very clearly by all its creepers and the growth of its vegetation and even the growth of trees, it intended to take possession of the house. There they were, lost, in a sense, in that jungle, unable to get back; looking forward to a fate that seemed to them to be utter poverty and destitution.

She said, ''We haven't enough to fight the jungle,'' and then she added, ''The jungle is the poor man's hell.''

The traveler finished the journey, went down to the other side of the island where he was going to be entertained by friends. He found everything in order; houses splendidly screened; the steamship at the wharf to carry the tropical fruits to the United States; everything in perfect condition.

This man remarked to his host about the contrast and then the host added another sentence to the woman's statement which stated the whole truth. ''Yes,'' he said, ''the woman didn't have enough. In fighting a jungle, you have to have enough. You have to have enough money; you have to have enough power and if you have enough, even a jungle can become a rich man's heaven, whereas, if you haven't enough, it is a poor man's hell.''

We Can Hear Call of Wild in Ourselves

And I think the lesson is clear on the face of it. We live in the midst of a jungle of terrific power. Anybody who has ever been in a jungle knows the perfectly irresistible nature with which it can sweep on after the months and take possession of what has been for the moment taken from it.

The only secret in dealing with the jungle, of course, is to have force enough, immense force, to stand against it and finally conquer. I don't suppose it is illegitimate to refer to this life of ours as a good deal of a jungle. We hear the call of the wild in ourselves very often. If we think that we have conquered ourselves, all the evil temptations in us and everything else, we can step down to the edge of the jungle most any time and hear the wolf's call.

The only thing that will conquer in that situation is to get enough size. While we sometimes disparage size and say there is a kind of Philistinism in talking about size, nevertheless there are some things in this world that can only be conquered by size, by immensity of resource, and the religious impulse has to be joined with other impulses so as to bring about that massive attack upon the forces of this world.

A. D. Lindsay, principal of Baliol College, Oxford, came to this country a few years ago and delivered before our college a very remarkable series of addresses on the essentials of democracy. In those addresses, he laid down this principle, that the time had come with rapid means of communication, to say ntohing of the growth of populations, in which democracies, like those of the United States and of England which are so great, can't be controlled, except for the moment, by the utterance of any one man, that any man who can make an impression upon a democracy has to have back of him an organized sentiment, that the more massive that sentiment the better.

Organization Necessary to Advance Causes Today

Of course, he said, through the radio one man can do something at a particular time, but his words have to find an organization back of them to support him—the statement of the truth which he is trying to make.

There was a day, back in the 18th century, when a man like Edmund Burke or William Pitt could stand before an audience of 250 people in the House of Commons and sway the destinies of England. That cannot be done now. The sentiment has to be more massive than that. Lindsay went on to say that the future of democracy lies with the free associations in states, the growth big enough to enforce their will, at least to bring their conceptions, to the attention of a hundred million people.

Then he spoke of the churches. He spoke of labor organizations and scientific organizations, but, he said, without any regard to theolological considerations at all, the time has come when the churches have to look upon themselves as the defenders of spiritual ideals on their social side, and they can only do that as they mass their forces, doing together the things they can do together and remaining separate for the things of their own that they can do separately.

War a Problem Requiring Large Resistance

The more you think it through the more you see that truth. The problems before us are great problems of the universal type that can be met only by large resistance. Take this problem of war that we are hearing so much about. If it isn't the jungle force, what is it? It is perfectly terrific in its power, and if we think that the war spirit is going to be conquered by just picking out people with whom we will associate, and uttering our thoughts about war, and not doing anything that really makes a massive appeal, we are utterly mistaken—the jungle will get us and we will go back to the law of the jungle. We have to stand beside every man who has at least this much of elementary humanity in him, that he will protest against treating human beings in the way war treats human beings at the present time.

Take the conquest of the social order. The same thing is true. The forces that determine the social order are deep in us. They are no accidents of an organization, they are no accidents of constitution that have been made. They are no accidents of anything superficial. They have to deal with profound instincts and feelings in the human heart, and though a system in any particular time may be only of comparatively short duration in the life of humanity—the present capitalistic system, for example, is only about 160 years old, as we know it—nevertheless nothing can exist through 160 years and determine the forces of man, through its own channels, unless there is might behind it. We have to have something that is more than the utterance of words and more than the thrilling of our nerves or sensibilities and experience, or merely beautiful dreams which we look at as dreams. We have to have something that has size, something that weighs, something that has a tremendous inertia about it when it once gets to going. And we have to think of the whole Gospel in those terms.

Size Changes Many Things

I say it becomes something else, then, a merely boasting in a materialistic fashion about size. Size is sometimes something that changes even the quality of things, yet beyond a certain point in your size everything changes.

For that reason, I think of this Conference as having not only a real, but a symbolic significance. It is a massing of the forces. We may not have been conscious of it. We may not have planned it out. We may not have any very definite ideas here as to what this is all about. Some of us haven't. We think of it simply in terms of organization, but just the same, if we can get together an organization of eight millions of people, with even the most elementary understanding of what the Kingdom of God is, we have a force there that begins to take on the power in itself.

And we need large ideas for it. Most heresies, the trouble with them is not that they are false, they are not false, they aren't big enough, that is all. There are some conceptions of Christ at the present time. We have heard them referred to, dealing with Christ simply as a prophet on the ordinary human scale. That is true as far as it goes. Man is not a heretic in one sense that believes that. The trouble with that is it simply isn't big enough, that is all. You can't get out on it. You can't put to sea on it. If you are going to have a view like that, you must stay close to shore, because it won't do much if you get out into the storm, and so it is with any conception.

Religious Conceptions Have Failed Because Not Big Enough

Almost all of the religious conceptions that have failed have failed not because of an inherent falsity but because they weren't big enough. The ideas of the universe are expanding. Twenty-five years ago men said we had learned about all we could, at least in outline, as the teachings of physics. For example, that is all broken open in twenty-five years, in the name of a larger universe. So we have to look for these larger conceptions.

Immortality, if it doesn't contemplate man in massive terms, isn't worthy. The immortality of a few choice souls trickling on like little brooks into Eternity—what does that amount to? You have to think of humanity in terms of a Gulf Stream. There is a passage in the Book of Revelation that has always been to me very significant, though I think my exegesis of it is wrong. There is nothing wrong, however, in having a wrong exegesis if you tell the people it is wrong before you start. So I have told you!

The expression is: "Salvation unto our God who sitteth on the throne." Let him have something of the benefits of salvation. Is the world redeemed? Here is every kindred people and tongue standing before the throne clad in white robes and palms in the hand, and then the cry comes, "Salvation unto our God, who sitteth on the throne." Now that sin is away, now that men are redeemed, let him have a chance to see and show what he can do with the saved humanity. Let him have some of the benefits of salvation.

Yet this exegesis is probably wrong. I have tried to find some commentator that would bear me out and never could. Nevertheless there must be something of an element of truth in it, something of size.

When Size Is Beauty

If you get the right ideas about size, that it isn't the mere size of the emptiness and the mere expanse of nothing in particular then when you get hold of that there comes a change in the quality of things. The beauty of the sea, largely, is that it is so big. You can stand by the seaside and see the changing tints, the blues and the grays; the varying moods of the sea are reflected before you. You can stoop then by the wave of the sea and dip up a glassful of the water and hold it up between you and the light and there is nothing of the coloring there. Is is just plain water.

What makes the glory of the sea? It is the sky over it, the immensity of the sky. And you can't catch the glory of the sky in a glass that you can hold in your hand. You have to have something bigger than that, and the sea by its very bigness gives us colors that can be found nowhere else.

And so let us get the right idea, the right attitude toward it all, and size itself becomes not very important. Majesty is impossible without a thought of size, splendor in some respects is impossible. The glorious colorings of the universe are impossible without size, and so with some revelations of the upper skies. Some of the glories of the upper skies will come to us as we get the United Christian body big enough to catch those colorings and show them forth to the sons of men.

Coming back to the figure of speech which came out of the illustration I used, it is our task in this world to transform a jungle into a Paradise. To do that, we have to have something that has mass and size.—*Daily Christian Advocate.*

Justice is as strictly due between neighbor nations as between neighbor citizens. A highwayman is as much a robber when he plunders in a gang as when single; a nation that makes an unjust war is a great gang.—*Benjamin Franklin.*

MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS TO THE METHODIST CHURCH

(*This message is to be ready in every Methodist Church on Sunday, June 4, 1939, or as near thereto as possible*).

The Methodists of America have entered into a new sense of brotherhood. They have consummated the largest union of Protestant Christians ever achieved. The full significance of what has occurred is beyond our present understanding; only eternity can properly evaluate the deeper meaning of what we have here done.

Of greater significance than the act of union is the result of union. The spiritual oneness so conspicuous at the Uniting Conference must be made to permeate the whole body of Methodism. Out of this union must spring a new and more intense loyalty to our Wesleyan heritage. Above all, this Methodist Church must immediately project a program of service commensurate with its latent powers and its unparalleled opportunity.

In the providence of God our Churches have come together at a moment of world crisis. In every land there is perplexity; and fear. The priceless values of life are everywhere threatened. Never in modern times was there such an imperative demand for the proclamation and application of the Gospel. At the very instant of its new birth, The Methodist Church is faced with a challenge to summon all men to behold the redemptive power which has always been resident in the eternal Christ.

The burden of our duty in this hour has been upon our hearts. In response to inner promptings, no less than to the request of the Conference, your Bishops express the need for a mighty resurgence of spiritual life and its inevitable moral overflow, and their willingness to help lead the Church in a movement to bring about its consummation.

Such a forward movement should be all-inclusive, and should be dynamic, inspirational and educational in nature and method. It should involve a dissemination among our people of information concerning the history, genius, theology, policy and program of Methodism.

It should inculcate a new loyalty to all our institutions. It should interpret unification to our people and weld them together in understanding, sympathy and a sense of fellowship. It should emphasize our world-wide missionary enterprise and stimulate the passion to evangelize all peoples.

It should promote Christian stewardship and bring about a greater liberality for the larger benevolent work of our Church. It should lay bare the social and personal sins of our time and call men to repentance and reformation. It should place emphasis upon personal religious experience and seek to revive in the hearts of our people the seeking spirit of the compassionate Christ.

Such a movement must be more than a temporary enterprise of an inspirational nature. Its foundations must be wide and deep; its cultivation fundamental and constant. The best of our thought and the most competent advice we can secure shall be devoted to projecting the details of a plan, which in due time will be announced to the Church. With the hearty and unselfish cooperation of all our preachers, people and organizations, the movement contemplated should bring the Church to its first General Conference having witnessed a revival of deep religious experience, with all its forces mobilized for the inauguration of the third century of vital Methodism.

No cause is forlorn with Christ at its head. We look up and behold the morning. Christ is out on the highways of the world's needs. No ingenuity of wickedness, no indifference or scorn of men can stop His unceasing march of redemption. We resolve anew to evade no peril and to seek no discharge from the tasks, but take our appointment way with Him until the gospel has been given in its uniqueness and redeeming power to all men.

We will rejoice in Thy salvation and in the name of our God we will set up our banner.

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THE HOME IN A CHANGING WORLD

Much has been said about the effects of social changes, and of modern city life in particular, upon the family, and the point can hardly be overemphasized. The social order must be shaped for the family rather than the family shaped by unfavorable elements in the social situation. Indeed, there is no better approach to social questions than from the angle of the family.

Until our economic arrangements are more closely geared to the needs of our homes we shall have neither a mature nor a stable social order. When millions of young people have to delay their marriages because of economic insecurity, it is a grave symptom of social ill-health. When even more millions of young people look out upon a world which seems to offer neither a job nor a fair prospect of a home of their own, some of the roots of idealistic impulse and of force of character are sure to wither.

Harmony and security in the home are first and necessary steps to harmony and security in the wider realm of society. Homes that are tense, chaotic and insecure increase the disharmony, the chaos and the insecurity of the world. Homes in which the members learn to be peace-makers one with another, produce the sort of people without whom world peace cannot be. Homes which inculcate and practice respect for the rights of others provide a groundwork on which social justice among groups and nations can be founded.

Our problem, then, is not merely one of adjustment of the family to social changes but of framing a social policy which shall be favorable to the home, and under which the home itself shall be able most effectively to fulfill its high educational task of developing those attitudes and types of behavior which will contribute to the constructive and harmonious interaction of groups and nations.

—*Federal Annual Bulletin.*

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Henry Ward Beecher is credited with this proverb: "In this world it is not what we take up, but what we give up, that makes us rich." Beecher was expressing the truth of Christ when he said that. The rich young ruler who came to Christ "had been taking up." Christ longed for the young ruler's real enrichment, and so He told him to quit "taking up" and go and "give up" and he would be rich.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

SUMMERTIME OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Topic for June 4, 1939

By REV. RAYMOND W. WHITE

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, May 29—Making the Most Time. I Pet. 1:13-19.

Tuesday, May 30—Necessity of Rest. Mark 6:30, 31.

Wednesday, May 31—Diligence Enjoined. Heb. 6:10-12.

Thursday, June 1—Harvesting in Summer. John 4:35, 36.

Friday, June 2—A Lesson in Industry. Prov. 6:6-11; 30:25.

Saturday, June 3—Godliness, a Growing Tree. Ps. 1:1-3.

The Text—Ps. 8:1-9.

To the Leader

This is the first of a series of two topics on "Getting the Most from Summer." We usually look upon summertime as a time of vacation, but it also offers unique opportunities for Christian development. At this time of the year we are making plans for our vacations. Many will be tempted to put aside obligations to the church, to reading, to personal culture, and to worship, public and private. This meeting provides a chance to counteract this harmful trend by pointing out a Christian's opportunity for making a vacation a spiritual retreat as well as a physical rest. Emphasize our summer camps, schools, conferences, youth assemblies, local church programs, and community enterprises. Show that everyone should get somewhere in Christian experience during summertime.

Questions for the Open Forum

1. Of what value is a vacation? For what intended?
2. How and where may a Christian spend a vacation?
3. What summertime amusements are questionable?
4. Should a church be closed in summertime? Reasons.
5. Does summertime afford good opportunities for making friendships? Reasons.
6. Should recreation be substituted for worship? Reasons.
7. What kind of reading can you suggest for summertime?
8. What can you suggest as a means of commendable personal culture for summertime?
9. What does the church offer in the way of a wholesome summertime program?
10. What should be a Christian's attitude toward worship, public and private, during summer months?
11. What service can Christians render during summer?
12. What can you suggest as a profitable summer program for a Christian?

The Poets

It's the heart where the Summer is molded,
  And women the magical blue,
And always a glory is folded—
  That waits but a welcome from you,
The world is the world that you make it,
  A dungeon, a desert, a bower;
The sunshine is falling and song birds are calling
  f only the heart is in flower.
—Frederick Langbridge.

I read
In a book
Where a man called
Christ
Went about doing good.
It is most disconcerting
To me
That I am so easily
Satisfied
With just
Going about.
—George Small.

Little Gems

Innocent recreation will help me; but any pleasure impairing my moral and spiritual energy is wrong, and should be avoided.—J. Agar Beet.

Never go any place from where you would be unwilling to be called to your eternal home.—Herbert Moninger.

As a countenance is made beautiful by the soul's shining through it, so the world is beautiful by the shining through it of God.—Jacobi.

Many people leave their religion behind when they go on their vacation, but there is no time when we need it so much. People are not in so great danger when they are busy with their work. It is when we are idle or seeking pleasure that we face the most serious danger. It is then we need to realize the presence of God. Rest for our bodies will do us little good if we dissipate our souls.—Rev. Gordon H. Baker.

Topic Hints

Christian Growth: "Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ," said Peter. The Christian should grow as any living organism. Perfection is not reached at conversion. Day by day, facing and overcoming temptation, the Christian grows in the likeness of Christ. In the spiritual growth, spiritual nourishment and exercise are needed and needed regularly. While the Christian has a perfect right to enjoy a vacation, he should not neglect the things that made him and keep him Christian. His greatest enjoyment should be in things accompanied by the Spirit of the living God lest his spiritual growth be hindered.

Vacation: Summer is the time of vacations. The office and the shop are deserted while sea-horses and tourists' camps are crowded. The school room is emptied and students turn away to various activities of their choice. Commercial concerns offer their wares of every description to the vacationist. Their greatest interest is in making enough profits in three months to pay them a salary for the whole year. Inherent values are seldom considered. The Christian must have a very keen judgment in making a choice from what the summer market-place has to offer. He must know the difference between bees and beetles and be able to distinguish butterflies from moths. His choice should be in the interest of spiritual growth.

A Change: To most people a vacation means a change. They do not hesitate to say, "I want a change." One readily sees the desire of the heart may or may not be wholesome. What is it we want to change from? What do we want to change to? Certainly we desire a change of environment but this should not mean a choice of a worse. We hope for a change of companionship but our choice should not be morally lower. We would like to make a change in doing things but we should never desire to engage in a conduct which would in every way make us unfit to return to duty. Whatever the change might be, our vacations should build up within us resources which will make us better workmen when we return. Vacations should prepare us for vocations.

The Church: The Church is a lighthouse for weary sailors. The rays of light from God's Word never cease to shine in an effort to dispel the darkness of men. The church-windows are opened wide and her servants are ever at work in an effort to keep Christians off the rocks of destruction. She not only gives instruction but offers opportunity to the end that a growing soul might be nourished. She creates and promotes a fellowship that Christian might enjoy the privileges of a wholesome social life. The leadership of the church has considered the need of a summer program that her members might not turn to paganism. These programs provide a wholesome change and promise a spiritual growth.

Opportunities: Summertime offers the opportunity for making new friends and renewing old friendships; for giving special attention to physical, mental, and spiritual health; for catching up on reading good literature; for exploring nature and there reading God's message on every stone and leaf; for attending summer conferences, conventions, camps, institutes, and youth assemblies; for preparing for a larger field of Christian service; for doing some special Christian service. In all these things one finds opportunity for spiritual growth. Neither must we neglect the local church. There are no greater opportunities for Christian service than those to be found in the local church in the summertime. The average church program for the summertime is a fright. People who never go on vacations excuse themselves from worship and work. Such programs and excuses are not for the glory of God nor the growth of the Children of God. As Christians, we should give greater attention to our church when the world and weak church members are least concerned about her.

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EXPANDING HORIZONS

No phrase could be more fittingly descriptive of desirable intellectual and spiritual development. The horizons of our lives are continually expanding. Our minds are ever reaching out in quest for truth, and our souls are enjoying larger adventures. This is a picture of Christianity at its best. It is not a prohibitive influence which limits the aspirations of man, but rather a dynamic influence which points to larger and better adventures.—From the Daily Christian Advocate.

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A writer in an English paper describes Sunday as "The Day of Unrest," with airplanes overhead and a cyclone of internal combustion engines rushing madly to the coast. Growing dissatisfaction with the hurry and jam is sending some people back to church.—Ex.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro.—We have been doing around over at St. Paul's. First of all, we bought some new song books, a complete assortment of worship and Sunday school songs. Then we have been holding for the past two weeks (and expect to continue another week yet) a very profitable and enjoyable singing class. We have been able to get a very good teacher who has improved our choir quite a bit. We have learned more of the fundamentals of music than we have had an opportunity to learn before.

One of our members, Mr. Bob Andrews, a brother of Mrs. G. F. Millaway, died as a result of an automobile accident two weeks ago. Our sincere sympathy goes out to his wife, son, and sister.

Our revival meeting is scheduled to begin the first week in June. Our pastor, whom we all consider the most able to be found, is doing to do the preaching for us. We cordially invite everyone to attend. Your presence will be appreciated. Come on over to St. Paul's and enjoy our fine spirit.

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Chapel Hill, Davidson Charge, Rev. W. H. Neese, Pastor.—Just a short report to tell you of our Third Sunday Rally, which was held at this church. We had a beautiful day and the church was almost filled. Our speakers for the morning were Dr. J. E. Pritchard and Miss Bruce Smith. They both made splendid talks. At the noon hour dinner was served in the grove.

The afternoon speakers were Rev. John Cagle, Mrs. Van Surratt, and Rev. J. T. Bowman. We were indeed glad to have the Thomasville and the Asheboro quartets with us. Their songs were well rendered and enjoyed very much by all.

The Woman's Auxiliary met May 16 with Mrs. Wade Surratt as hostess. Mrs. Penn Russell conducted the devotional. Our next meeting will be held Saturday night, June 17, with Mrs. Van Surratt. We feel that our auxiliary is doing good work. We want the prayers of all the people that we may carry on the Master's work in the right way.

Our prayers and best wishes go out to those who are sick and have been sick. May they soon recover and be able to meet with us again.

MRS. A. C. HARRIS, Reporter.

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First Church, Thomasville, J. T. Bowman Pastor. — Accepting the truth of the Chinese proverb that one picture is worth ten-thousand words, I presume that one report with news is worth a dozen without news, so I find myself secluded in a corner of my home desperately trying to think of a few of the many important things which have happened in our church said the reporter last took inventory. It is not surprising that as I glance down my "jot 'em down" book that I at once see too many items to report very completely; I will, however, mention enough to justify the assertion that all is well.

The interest in the various activities of the church is fine. Just one visit to the Men's or Women's Bible classes would convince you that something is going on that is worthwhile for the attendance is such that it looks like we'll have to have a new church.

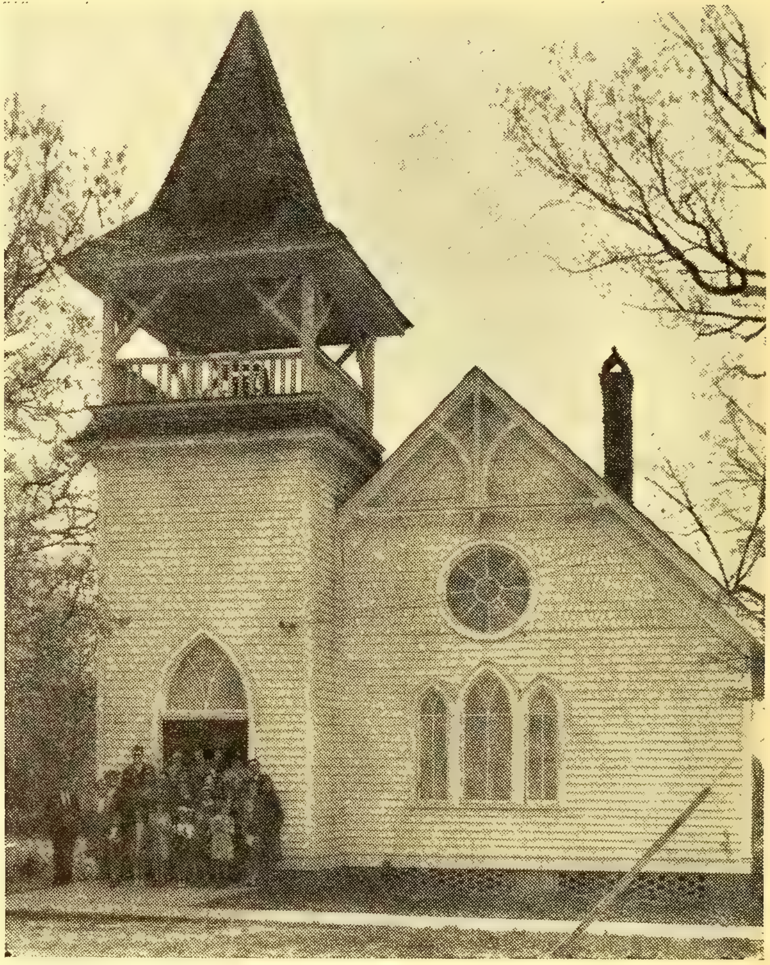
Much credit is due Mrs. A. H. Ragan and Mrs. Will Leonard, the teachers of these classes. The other classes are progressing nicely under the new plan of two teachers to the class. The experienced teacher sits back and nods her approval or disapproval, while a young and rather awkward but intelligent apprentice does the work.

Our Woman's Auxiliary is really one to be proud of. In fact, circles two and three have reported their budgets raised in full, and circle one has only a few more dollars until they will be out also. In behalf of the members I say that we'll be hard to handle the last eleven months with no money to raise.

Admirable commentary is brewing among our congregation for having gone over the top in the Appreciation Year fund. Some were heard to say, "It can't be done," or "Such a thing is impossible," but our precious and dependable membership proved that anything is possible in the work of our Lord.

The Scout troop of the church is well organized and is a beneficial factor to the community. Hats off to Mr. Luther Myers, scoutmaster, and Mr. Tom Lloyd, assistant scoutmaster.

It is indeed a healthy pleasure to announce those graduating this spring—Misses Helen Varner and Clarice Baity from Thomasville



LITTLETON METHODIST CHURCH (Former M. P. Church)

This church was organized something like forty years ago. Rev. C. H. Whitaker was the first pastor, and we believe the organizer. It has served the community well, considering the conditions under which it has carried on. The membership was never large, nor were the congregations large in attendance upon the services. It has had some of our best men as pastors who ministered there. This, we believe, is a complete list of all who served the church since its organization: Revs. C. H. Whitaker, H. L. Powell, J. H. Hartsell, S. W. Taylor, R. C. Stubbins, J. A. Ledbetter, C. J. Edwards, W. E. Swain, D. M. Loy, J. B. O'Briant, N. M. Harrison, M. I. Crutchfield, C. I. Smith, T. M. Johnson, R. L. Vickery, P. E. Bingham, J. H. Trolinger, and D. D. Broome .

High, Miss Mary Alma Teague from Hasty, and Opal Wood from Fairgrove; along with quite a number from the seventh grades. To these graduates we extend our sincere wishes for a successful and happy future.

Many of our little folk are suffering with the measles at this time. May God help them to a speedy recovery.

Now that United Methodism is a fact, I find that I am just one big question mark personified. Are you like me? I hope that in the next few days somebody who understands this thing will write a book explaining just what will become of this and that, and what will my church be called, and so forth and so on.

In closing I quote John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me."

MRS. J. KNOX TEAGUE.

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Women's Auxiliary, Vickery Church.—The auxiliary met at its regular meeting with Miss Eddie Holton. The president, Mrs. R. R. Winslow, called the meeting to order, and the first thing on the program was a song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer." The devotional service was read by Mrs. Ben Pentecost, and prayer by one of our visitors, Miss Bessie Mae Willard. Mrs. Joel B. Trogdon, our pastor's wife, gave us a very interesting talk on "Thy Kingdom Come," commenting on the devotion that was read, the 13th chapter of Matthew. Her most interesting and instructive talk was enjoyed by all the members.

The regular business part of the meeting was carried on as usual. It has been decided to have the Monroe Brothers to put on a program at Union Hill school near High Point the 19th of May.

Mrs. Trogdon closed our meeting with a prayer. The leader for our next meeting will be Mrs. Charles Northam, and we will meet at Mrs. Oliver Kirkman's for our next meeting.

MRS. R. R. WINSLOW, President.

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Shiloh, Shiloh Charge, Rev. C. E. Ridge, Pastor.—Home-coming and memorial day was observed at Shiloh May 21, and proved to be an especially good day throughout. The Sunday school attendance was 321; of this number 39 were visitors. At the 11 o'clock hour Mr. Rridge preached the memorial sermon. Scripture lesson was the 1st chapter of Peter. The male chorus sang "In the City of God," dedicated to the memory of Rev. J. A. Young, and Rev. C. A. Pickens, former pastors who are buried in this cemetery. Also this song was dedicated to the memory of Rev. R. S. Troxler, who has passed to the Great Beyond since last year. Mrs. Grey Davis sang a solo in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Obediah Waitman. Miss Blanche Sink read obituaries for deceased members, and floral tributes were presented by the following: Miss Julia Waitman for brother, Frank Waitman; Miss Gladys Evans for grandafather, Madison Fritts; Mrs. Wade Walser for father, Luther Shoaf; Miss Annie Lee Leonard for uncle, Webb Craver. The intermediate girls' quartet sang "Some Sweet Day." The congregation marched to the cemetery where the meorial service was concluded.

The afternoon service was devoted to the home-coming program. Special music was furnished by the male quartet of the Second Presbyterian church of Lexington. Mr. Ray Leatherman gave the address of welcome, and Mr. H. Luther Leonard gave the response. A splendid home-coming address was given by Hon. Rupert T. Pickens of Greensboro. A very large crowd was in attendance throughout the day.

The first Sunday in June the election of delegate to the annual conference will be held.

The fourth Sunday in June at 11 o'clock the monthly prayer service will be held.

Continue to pray for us.

MRS. KYLE SINK, Reporter.

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Palestine, Flat Rock Charge, May 22.—Our pastor, Rev. J. A. Burgess, missed his first appointment at Palestine during his pastorate Sunday. Pastor Burgess being sick, our local preacher, Rev. G. A. Middleton, filled his appointment with a good message. Brother "Gus" being known and liked by all our people, it is always a pleasure to hear him.

We are anxious about our pastor, and hope he is not seriously ill.

L. A. Tucker, father of the writer, suffered an attack of high blood pressure and fell four weeks ago. He was able to attend service Sunday.

Miss Helen Walker, one of the young girls of Palestine, is a patient in a Greensboro hospital. Helen is an older sister of little Attie Walker, who was so seriously sick, and stayed in the hospital such a long time back in the winter. The girls of Mr. D. A. Walker, Miss Margaret Tucker, and Brother Lee and Miss Louise Cable have recently had measles. There may be other members who have had measles, but I do not have the names.

GRACE R. TUCKER, Reporter.

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Cedar Cliff Church, Rev. J. R. Anderson, Pastor.—The annual home-coming day was held at our church on Sunday, May 14, with a large attendance. This service proved to be the best yet. We were pleased to have with us our former pastor, Rev. L. E. Mabry, who delivered our morning address, along with our pastor. We would never feel our service complete without a talk from Rev. Mr. Anderson. Dinner on the grounds was enjoyed by everyone. The afternoon service was taken up with singing by various quartets, directed by Mr. R. P. Smith, of Liberty. This day will always be a pleasant memory to recall.

Mitchell Payne, who has been sick for some time, will return to Duke hospital this week. We offer our prayers for his recovery and for his return to his home and his church.

Our Sunday school will meet at 10 o'clock Sunday morning instead of 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon as usual, owing to the fact that our pastor will be with his memorial service at Belmont. Our prayers and best wishes are for a good day there.

FLORA COOPER, Reporter.

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Kernersville-South Winston, May 29.—The attendance and interest, also the work in general, at all the churches on this charge have been about as usual since our last report to the Herald. We held special Mother's Day services at Kernersville and South Winston churches. During the month of June we will hold the election of delegate to the next annual conference at all the churches.

A special service was held at the Kernersville church Sunday, May 7, at 7:45 p.m., when the Kernersville Post of the American Legion attended the service in a body. The writer, who is a member of the American Legion organization in Kernersville, delivered the sermon on the theme, "Loyalty to God and to Country." The Pine Grove quartet sang during the service.

The May meeting of Circle No. 1 of the Ladies' Aid society of the Kernersville church was held at the parsonage Tuesday night of last week, with Mrs. C. B. Way as hostess. Mr. Way conducted the devotional service and also a brief program, after which Mrs. J. W. Corum, the president, took charge of the business session. The Ladies' Aid society, composed of two circles, will have a booth at the Kernersville Fourth of July celebration. At the conclusion of the meeting, the hostess served refreshments to eleven members and four visitors. Mrs. Ernie Wilson will be hostess to the June meeting of Circle No. 1, which will be held Tuesday night, June 20.

The pastor and family have received a number of gifts for our dining table in recent weeks. We appreciate very much the gifts and the spirit in which they were given. The gifts came from members and friends of the churches. An amount of money was received from one person not a member. May each one be rewarded with a spiritual blessing.

C. B. WAY, Pastor.

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Concord, Saxapahaw Charge, Rev. M. C. Henderson, Pastor.—Work is moving on very nicely here.

We have a newly organized C. E. society of young boys and girls that are doing fine work. This society meets each Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock, while the older people meet at the church for prayer services. Mrs. Grey Hargrove is leading the C. E. society. We appreciate her leadership very much.

The school house that stands near the church has recently been wired and plans are under way to paint and repair it so as to make it an attractive place to hold socials, as well as for Sunday school rooms.

The Ladies' Auxiliary plans to hold their next meeting there.

Memorial Services will be held at this church the first Sunday morning in June at the 11 o'clock hour. We are inviting any one who wishes to come and be with us at this service. There will be only morning services.

Concord church, Saxapahaw charge, will hold its memorial service the first Sunday in June at the 11 o'clock hour. Everyone who wishes to come has an invitation.

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Mt. Pleasant, North Davidson Charge, O.B. Williams, Pastor.—It is a pleasure to report that we are getting along rather well at present. Attendance is good, and Brother Williams has been bringing us some really splendid messages all along. Both he and Mrs. Williams cooperate to the fullest extent in everything that we undertake to do, for which we are very grateful.

Our annual memorial service was held last Sunday, and the program throughout the day was rich both in fellowship and in spiritual blessings. The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. E. L. Mumford, pastor of the Liberty Baptist church. It was a splendid message, in which he stressed the building of a living monument while we are living here; a monument which will be a light and a strength to help some weaker person along, a monument worthy of the respect and admiration of those with whom we come in contact. Also during the morning worship service, Mrs. Williams sang a beautiful solo. Special music in the afternoon was rendered by the Fairgrove Quartet, and a very fine address was delivered by Prof. Carl Sink. During the afternoon service, tribute was paid to Mrs. Eliza Collett, a charter member of Mt. Pleasant church, who expressed very great pleasure at being able to be present for a memorial service in her 93rd year.

It brought a shock and also a feeling of very great loss when we learned of the death of Mrs. Claudia Shoaf last week. Mrs. Shoaf was one of the most loyal members that we have ever had. Hers was a beautiful life; a life of unselfishness and unwavering Christian character that made her a truly great woman. Surely she built many beautiful monuments that will live after her and cause each of us to cherish her memory as a beautiful goal to be attained; and may we press a little toward that goal.

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Haw River Circuit.—The schedule for our special meetings has been completed and is as follows: Fourth Sunday in June at Midway, with Rev. C. E. Ridge assisting; first Sunday in July at Mizpah, with Rev. E. Lester Ballard assisting; second Sunday in July at Fair Grove, with Rev. Rollin Gibbs, pastor of Summerfield circuit of the former M. E. Church, South, assisting; third Sunday in July at Friendship, with Rev. J. W. Braxton assisting. At each church dinner will be served on the grounds on the Sunday of the meeting, with a service before and after; service on Monday night, each day thereafter morning and night. A cordial invitation is extended to the members who have moved away to return for the services. We are looking forward to good meetings at each of the churches, and are hopeful of large ingatherings. Brethren, pray for us and for the success of the services.

This Wednesday several of the brethren and the pastor are going down to Duke University to meet with the architect of the Duke Rural Church Foundation to talk over plans for the new church at Friendship. I have already had an interview with him, but want the brethren to have a chance to look over some plans he has.

The women at Friendship are not waiting for the men to decide what kind of a building is needed. They have already started to raise money for it. Had a Brunswick stew some days ago and raised $45. "O women, great is thy faith!"

And the women folks at Fair Grove are busy collecting money for new hymn books, which we hope to have in time for our special meeting at that church.

C. W. BATES, Pastor.

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A Scotchman had been away from home for eleven years. When he returned he found his five brothers wearing long beards. "Why the hair?" he inquired of the group.

"Dinna ye remember? Ye took the razor with you," one of them answered.

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There is nothing so powerful as truth—and often nothing so strange.—Webster.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Shiloh S. S., Shiloh	$10.00
Friendship S. S., Shiloh	4.00
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Orange Chapel S. S., Saxapahaw	1.00
Calvary S. S., Greensboro	15.00
Fountain Place S. S., Burlington	6.17
Mebane S. S.	5.50
Love's Grove S. S., Friendship-Love's Grove, March, April and May	13.38
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Enfield S. S.	5.00
Hebron S. S., Orange	5.95
Zion S. S., Chatham	1.00
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Maple Springs S. S., Forsyth	5.00
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Community Church S. S. and Baraca class	15.00
Glen Raven C. E. society, clothing child	5.00
Rockingham S. S.	2.00
Mitchell's Grove S. S., Guilford	6.00
A Friend	10.00
Hickory Grove S. S., Guilford	6.53
Stony Knoll S. S., W. Forsyth	3.00
Friendship S. S., Haw River	5.00
Mizpah S. S., Haw River	1.31
Bethel, Alamance	5.80

We are truly thankful for all these offerings as reported above.

Children's Home Day

Our letters and our suggestions for securing an offering for the Children's Home on June 22nd went out last week. We hope you received them before Sunday, and that you have already begun to announce the expected coming of Bishop Clare Purcell of Charlotte and Bishop James H. Straughn of Baltimore as the speakers of that day. And because of their coming, we are hoping, and we know you are hoping, that a great gathering of Methodists will greet them that day.

We are promised the use of the gymnasium at High Point College for the program, which will begin at 10 o'clock a.m. on Thursday, June 22. It is a large room, and 300 or 400 people will seem lost in it. Let every pastor of every charge and every Sunday school superintendent and every Children's Home secretary of every local church help to fill the gymnasium that day. Announce it, talk about it, and encourage the people to come. We are so glad to report that there is quite a bit of enthusiasm already over the meeting. A number of people of the former M. E. Church, South, have expressed their purpose to attend the meeting. We hope that hundreds of former M. P. people will be here, and that the offering will be good.

Picnic Dinner

The picnic dinner will be served in the grove at the Children's Home at about 12:30 noon. We will place the tables and look to you for the food. We thank you for your cooperation in other years, and we know this will be the climax of it all.

A Little Trip Away

In 1899 a class of 35 graduated from Western Maryland College. That was just 40 years ago this June. I was a member of that class, and as the class is holding a reunion on Saturday, June 3, Mrs. Dixon and I are stealing away for just long enough to go for that reunion and return.

Duplications

If any of you received duplicate letters from this office last week, it is because our letters and also Mrs. J. M. Stone's letters went out from this office. She is not so well these days, and yet she wishes to help, so we sent out her letters to save her the work.

God bless and direct in all His work.

Faithfully yours,
A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

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HOW TO GET ON

"Tell me how to get on in life," said the kettle.

"Take pains," said the window.

"Never be led," said the pencil.

"Do a driving business," said the hammer.

"Aspire to great things," said the nutmeg grater.

"Make light of everything," said the fire.

"Make much of small things," said the microscope.

"Never do anything offhand," said the glove.

"Reflect," said the mirror.

"Do the work you are suited for," said the chimney.

"Be sharp," said the knife.

"Find a good thing and stick to it," said the glue.

"Try to make a good impression," said the sealing wax.—Clipped.

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"That fellow's driving his car so carefully that I think he must be a new driver."

"No, he just paid cash for the car."

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MRS. C. L. KEARNS, Treasurer,
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NOTICE TO AUXILIARIES

May and June were the months designated to pay the auxiliary college apportionments. This fund has come in very slow during May, and I hope that special effort will be put forth to get this college apportionment paid in full during June . Heretofore, this part of the apportionment has been practically paid in full during the month of April.

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FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING OF WOMAN'S WORK

Community church, Thomasville, invites us to hold our first quarterly meeting there. The Executive Committee accepts unanimously this timely invitation. We appreciate the opportunity of meeting at Community church.

Every auxiliary is entitled to five delegates to this meeting. The president and corresponding secretary of the auxiliary, by virtue of their office, and three other elected representatives, one of the three from the young people's group. These should be chosen at the June auxiliary meeting.

The date for the meeting is, tentatively, July 12, 10 o'clock a.m. Please watch this page for definite notice of date, and other information.

t is very important that those who wish the Community church ladies to prepare lunch at 35 cents per plate for them, notify Mrs. J. R. Sechrest, 3 Elliott Drive, Thomasville, N. C., to that effect. If you should be unable to remember Mrs. Sechrest's address, Mrs. J. Clyde Auman may be notified.

We trust that every auxiliary will be represented, as plans for the remainder of the year will be set in motion at that time. An interesting program is being developed.

MRS. R. M. ANDREWS,
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — HIGH POINT COLLEGE

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We, the women of our Missionary Branch, have been happy to contribute to the success of our college, and I want to call attention to the fact that our college budget is now due. At our annual meeting we gave World Service the right of way with the promise that we would send our college apportionment to our treasurer, Mrs. Kearns, in May or June. We take pride in keeping our promises, and I feel sure we shall get busy and send the money soon, if we have not already done so.

This is just a reminder that "Now is the appointed time," and by another year we may change our methods to some extent, but we shall still go on boosting and helping the institution that has meant so much to the young people of the Methodist Protestant Church. and will in the future contribute to the educaton of many more preachers, statesmen an religious and civic leaders.

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He professed faith in Christ at the age of 16 and joined Roberta M. P. church, where he remained a member until God called him home. Hubert was a good boy and was loved by all who knew him.

The funeral service was held at Roberta Methodist church, Tuesday, April 11, 1939, at 2:30 p.m. The writer was assisted in the service by Rev. Earl A. Cook, a former pastor, and Dr. J. E. Pritchard, president of the North Carolina Annual Conference. The funeral service was attended by the largest congregation the writer has witnessed at a funeral service in recent years. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. The body of the deceased was laid to rest in Concord cemetery to await the Resurrection morning. May the Lord comfort the bereaved who mourn his passing.

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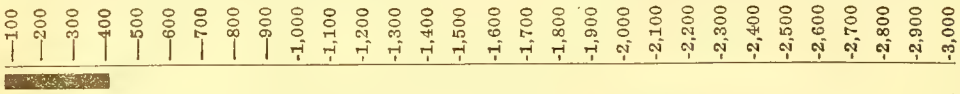

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PASTORS, PLEASE GIVE ATTENTION

Last conference a questionnaire was given out asking for certain facts. Most of them were returned; but some thirty of the brethren failed to get theirs in. For this reason the record was left out of the 1938 Conference Journal. We did not want to print just part of them. Now I have a letter from the secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference asking for certain facts which I cannot supply until I have them. If you failed to fill out one of these questionnaires, won't you please write me for one, fill it out, and return it promptly. It will be to your benefit to attend to this.

The Conference Treasury is depleted. I have not been able to get as much money from that source for the Journals as I have hitherto. Consequently we are far in arrears in our payment. I could reduce the amount still due materially if the brethren who have not paid for their Journals would do so. If you do not know whether you have paid, or how much you owe, please write me.

C. W. BATES, Secretary,
Brown Summit, N. C.

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In a kindergarten class flags were shown, and in answer to a question a little girl gave the response that was expected of her, "This is the flag of my country."

"And what is the name of your country?" was the next question.

" 'Tis of thee," was the prompt reply.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The annual memorial of Center, Alamance charge, will be held on Sunday, June 11. Dr. G. R. Brown will preach at 11 o'clock, and Lawyer Dameron of Burlington will deliver the memorial address in the afternoon.

The officials of the association are asking everyone to see that their relatives' graves are decorated.

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Rev H L Isley
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The Unprofitable Servant

The Bible has much to say about this sort of a servant. Our Lord emphasizes the truth again and again. Sometimes He uses terms of business, sometimes of agriculture, then again in the domestic relations. But in all of them the servant stands out condemned for his failure to meet the requirements of his task. No oppressive wrongs are mentioned in the story of Dives and Lazarus. Dives feasted while Lazarus fed on the crumbs with the dogs. But Divers never said a harmful word or did a harmful deed to Lazarus; just let him alone. As a fellow creature Dives was useless. And no positive dishonor was charged against the man with one talent who hid his task away instead of performing it faithfully. He is just accused of doing nothing, and for this he was condemned and cast into outer darkness.

For most of us religion began with emotions of great joy over the sense of pardoned sin. We were very happy and a profound peace was ours. How we felt we could forever abide in that blissful state. But it could not be so; the time came when we must deny self, must do some most unpleasant tasks—must take up our cross daily and follow Jesus. It was time for us to be useful as well as happy. In fact, our happiness could not longer remain unless we used our talent; unless we found our place in the world. It is fine to have great talents and high ideals, but it is better to be a profitable servant to our Lord. It is commendable in any one to live above sensuality, above dishonesty, and hatred; but it is not enough to abstain from evil and of the appearance of evil. The servant must be faithful to his Lord.

Negative goodness never transforms, the buried talents never grow, the shallow soil does not produce a bountiful harvest. Good intentions, fair promises, even the acceptance of a task are not worthy of a reward. The savorless salt, the barren fig tree, will forever represent the unproductive life to the thoughtful Bible reader. And in every case the profitless servant and thing were cast out.

Every pastor has known people by the score who expected to be saved from hell because they had not been unkind, nor unjust, nor dishonest, nor impure, nor untruthful, while others whom they knew had. They had doubtless lived long lives of spiritual inactivity. They had never stood up for the right and out against the wrong. Like the priest and the Levite in the Parable they left the wounded man in his blood and made no effort to arrest the thieves. They can tell you of much evil abroad in their community but they have no intention of joining with those who would destroy the works of the devil. This unprofitable servant today, as a rule, is not ignorant of his task; is not unaware of what is expected of him. He needs conscience more than intelligence. This unprofitable servant of our time is not handicapped by the lack of opportunity to do well his part; he lacks the desire to do well what God and his fellows expect him to do. This unprofitable servant of our day may not fail of his reward because he was lazy, he may even be very busy, but like the servant in First Kings, "Busy here and there," but fails to do the thing required of him.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Spencer Church Dedicated

Last Sunday morning was a glad day for our church at Spencer, N. C., in that the church was dedicated at that time. Practically all if the ritual of the former Methodist Protestant Church was used in the service with the sermon by the president of the Conference. The usual congregation was augment by the presence of several friends of the church from the community and by delegations from our churches at China Grove which is a part of the Spencer charge and Kannapolis. The service had special interest for the China Grove people because they are to dedicate their church the fourth Sunday in this month.

The church at Spencer had its origin in the mind of the late Rev. D. A. Braswell as early as 1925. Brother Braswell preached at first in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Moore who have been among the leaders of the movement from the beginning. Services were also held for a while in an Episcopal chapel in the community. The lot was bought, I believe, in 1925 but the building was not ready for services until the fall of 1928. The building is of brick construction and will seat something like three hundred. It is located on the corner of Carolina Avenue and 7th Street, three blocks north of the main highway through Spencer. The railway shops are on the opposite side of the main highway and the church is located in a reasonably good residential section. One of its most acute problems now lies in the fact that this church is located within a couple of blocks of a large, flourishing Methodist Church, former M. E. Church South. Whether a place can be found for both churches so close together of course is on the mind of our people. Had the congregation been able to foresee Methodist Union when the lot was bought, the situation would be otherwise just as in many other communities. The lot and building cost about $4,100. The Board of Church Extension of the Annual Conference helped considerably in financing the proposition, but of course the bulk has been raised by the local church.

Now that the financial struggle in a sense is ended I will say this that this is the kind of loyalty which makes me take off my hat to those who have carried on during the years. Brother A. L. Moore and some others who played an important part in financing this work never lived to see the church dedicated, however, they do live in the memory of those who are left behind and will continue to live in the deeds which they performed. And should this church not be needed in the new order of things in some respects it has justified the expenditure. For people grow rich in spiritual things through their loyalties and devotion. The responsibilities and sacrifices of this particular project have developed these people far more than they could have been developed had they been members of some large and growing church where they would have been lost in the crowd. In fact as I think about it it seems to me that this is true of the entire Methodist Protestant Church. Our very hardships and struggles as a small denomination may have prepared us for a larger work in a larger fellowship. Any way, as we go out of business as a denomination it is comforting to know that our toils and sacrifices have not been in vain and that the money which we have used in carrying on our work has not been wasted. The stalwart men and women which our church has produced will ever stand out as the Church's justification. And whatever happens to the Spencer church, the people are enriched and prepared for larger things.

The Half Way Mark

It is needless for me to remind any of our people of the fact that this conference year is more than half gone. While we do not know just when the finishing up conference will be held we know it is not long off. The question comes, are we going to be ready for it. Shortly I hope to begin giving extracts from the second quarterly reports but the tragic thing about so many of them is that nothing has been raised on so many of the interests and seemingly there have been so few conversions and accessions. A few days ago I read in the *North Carolina Christian Advocate* about a certain District Conference and the statement was made that only two or three charges in the District failed to report having reached the half way mark in all assessments. As we think of this we wonder if we have done our best. It is true that some of our charges have spent the most of their energies the first half of the year in raising World Service in full. This seemed to be necessary, however, we must come up with many other things to make anythnig like a favorable showing.

Two Churches Which Failed To Get Credit

I have been informed that Fairview Church on the Glen Raven charge and Bethel Church on the Alamance charge both raised World Service in full but for some reason they did not get on the honor roll as printed in the HERALD for some weeks. We hail these two churches as being worthy of a place in the sun and we apologize to them for the omission.

The High Point College Commencement

As I said in my letter last week I was unable to attend any of the High Point College commencement except the graduating exercises on Monday morning but I will say that among the seventy-eight who were graduated were the names of many which I recognized as former Methodist Protestants. I know it is dangerous to mention some unless you can mention all but I am going to take a chance by saying some of these are, Mary Mitchell Baity of Henderson, Rev. Charles E. Anderson of Gibsonville, J. Vaughn Boone of Alamance charge, Rev. Paul Hamilton, G. W. Holmes, III of Alamance, Miss Lea Joyner of Mississippi, Rev. Thomas Edward Stickland of High Point, James Allen Thacker of High Point, Sara Forrest Thompson of Thomasville, Rupert Gilmer Wagoner of the Haw River charge, Fred J. Cox, Jr. of State street, Lexington; Porter Allen Hauser of Shoals, M. C. Henderson, Jr. of Saxapahaw, Nancy Parham Royster of Henderson, Daniel Coble Sharpe of Calvary, Helen Bates

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Message In Verse

Be not afraid to pray—to pray is right,
Pray if thou canst with hope, but ever pray,
Though hope be weak or sick, with long delay,
Pray in the darkness if there be no light,
And if for any wish thou dare not pray,
Then pray to God to cast that wish away.

Coleridge.

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Although Church membership does not make one a Christian, a Christian may find in his Church membership a wonderful means for expressing his Christianity.

"Life is after all, just one long day; morning, noon, afternoon, night. Most lives are like an April day; sunshine, showers, laughter and tears, joys and sorrows, prosperity and adversity."—*Charles Reisner, D.D.*

The pastors' school began at High Point Monday; we are unable to secure the number enrolled this year. Duke also has the Pastors' Conference and Rural Church Institute running concurrently this week.

People who mistake emotionalism for spirituality usually have "many ups and downs" in their day's march towards the promise land.

One may be as determined to pursue a course because of prejudice as he could be for the sake of principle; we must learn to distinguish between prejudice and principle.

Duke University graduates 812 this year; students from 27 states and several foreign countries. The youth of our day has many and wonderful opportunities to prepare life.

The sort of a responsibility your friends are willing to trust you with reveals the sort of a person they believe you to be. It is a compliment to be requested to perform a difficult and a responsible task—is it not an opportunity to render a finer service to mankind?

Christians are comrades in a great cause. When writing to the Church at Philippi St. Paul said, "Salute every saint in Christ Jesus." To this man recently redeemed from Pharasaic bigotry, any man in Christ Jesus, Greek, Barbarian, wise and unwise, was a saint whom he held in high esteem. A marvelous thing had happened in the life of St. Paul that he could do this. And this same sort of transformation has to take place in the lives of all the followers of Christ before the Christian Church can be the power for righteousness among men it is intended of God to be. Dr. Percy Ainsworth so well states it in these words; "Our strength belongs to the weak, our vision to be blind, our health to the infirm, and our life to the brotherhood. This is the *noblesse oblige* of the Christian faith."

The Home Coming This Year

Dr. Dixon has announced a program for the Annual Home Coming at the Children's Home this year which should find a response in the hearts of all the friends of the Home and should easily fill the Gymnasium at High Point College. But let not any friend of the Home come empty handed. We trust that every pastor will present to his congregation the appeal of Superintendent Dixon and that this shall also be a wonderful day for the Home in every manner.

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The President's Letter

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of the Haw River charge, Virginia Curry of Denton, William Franklin Hester of Grace. The one former Methodist Protestant which I recognized as graduating *Magna Cum Laude* is Mary Mitchell Baity of Henderson. Those whom I am sure are Methodist Protestants graduating *Cum Laude* are: J. Vaughn Boone, G. W. Holmes, III, Lea Joyner, Nancy Parham, Thomas Edward Strickland, James Allen Thacker. It is possible that many more of those graduating belong to our church.

Rev. H. S. B. Thompson Ill

A letter from Rev. D. D. Broome, the pastor of the Littleton charge brings me the distressing information that Rev. H. S. B. Thompson, one of our honored Superannuate ministers has had a stroke and that one side is paralyzed. Brother Thompson lived for a number of years near Roanoke Rapids, N. C., but last year moved to his new home near Vaughn, N. C. I think his address is Littleton, N. C., R. F. D. 3.

Appointments

Sunday, June 11, 11 a. m. Cedar Falls, Richland charge, 3:00 p. m. Memorial services in High Point cemetery for our ministers buried there.

Sunday, June 18, 11 a. m. Fallston in dedicatory services.

Sunday, June 25, Kannapolis in dedicatory services.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

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HIGH POINT COLLEGE LEADERSHIP EDUCATION SCHOOL, JUNE 26-JULY 1

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J. CLYDE AUMAN, *Business Manager.*

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Every man who can be a first-rate something—as every man can be who is a man at all—has no right to be a fifth-rate something; for a fifth-rate something is no better than a first-rate nothing.—*J. G. Holland.*

WITH THE POETS

Elizabeth Vera Idol

SEA-FEVER

By John Masefield

John Masefield, present poet laureate of England, even as a child craved the sea. Apprenticed as a cabin boy at fourteen, he spent the next few years leading a vagabond life by sea and land, and gathering a rich fund of knowledge and experience. In 1895 he landed in New York with less than five dollars in his pocket, hoping to become a writer, to express the music of the sea, the wind in the rigging, and the men ''hard-palmed from tallying on to whips.'' During the years he spent in New York, working at whatever job he was able to find, he read Chaucer and fell in love with his vigor and humanity—''it was Chaucer,'' he said, ''who made me realize what poetry could be.'' As yet, however, he had not been able to capture the voice of the sea and put it into verse. He returned to England and there in 1902 his first volume, ''Salt Water Ballads,'' was published. Since then he has published more than a score of volumes including poems, novels, essays, plays, and in 1930 the office of poet laureate was awarded him.

Chaucer continued to influence him both as to form and treatment of his subject matter. He wrote a series of long narrative poems distinguished for their vigor and vivid realism, thus proving that such poems still have a legitimate place in literature. He excelled as an imaginative realist, and as a purely descriptive poet his place is among the masters of sea and landscape.

His fondness for English landscape and particularly for that of his native Hertfordshire is marked, and his love for England is broader and more sympathetic than that of either Tennyson or Kipling, but one of the chief elements of his verse is his love for the sea. He knows it in all its moods, its changing colors, its storm-tossed waves, its sparkling sunlit waters, and the angry winds that whip it to foaming masses, or in gentler moods whisper softly above it, bearing its salty fragrance from far-off shores. No other writer, unless it be Josef Conrad, can so make his reader feel the spray in his face or taste the salt on his tongue. And as Masefield knows the sea itself he knows the boats that sail on its surface, all of them, from the ''dirty British coaster with a salt-caked smoke stack'' to the ''stately Spanish galleon'' and the ''tail ship'' spreading its sails majestically before the breeze. He knows them and loves them as only a man can love the sea and ships who has for years given to them the deep passion of his soul. Those who man the ships he knows too, and chants their songs with them, as he says in *Consecration*:

''The sailor, the stoker of steamers, the man with the clout,
The chantyman bent at the halliards putting a tune to the shout,
The drowsy man at the wheel and the tired look out.''

No poem, however, of all his *Salt Water Ballads,* holds in it more of the sea itself, and the nostalgic longing of a man in whose blood is the not-to-be-denied call of the deep than *Sea-Fever.* The rhythm and meter suggest the roll and swell of the heaving waters; the vivid realism of the ship and the sea and sky is in its unequalled descriptive phrases—''the wheel's kick,'' ''the wind's song,'' ''a gray mist on the sea's face,'' ''a windy day with the white clouds flying,'' ''the flung spray,'' ''the blown spume,'' ''the sea-gulls crying,''—on and on we see the details he pictures, we feel the dampness of salt spray in our faces, we hear the unforgettable low mewing cries of the gulls.

The ''gull's way'' and ''the whale's way'' remind us forcibly of the Anglo-Saxon poetic kenning, and the quiet strength and deep sincere emotion of the ending lines move us to an appreciation of the depth and reality of the poet's love for everything pertaining to the sea, an emotion that does not die when this life ends, but brings ''quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over.''

The poem is so short and so complete a unit that it must be read in its entirety:

''I must down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky,
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by,
And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the white sail's shaking,
And a gray mist on the sea's face and a gray dawn breaking.

I must down to the seas again, for the call of the running tide
Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied;
And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds flying,
And the flung spray and the blown spume, and the sea-gulls crying.

I must down to the seas again to the vagrant gypsy life.
To the gull's way and the whale's way where the wind's like a whetted knife;
And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow-rover,
And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over.''

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

The former Methodist Protestant Ministers of High Point are planning a brief Memorial service for the following deceased servants of the church who are buried in Oakwood cemetery here: Rev. J. H. Moton, Rev. W. R. Lowdermilk, Rev. C. A. Cecil, Rev. J. H. Stowe, and Rev. R. E. Andrews.

This service will be held on Sunday, June 11, 3:00 p. m. Friends and relatives of these deceased brothers who labored so faithfully in the ministry of Jesus Christ are invited to attend.

J. C. Madison.

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ACHILLES' HEEL

NIPPON

Walter Lippmann has recently stated that, so far as the Anti-Comintern line-up was concerned, the decision for peace or war lay with Japan. "Germany plus Italy against England and France equals war." He goes on, however, to suggest that with the U. S. A. in the combination on the side of the democracies, even the presence of Japan would not bring war. However, all the movements of the Triumvirate show but too plainly that the members of the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo axis are working on the principle of one rushing out and grabbing what is desired, while the two others stand threatening anyone who may interfere.

Further evidence of a gang-up that looks far beyond the admitted objectives is found in the vast accumulations, in Japan, of war materials—accumulations far beyond any conceivable need for the China incident. These are, of course, strictly guarded, and the ever tightening espionage laws make the slightest inquiry regarding such matters dangerous.

To the democracies, thus being pushed either to fight or to go to the wall, the vulnerable points in the Fascist line-up are of great significance. If there is an Achilles' Heel to be found, and struck, it should be done quickly, ere the world situation drifts too far.

That the position of Japan with regard to national finance is precarious in the extreme, is becoming daily more apparent. Evidence is also accumulating that this is being realized in Japan, by the leaders and the people, and further, there are thoughtful Japanese who, convinced that peace and the downfall of the military-totalitarian movement can come only through the agony of national bankruptcy, are contemplating the arrival of that day.

Today Japan carries the greatest burden of debt in all her history. Her bonded debt, at the close of 1938, totaled Yen 16,207,943,000, of which slightly over one billion was held abroad, the balance being domestic. At the close of the 1930-'31 fiscal year, the debt was Yen 5,955,816,760. Put in per capita terms, it was Yen 63.20 in the spring of 1931; Yen 190 at the close of 1938. Budget recommendations now before the Diet, and clearly scheduled to pass, will total Yen 10,000,000,000, so far as revealed figures are concerned. Without considering the unrevealed plans, we now know that Japan faces an indebtedness of approximately Yen 300 per capita.

The unusually large proportion of the debt being in bonds domestically held, is an interesting phenomenon. It betokens, on the one hand, that Japan has not been able to borrow abroad. It might, in addition, betoken great financial strength at home. How has Japan thus far undertaken this real feat of financing?

Taxes have been raised as rapidly as it was felt the nation would endure it. In 1935, when Japan was paying the costs of the Manchurian incident and its aftermath, per capita taxes were Yen 11.23. But with a cheapened yen, Japanese commerce was increasing by leaps and bounds. In 1938, taxes were Yen 22.64 per capita, while Japanese trade abroad had dropped to almost one half of the trade of 1936. For the year 1939, additional taxes, expected to produce a total of Yen 200,000,000, are being imposed. It is thus hoped to provide for *one fiftieth* of the tremendous outlay that the Japanese Government expects for the coming year. When the result of this greatly increased taxation is considered, it must be taken into connection with the indirect taxation which has come through the control of imports, and hence the ruining of the business of great numbers of Japanese.

For 1938, Japan's trade, exclusive of the yen-bloc, was literally cut in half from that of the previous year. But 410 foreign automobiles were allowed to enter the country. Foodstuffs, books, magazines, all were practically prohibited, because of the rigid control of money. Raw materials for manufacture were so kept down that in non-war industries great unemployment problems were produced.

For Japan's financial situation, the significant thing is that, despite a drastic reduction of imports almost to the strangling of non-war industry, and despite pressure applied to boost exports, Japan ended the year with a debit balance in foreign trade of Yen 545,000,000.

To offset this situation, Japan is urgently pushing "reconstruction" in North China, which means a rapid seizing of and capitalizing on China's resources for the benefit of Japan's finance, while developing trade within the yen-bloc. This trade was, in 1938, listed as follows: exports, Yen 1,165,540,000; imports, Yen 564,051,000; total, Yen, 1,729,591,000. If this trade meant gain for Japan, it would be a promising situation. But it is achieved only by the spending of billions of yen to make the trade possible, and in large part this profit would cease were the far larger military and civil administrative expenses stopped.

With a gold reserve of less—probably much less—than Yen 500,000,000; with a bonded debt of Yen 20,000,000,000, to be increased in 1939 by another Yen 10,000,000,000 at least; with growing shortage of gasoline, cotton, wool, rubber, leather—all basic to war and non-war industry; with a serious shortage of man-power, how long will Japan's financial structure endure?

Japan is depending upon every cent that can be earned by exports outside the yen-bloc. They alone represent real income which can strengthen her arm. Most of Japan's trade is with democracies. Germany and Italy take but little, and watch the balances closely. They must. Japan knows this. She also knows that thirty-five per cent of the arms shipped to Chiang Kai-shek comes from German sources, and is under few delusions concerning her allies. There lies already in the hand of the democracies a weapon of tremendous power to strike at the Achilles' Heel of Fascism. That is the active boycott of Japanese goods, especially of Japanese silk, which represents a pure profit of Japan's labor. The United States bought Yen 639,428,000 worth of goods from Japan in 1937. Of this, Yen 325,225,000 was raw silk. In 1938, Japan's raw silk sales advanced over the previous year by 1,500 bales. But the United States alone took an additional 39,000 bales. In other words, increase in raw silk purchases in the U. S. A. turned a great loss in silk sales, for Japan, into a slight gain. If Americans would eschew Japanese silks alone, they would strike a blow for China and against Fascist aggression that would be tremendous.

Some revolt at such a boycott, recalling the starving of Germany. But no such fear need be entertained about Japan. Her rice fields and her seacoasts furnish enough to feed her millions with sufficient plain food.

Moreover, boycott will not provoke war with Japan. The Japanese people—one hears it everywhere—dread the thought of war with the U. S. A. more than anything else. Such a war is out of Japan's thought today—she dare not risk it, though some of her generals make brave words. But tomorrow? Ah, that's a different question.

Finally, such a step leading to the defeat and discrediting of the military would be received with more than half-joy in the educational circles of Japan, where the installation of army and navy men as presidents of universities, the prosecution of professors for books published years before and then accepted, and the suppression of freedom of study and research are creating a deep sense of uneasiness. More than half-joy would well up in the breasts of non-war industrialists, who have been squeezed to make "gifts" and buy bonds, and in addition have seen their business shot to pieces by exchange and trade restrictions. And lastly, it will be met by more than half-joy by many thoughtful men and women who are coming to see that the losses of Japan, morally and spiritually, will far outweigh any material gain. Said one, "The true soul of Japan will not be discovered until once we have suffered crushing defeat."—*Zion's Herald.*

AN ACCOUNT WITH MOTHER

Doctor Weigle tells this story: One morning Bradley put beside his mother's place a little piece of paper. His mother could hardly believe it but this is what Bradley had written: "Mother owes Bradley: for running errands, $0.25; for being good, $0.10; for taking music lessons, $0.15; for extras, $0.05. Total $0.55."

His mother smiled but did not say anything, and when lunch time came she placed a bill on Bradley's plate with the fifty-five cents. Bradley's eyes danced. But there was another little bill which read: Bradley owes mother: for being good, $0.00; for nursing him through a long illness, $0.00; for shoes, gloves, clothes, playthings, $0.00. For all his meals and a beautiful room, $0.00. Total: Bradley owes mother $0.00.

Tears came to Bradley's eyes and he put his arms around his mother's neck, thrust his little hand with the fifty-five cents into her and said, "Take all this money back, mamma, and let me love you and do things for nothing."—*Religious Telescope.*

METHODIST RALLY

A Methodist Rally will be held in the Front Street Methodist Church Sunday, June 11th at 8:00 p. m. The pastors and people of all Methodist Churches in this area are most cordially invited to attend. An interesting and inspiring program has been arranged.

FRED W. PASCHALL.

HISTORY OF THE SPENCER METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 13, 1925

In 1925 Rev. D. A. Braswell came to Spencer and held services in the home of A. L. Moore, 600 Carolina Avenue. These services were continued twice a month until September 13, 1925, when the Spencer Methodist Protestant Church was organized, with an enrollment of fifteen members. The following church officers were elected: Trustees, A. L. Moore, C. R. Jackson, Mrs. N. A. Lynch; Stewards, C. R. Jackson, Mrs. A. L. Moore—later adding J. W. Redding and J. L. Furr; Treasurer, Mrs. A. L. Moore. The church members, looking toward the future, realized that a more adequate place would be required for their meetings and on June 2, 1926 purchased a lot, located at the corner of Carolina Avenue and Eighth Street, for the sum of $600.00. The congregation grew steadily and in 1927 it became necessary to secure a larger room in which to worship, and the church rented St. Joseph's Chapel, located on Rowan Avenue, which had been outgrown by the Protestant Episcopal Church.

On Thursday, July 9, 1925, the Woman's Home Missionary Society was organized in the home of Mrs. A. L. Moore. Officers elected were as follows: Mrs. A. L. Moore, President, Mrs. N. A. Lynch, Recording Secretary and Mrs. C. R. Jackson, Treasurer; only three present. During the next week four active, and three honory members were added.

During 1928 work was begun on a new church building, a neat brick veneer structure to seat approximately 250, which was completed November 16, 1928, with the opening service held Sunday morning, November 18, 1928, conducted by Rev. S. W. Taylor, President of the North Carolina Methodist Protestant Conference. The total cost of the lot, building and equipment amounted to $4,186.00, and on April 15, 1939 the mortgage debt was canceled, and the church, with a membership of 24, was formally dedicated on Sunday, June 4, 1939. This service was conducted by Rev. J. E. Pritchard, present President of the North Carolina Methodist Protestant Conference, and was well attended not only by the members, but also by friends and well-wishers of the church. The following is a list of the pastors who have served this church: Rev. D. A. Braswell, Rev. T. G. Madison, Rev. W. F. Ashburn, Rev. P. S. Kennett, Rev. G. H. Hendry, Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr., Rev. A. M. Smith, Rev. Lee Moser, Rev. F. A. Wright and the present pastor, Rev. A. Ridge.

The Spencer Methodist Protestant Sunday school was organized December 6, 1925, in the Mason's Hall, but met at this place only once, as the hall could not be rented and, therefore, transferred to the home of A. L. Moore for meetings. Officers of the Sunday school were elected as follows: C. R. Jackson, Superintendent, J. L. Furr, Assistant Superintendent, J. L. Furr, Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Furr, Bible Class teacher, Mrs. C. R. Jackson, Primary teacher and Mrs. A. L. Moore, Beginners teacher.

"On the great clock of time there is but one word—Now."

Conduct is three-fourths of life.—*Matthew Arnold.*

OUR STORY PAGE

THE PROGRESSIVE BEAN

Teddy was eating his Boston baked beans, when his father suddenly sprang an idea upon him.

"Teddy," he said, "suppose you were to see a dry white bean start suddenly to grow, sprouting first, then sending out two green leaves, then some roots, the stem growing longer all the while, and other little leaves coming out—and all within two minutes' time?"

"Why, daddy!" cried Ted. "That is a regular Jack and the Bean-stalk story! Such things don't happen really and truly. You know they don't, dad!"

"Well," said daddy laughing. "I can show you something out in the garden that seems a good deal like that story. You come out with me after dinner and I'll show it to you."

You may be sure Ted was on hand when dinner was over.

A moment later the little boy and his daddy were walking toward the garden.

"Two weeks ago, Ted," said his father, "I planted a dry, hard bean out here; and the second morning after that I planted another, and every morning since I have planted a bean. The last one I put in the ground this morning. See, here it is." And Ted's father began to draw the earth away from a bit of a stick that was stuck in the ground. "It hard and dry, just as it was this morning. Now we'll look at the one I put in day before yesterday morning.

"See! it has swollen a little in the damp earth," his father continued. I'll split it open down the middle, and you'll see a tiny bit of a stem at one end lying curled up between the two halves of the bean."

"Yes; there it is!" cried Ted, growing interested.

"Now, we'll look at the one planted two days before that. This is swollen still bigger; and I can open it with my fingers, the outside covering is so soft."

"The little stem has grown bigger and is trying to straighten out," said Ted.

"Here's the one planted two days before that one."

"Why!" said the little boy excitedly, "the little stem has come out through the outside covering, and the two halves of the bean has spread apart at the other end."

"And the one that is two days older still?" said daddy, smiling to see how interested his little boy was getting.

"That? Why, that's a regular little plant. It has poked its head up through halves of the bean and stands up just like two leaves!" And Ted opened his eyes very wide.

"Here the next member of this interesting family."

"That has little roots starting down from the stem, and those two halves of the bean are turning green, just really and truly leaves," cried Ted, looking closely at the little plant.

"We will not have to dig up the next plant. It has poked its head up through the ground, and you can see a bit of a stalk growing up between two halves of the bean that are still greener than the last ones."

"And here, in the last one, the bit of a stalk has sent out two real leaves," said Ted, walking along to where the first bean of all was planted, two weeks before.

"It's a regular little plant now," he said. "But was the little plant in the bean all of the time, daddy?"

"It was curled up there in the bean all the time," was the answer. "And now, if John will give you a handful of peas, you may try the same experiment and see how peas grow."

But before dad had finished a small pair of legs were flying down the path to find John, the gardener.—*Selected.*

NOBILITY

True worth is in being, not seeming—
In doing each day that goes by
Some little good—not in the dreaming
Of great things to do by and by.
For whatever men say in their blindness,
And spite of the fancies of youth,
There's nothing so kingly as kindness,
And nothing so royal as truth.

We get back our mete as we measure—
We cannot do wrong and feel right,
We cannot give pain and gain pleasure,
For justice avenges each slight.
The air for the wing of the sparrow,
The bush for the robin and wren.
But always the path that is narrow
And straight for the children of men.

'Tis not in the pages of story
The heart of its ill to beguile,
Though he who makes courtship to glory
Gives all that he hath for her smile,
For when from her heights he has won her,
Alas! it is only to prove
That nothing so sacred as honor,
And nothing so loyal as love!

We cannot make bargains for blisses,
Nor catch them like fishes in nets.
And sometimes the thing our life misses
Helps more than the thing which it gets.
For good lieth not in pursuing,
Nor gaining of great nor of small,
But just in the doing and doing
As we should be done by is all.

Through envy, through malice, through hating,
Against the world early and late,
No jot our courage is abating—
Our part is to work and to wait,
And slight is the sting of his trouble
Whose winnings are less than his worth;
For he who is honest is noble,
Whatever his fortunes or birth.

—*Alice Cary.*

CHILDREN'S HOME PLAYS

Methodist Protestant Home Organized in D

The Methodist Protestant Children's Home was organized in Denton, in August, 1910, by the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the North Carolina Annual Conference. It was moved to its present site in High Point, in August, 1913, where the children were moved into a modern brick dormitory surrounded by a farm of 38 acres. The farm, dormitory and equipments when first opened in High Point cost about $36,000.

The Home has had steady growth in equipment and in service. There are at present 132 acres of land, two large dormitories, a home for the Superintendent's family, two good barns and the other necessary out-buildings. And the estimated value of the entire plant is $250,000.

Mrs. R. S. Russell (Mabel Williams) of High Point was the first superintendent and matron. A bit later Mrs. J. W. Austin of High Point and Mrs. Fannie Page Luck of Asheboro assisted with the work at Denton, and Mrs. Luck moved with the children to High Point.

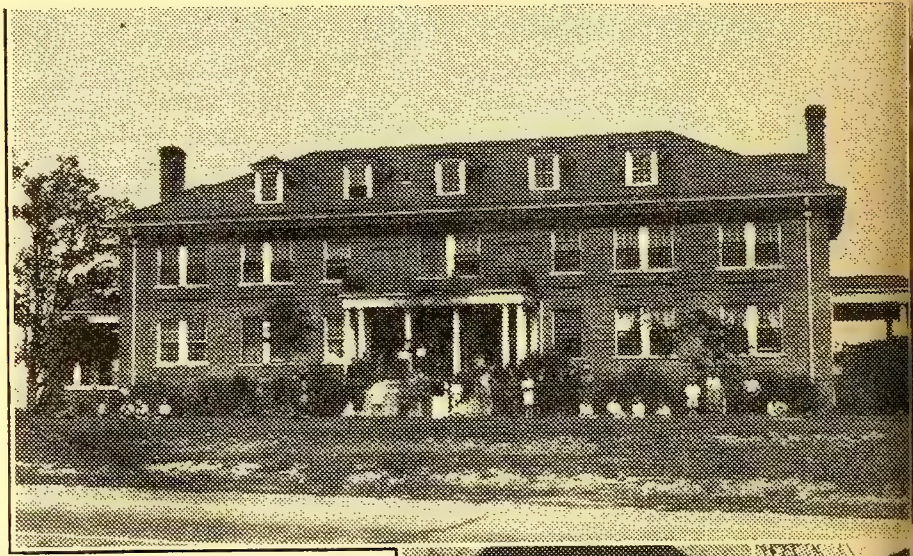
Why the Change From Denton

A new building had to be erected, because the children were first housed in an old school building. In many ways Denton was a fine location for such a Home, but at that time railroad facilities for that community were poor and highways were bad. So it was thought best to seek a new location.

Sentiment pointed to High Point, so in the spring of 1912, Dr. A. G. Dixon, then pastor of the First M. P. Church in High Point, preached a sermon on "The Child in the Midst," in which he laid the matter of a new location for the Children's Home upon the hearts of his people. At the close of the service the late Dr. J. R. Reitzel, who had been left an orphan, said he would be the first man to give $500.00 if it could be located near High Point. Captain A. M. Rankin immediately said he would do the same. A Locating Committee was appointed, composed of J. M. Millikan, Greensboro; O. R. Cox, Asheboro; Captain A. M. Rankin, High Point, and R. R. Ross, Asheboro.

Dr. and Mrs. Dixon were asked to find a location, and after searching several days, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Welch, "uncle Jap" and "Aunt Lizzie" said they would sell 38 acres where the girls' building now stands, at $100 per acre. At a meeting of the Locating Committee the next day he said, he, "Uncle Jap," would give the first $1,000 to help pay for that, and then "Aunt Lizzie" gave $500, George Penny $500, and W. P. Pickett gave $250. These gifts, with the $500 each already pledged by Dr. J. R. Reitzel and Captain Rankin, together with other gifts, which were made at that time, enabled the committee to vote unanimously to locate in High Point.

A Building Committee was appointed: J. M. Millikan, Dr. J. R. Reitzel, T. A. Hunter, Prof. M. H. Holt, R. R. Ross, Mrs. W. C. Hammer, V. W. Idol, and Mrs. A. G. Dixon, and work was begun at once. Mrs. A. G. Dixon shoveled the first dirt, also laid the cornerstone in September, 1912. Mrs. V. W. Idol was Treasurer of the Building Committee, and, since the death of Mr. H. H. Garrett has been Treasurer of the Endowment Fund.



Purpose

The purpose of the Home is to care for dependent children only. Usually one or both parents are dead; but ungodly parents will sometimes forsake their children, and somebody must care for these. All children are admitted to the Home upon written application, the Home furnishing the blanks.

Children are received between the ages of 4 and 12, and are kept in the Home until they are about 18 years old, or until they have finished high school. And even then care is taken in placing them.

Self Help

The Home runs a farm on which is produced all the vegetables, hay and grain possible. Also a dairy barn and poultry yards in which are produced all the milk and butter, and chickens and eggs that are used, except for a few chickens the country circuits give us each fall.

The home life is very much like that of a private family. The meals must be cooked, the dishes washed, the beds made, the rooms swept and dusted, the milking done and the butter churned, and all other tasks performed such as those in any ordinary home. The children are divided into groups for this work under a supervisor. Even the smallest child has some tasks to perform each day. The large campus is also kept in order by the children.

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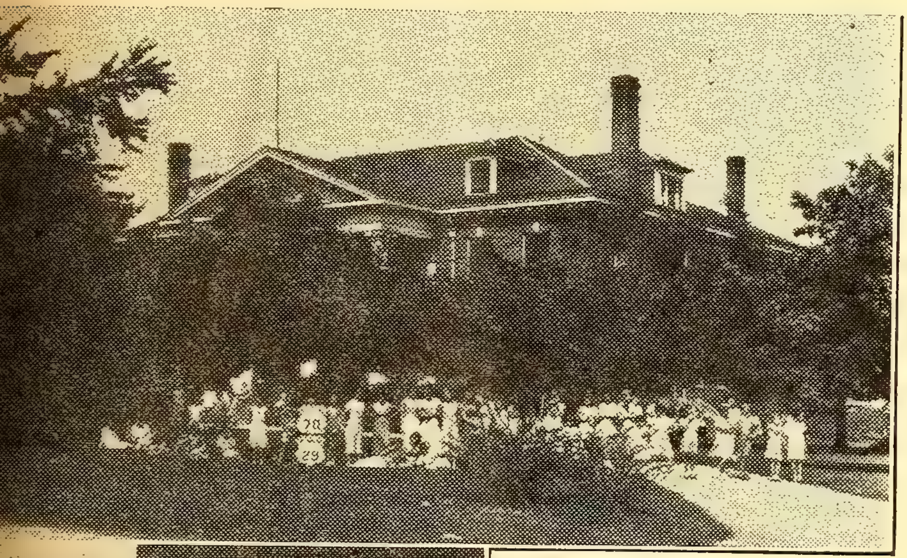

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Cost of Running Home

An effort is made to keep all expenses at a minimum. We buy at factory and wholesale prices when possible. At present prices it costs about $220 per year to keep a child, and that covers all expenses, salaries, fuel, lights, school expenses, food, clothing — all. And yet 60c per child per day will do it.

The following have served as Superintendents of the Home since it was moved to High Point: Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Garrett, 1913 to 1925, Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Lowdermilk, 1925-1927, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Allman, 1927-1928, Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Dixon, 1928 to the present. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dixon had charge of the boys' dormitory, and Mr. Dixon has been farm superintendent so long that he seems a permanent fixture at the Home. He has been there over fourteen years.

The Dividends

The contributors are the stockholders, but the Home does not pay back to any of its stockholders any cash dividends. About 250 children have been reared and trained and sent out by the Home. These are taking their places in the business and professional world, and nearly all of them are making good. Many of them are married and have their happy families, and they delight to come back home and bring with them the grandchildren of the Home. So the dividends are shown in children taken from the unlikely places of earth and trained into men and women of intelligence, refinement and character. The Home has a right to be proud of its output.

There are remaining in the Home 118 bright, wide-awake happy children. They are rapidly growing into maturity.

Some of the outstanding men and women who were trained in the Home include: Bessie Morris, registered nurse, out from Richmond, Va.; LeRoy Sykes, salesman, typewriters and adding machines, High Point; R. C. Haltom, secretary-treasurer, North State Lumber Co., Charleston, S. C.; Vergil Randall, traveling salesman, Norfolk, Va.; Lawrence Hiatt, manager, Sears and Roebuck Store, Wilmington; George Caldwell, singing evangelist, Sanfeansis Co., California; Archie Bevil and Knox Lomax, farming out from Burlington; Edd Welch and Conway Bayliff, floor managers in knitting mills, Burlington; Paul Voncannon, government employee, Greensboro; Cecil Bulla, McCrary Knitting Mills, Asheboro; George Crickmore, salesman, Penney Store, High Point; Herbert D. Garman, pastor M. P. Churches in Shelby, Bessemer City and Caroleen; Miss Flora Coble, with the Bell Telephone Co., Greensboro; Miss Laura Braswell, in office Cannon Towel Company, Kannapolis; Mrs. Leon Thompson, mother and church worker, High Point.

During the last ten years there have been 28 boys and girls from the Home to graduate from the Jamestown High school; three of these have graduated from college, two of these with "Cum Laude." One is a registered trained nurse. Five have been to college two years, four have been to college one year, and of the five who graduated from high school this May, one will enter High Point College, one is seeking work, and the other three are applying for admission to hospitals for training.

The boys and girls take average rank in scholastic attainments in the Jamestown school, and they take high rank in the athletics.

THE OFFERING AND THE AWARDS

Of course all of you understand that the offering for the Home on Children's Home Day is the one outstanding expectation of the day. We need a good offering, and we hope each church will plan to bring a good offering; but we want you to come this time whether you bring an offering or not.

The offered awards are as follows: A good picture of the present Children's Home family to the chairman of the one committee, in each of the following groups of churches, who raised the largest amount for June 22nd: 1. With over 400 members. 2. Between 300 and 400 members. 3. Between 200 and 300 members. 4. Between 100 and 200 members. 5. Between 50 and 100 members. 6. And with a membership of fewer than 50. We put it this way that the smaller churches may have a chance with the larger ones.

You yourself must keep your record, so in putting in your offering please make the amount clearly, and also the number of members in your church. Thank you so much. A. G. Dixon, *Supt.*

Missionary Column

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Greensboro, N. C.

President's Letter-Women's Work

The N. C. Branch of Women's Work has until March 31, 1940, to complete the work it set out to do at the 1939 Annual Meeting, but we shall have to be dilligent in business, fervent in spirit, in order that nothing shall suffer during these last months of our separate life.

High Point College Apportionment

High Point College has been promised our support, each Auxiliary has an apportionment for this interest, and the payment of that apportionment at once is greatly needed. The college should not suffer on account of its generosity to World Service during the month of April.

I have searched the records of the Uniting Conference and have found nothing to indicate that Women's Work after March 30, 1940 will make apportionments to educational institutions—so it is of very great importance that we do our best in this last year of our existence under the present form.

Student Loan Fund

Our Student Loan Fund has not seemed to be sufficient for the demand in recent years, so in these next ten months it would be a very fine thing if friends of education would make donations to this fund which goes to help needy students at High Point College. The fund is loaned in amounts not exceeding $100 a year per student, and has helped 113 students, some of whom would have been unable to come to college without the loan, and others of whom would not have been able to remain in college after the third quarter without a loan. This fund which was begun by a gift of $100, has been added to year by year and will doubtless be perpetuated in the Union of Methodism.

Minnis Salary

Our Treasurer needs $125 every month in order to pay our obligation on Minnis Salary. She reports in the Herald of June 1, that $265.82 have been paid during April and May, so two months salary are paid. But as I read the report I compared the amount paid by First Church, Thomasville, and found it to be $95 more than their apportionment, for this item. This is very commendable in First Church, Thomasville, we hope that several other churches will follow this splendid example. The total amount apportioned on Minnis Salary at Annual Meeting was $947.50 so it will be necessary that several churches lend some friendly aid on this part of our budget.

Help Needed For Pastors

The need for an informed ministry in the new Methodist Church, is imperative. At a recent District Meeting I made a suggestion that for every pastor in our conference who does not get the Methodist Protestant Herald, and the Missionary Record, eighteen women be found by the District Chairman who would pay ten cents each and send their pastor these two periodicals that will keep him informed about some very vital matters. Any pastor surely would be glad of these gifts, and undoubtedly he would be a better pastor for reading their contents.

Woman's Convention This Week

The program of Woman's Convention at Western Maryland College this week is full of fine things, from which the North Carolina delegation will bring echoes to the Quarterly Meeting at Thomasville Community Church in July.

MRS. R. M. ANDREWS,
President of N. C. Branch
of Women's Work.

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Official Program

18TH ANNUAL LEADERSHIP EDUCATION SCHOOL

High Point College, High Point, N. C.
June 26-July 1, 1939

Administrative Staff

Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, Dean, 222 N. Edgeworth St., Greensboro, N. C.

Mrs. J. M. Millikan and Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll, Counsellors for Women.

Rev. E. Lester Ballard, Director of Music.

Rev. J. Clyde Auman, Business Manager.

Miss Andree Dodson, Book Agent.

Rev. James T. Bowman, Rev. Joseph H. Coble, and Rev. Jabus W. Braxton, Counsellors for Men and Directors of Recreation.

First Series Courses

(For Students Age 13, 14, and 15 years. Take two, one from each group).

112a. "The Essential Missionary Character of Christianity." Text: Castleman, "Into All the World." Instructor: Rev. J. Leo Pittard.

120a. "The Life of Christ." Text: Lee, "The Life of Christ." Instructor: Rev. Wm. M. Howard, Jr.

123a. "The Life and Work of Paul." Text: Minear, "An Introduction to Paul." Instructor: Rev. Clarence P. Morris.

130a. "The Meaning of Church Membership." Text: Porter, "Being a Church Member." Instructor: Rev. E. Lester Ballard.

132a . "Christian Stewardship." Text: Crawford, "The Stewardship Life." Instructor: Rev. T. J. Whitehead.

313a. "Planning a Young People's Society Program." Text: Getty, "Building a Young People's Society Program."

Second Series Courses

(For Students 16 years and over. Take only one).

121b. "The Old Testament: Its Content and Values." Text: Goodspeed, "The Story of the O. T." Instructor: Dr. T. M. Johnson.

122b. "The New Testament: Its Content and Values." Text: Goodspeed, "The Story of the N. T." Instructor: Rev. J. L. Trollinger.

211b. "Guiding Children In Christian Growth." Text: Carrier, "How Shall I Learn To Teach Religion?" Instructor: Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll.

144b. "Christian Worship." Text: Powell, "Guiding the Experience of Worship." Instructor: Rev. E. O. Peeler.

142. 2b. "The Use of Dramatics In Christian Education." Text: Meredith. Instructor: Rev. James T. Bowman.

312b. "Understanding Ourselves." Text: Johnson, "Who Are You?" Instructor: Rev. Jabus W. Braxton.

Morning Worship

(Daily, 8:30. Auditorium).

General subject: "The One Way In Which Christ Means the Most To Me."

Tuesday: Rev. J. Leo Pittard.
Wednesday: Rev. Clarence P. Morris.
Thursday: Rev. Joseph F. Coble.
Friday: Rev. William M. Howard, Jr.

Morning Address

(Daily, 9:50. Auditorium).

Tuesday: "Adventures In Personal Religious Living"—Rev. T. J. Whitehead, Pastor of First Methodist Protestant Church, Henderson.

Wednesday: "Adventures In Organized Religion"—Dr. J. E. Pritchard, President of the N. C. Annual Conference, High Point.

Thursday: "Adventures In Social Reconstruction"—Rev. J. Clay Madison, Pastor First Methodist Protestant Church, High Point.

Friday: "Adventures In World Friendship"—Rabbi Fred I. Rypins, Minister Temple Emmanuel, Greensboro.

Senior Discussion Topics

(Daily, 10:45. Auditorium).

Tuesday: "Leisure Time and Recreation"—Rev. James T. Bowman, Leader. Assisted by Rev. Joseph F. Coble.

Wednesday: "Religious Problems of Youth"—Rev. Oscar L. Easter, Leader.

Thursday: "Young People's Relationships"—Rev. Jabus W. Braxton, Leader.

Friday: "Our Future Youth Program"—Rev. T. J. Whitehead, Leader.

Evening Programs

(Daily, 8:00. Auditorium).

Monday: Religious Drama, Directed by Rev. James T. Bowman.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: Series of Addresses by Dr. F. L. Gibbs, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Friday: Communion and Consecration, Directed by Rev. T. J. Whitehead and Dr. F. L. Gibbs.

Daily Time Schedule

7:15—Rising Bell.

7:30—Breakfast.

8:30-8:50—Morning Worship for Students and Faculty (Auditorium).

8:55-9:45—First Class Period:
  Meeting of all Second Series Courses.
  Meeting of First Series Courses 112, 120, 123.

9:50-10:40—Morning Address for Students and Faculty (Auditorium).

10:45-12:15—Junior Discussion Periods:
  a) Health Activities (10:45-11:30).
  b) Music Appreciation (11:30-12:15).

10:45-12:15 — Senior Discussion Period (Auditorium).

12:30—Lunch.

1:30-2:20—Second Class Period:
  Meeting of all Second Series Courses.
  Meeting of First Series Courses 130, 132, 313.

2:25-3:30—Study Period.

3:30-5:30—Directed Recreation.

6:00-7:15—Dinner and Fellowship in Dining Hall.

8:00-9:00—Evening Program for Students and Faculty (Auditorium).

9:00-10:15—Fellowship or Study.

10:30—All Lights Out.

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ON THE ANXIOUS SEAT

We made a big venture this time when we invited two bishops to speak for us at our Children's Home Day June 22nd. But we made it with faith in our people that they would gladly respond to our call and give Bishop Purcell and Bishop Straughn a good hearing.

On this our last celebration as a Methodist Protestant Children's Home we hope to see the largest gathering of our people in the history of the Home.

It ought to be a great occasion with all our churches represented in the crowd. It will be a great gathering of our people if somebody will just plan it in each church. Plan to have one or more automobile loads come from each community where we have a church.

We are also inviting the people of the former M. E. Church, South, to come also. And we are believing that numbers of them will come.

However, the uncertainty of it all puts us, not on the mourner's bench, but on the anxious seat.

We have invited two bishops to speak, and anticipating a great crowd. We have engaged the Harrison Gymnasium at High Point College for the program, and will have it seated so as to seat a large crowd. We shall be exceedingly anxious until 10:00 o'clock Thursday morning, June 22nd, when we shall see how well those seats are filled. You can help wonderfully by coming yourself and getting others to come.

We are looking for you. You will not disappoint us.

Picnic Dinner

The picnic dinner is to be served here at the Children's Home under the big trees. We have all the shade trees needed. We hope for a fine day. We will place a long line of tables, and we are looking for you to fill those tables with good things to eat. Come and we will have a good time together on June 22nd from 10:00 a. m. until about 1:30 p. m., or as long as you care to stay. There will be no afternoon program. We shall anxiously await your coming and we believe you will come in large numbers. God bless and keep each of you.

Yours in His service,
A. G. DIXON, Supt.

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SPEAKING OF SHIRTS

De Valera with his green shirts, his back against the wall,
Hitler, with his brown shirts, riding for a fall,
Mussolini, with his black shirts, lording over all—
Three cheers for Mahatma Gandhi, with no shirt at all!

—Fellowship.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

FINDING MY PLACE OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Topic for June 11, 1939

By REV. RAYMOND W. WHITE

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, June 5—A call to service. Ex. 3:9-12.

Tuesday, June 6—Called to special duty. Judges 6:11-16.

Wednesday, June 7—Faithfulness of Christ (prophetic). Ps. 40:7-10.

Thursday, June 8—Peter's commission. John 21:15-19.

Friday, June 9—Each in his own place. John 3:22-30.

Saturday, June 10—A question of submission. Acts 9:1-6.

The Text: Isa. 6:8; Matt. 4:18-20.

To the Leader

Summer offers a fine opportunity to meditate on the future and to make some decisions. This is the time to plan for summer camps, conventions, conferences, and leadership training schools. Candidates should be urged to think of such experiences as a chance to find themselves in Christian activity. The reading of vocational books may be suggested to youth that will have leisure time at home. These may be opportunities to serve in the local church during the summer months. Most people have leisure time in the summer. It should be well spent. This topic affords the opportunity to discuss some of the ways for personal culture and Christian service during the leisure hours of the long summer days. You may point out the ways of preparing to do better Christian work upon the return of the autumn days.

Questions for the Open Forum

1. How may one culture his soul?
2. What summer activities for personal development have you enjoyed?
3. What sugggestions have you to offer for the use of leisure time?
4. What summer activities does the church provide for her youth?
5. In what ways, if any, does the summer season offer opportunties for meditation?
6. What local church work suffers during the summer?
7. What service can we render to the church in the summer?
8. What is your plan, if any, for summer reading?
9. How does summer reading prepare one for winter work?
10. What camps, conventions, conferences and schools can you recommend in this area?
11. Can one spend a profitable vacation in a leadership training school? Explain.
12. What summer pleasures do you consider worthwhile? Why?

The Poet

One asked a sign from God; and day by day
The sun arose in pearl, in scarlet set,
Each night the stars appeared in bright array,
Each morn the thirsting grass with dew was wet,
The corn failed not its harvest, nor the vine.
And yet he saw no sign.

One longed to hear a prophet; and he strayed
Through crowded streets, and by the open sea.
He saw men send their ships for distant trade,
And build for generations yet to be.
He saw the farmer sow his acres wide,
But went unsatisfied.

One prayed a sight of heaven; and erewhile
He saw a workman at his noontime rest.
He saw one dare for honor, and the smile
Of one who held a babe upon her breast;
At dusk two lovers walking hand in hand;
But did not understand.

—Victor Starbuck.

Little Gems

Never let your love for your profession overshadow your religious feeling. Depend on it that religion will strengthen, not weaken, your energies, and will not only make you a better sailor, but a superior man. Professional studies are not to be neglected; but, on the other hand, take care how you fall into the common error of believing they are the remedy for all the ills of life.—B. R. Haydon.

Have you ever rightly considered what the mere ability to read means? That it is the key which admits us to the whole world of thought and fancy and imagination? to the company of saint and sage, of the wisest and the wittiest at their wisest and wittiest moment? That it enables us to see with the keenest eyes, hear with the finest ears, and listen to the sweetest voices of all time? More than that, it annihilates time and space for us.—Lowell.

Leisure, the highest happiness upon earth, is seldom enjoyed with perfect satisfaction, except in solitude. Indolence and indifference do not always afford leisure: for true leisure is frequently found in that interval of relaxation which divides a painful duty from an agreeable recreation; a toilsome business from the more agreeable occupations of literature and philosophy.—Zimmerman.

Topic Hints

Leisure Time: For many of us summer time is leisure time. Benjamin Franklin said, "Leisure is time for doing something useful; this leisure the diligent man will obtain; but the lazy man, never." Why let our leisure be empty time? On every hand there is provided opportunities for the culture of the soul, the training of the mind, and the building up of the body, in the summer months. He who takes advantage of these opportunities will profit thereby.

Meditation: Summer is a good time to think deeply and seriously about the future. In the forest, on the farm, and by the seaside, one may live with God and learn His way for one's future. Away from traffic and tension, one may have time to commune with himself and with God. It may be in a quiet and secluded place God will speak to the earnest seeker and show him his place in Christian service.

At Home: Many will not have the privilege of spending a vacation away from home.

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FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Kannapolis, N. C.—Kannapolis church had an unusual visitor speak at both services last Sunday. That visitor was Dr. P. K. Li, a Chinese doctor and student of Duke Hospital. He gave a stirring gospel message at the morning service. The evening hour was used by the same speaker to describe the horrors of war in China. A brief history of the Chinese people and government was also given by Dr. Li. The speaker was a guest of our pastor over the week end.

The fourth Sunday was unusual in another way. The debt of the church was paid in full and will be ready for dedication when Dr. Pritchard comes to us on June 25th. This is the first time our church has been entirely clear of debt. Most of the money has been raised to re-paint the church auditorium before dedication. It is believed that all church bills can be paid in full by the dedication day. All former pastors and friends of the church are invited to the services for June 25th.

We are glad to report the great improvement of Gay Nell Price at this time. As you know Gay Nell is a member of our church and is now a patient at the Black Mountain Sanitorium. We are looking forward to her return home some time soon. Gay is such a sweet Christian girl always looking on the bright side of life. To know her is to love her. We are glad that the Great Physician of whom she serves is able to heal both soul and body.

The Woman's Auxiliary is planning to make a great improvement of the church pulpit in the near future. The Auxiliary have a very good business here selling socks under the leadership of our new president, Mrs. J. S. Marshall, assisted by our active vice-president, Mrs. Mahaffey. We are expecting a good year.

The Mother's Day program was enjoyed by a good crowd at Sunday evening service. Mr. Arthur Tutteron sponsored this program which consisted of special songs and poems. We are glad that Little Dorothy Ruth Huss (our new baby at the parsonage) is back from the Duke Hospital and doing fine.

EDWARD SIDES, Reporter.

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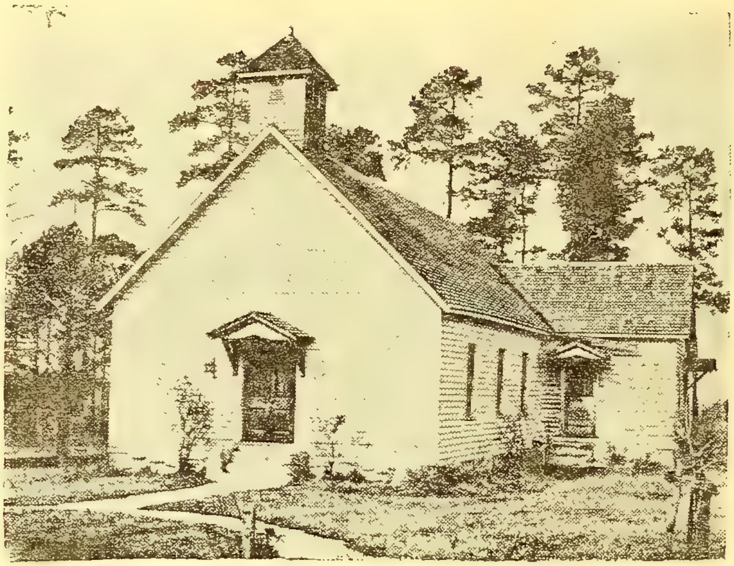
Central Church, Dr. Taylor, Pastor.—Dr. Taylor, Mrs. W. C. Hammer and Frank Redding, Jr., delegates to the unification conference in Kansas City, were speakers at the morning worship hour, May 21. Mrs. Hammer told of the musical contributions at the conference, the notables who were in attendance, the missionary set-up of the new church, particularly as it concerns the women.

Frank Redding described the observance of Holy Communion at the opening of the conference. He also told about the pageant which portrayed the founding and progress of the Methodist Book House.



Spring Valley Church on the Vance Charge, Rev. J. D. Cranford, Pastor. The interior of this church has recently been refinished and the exterior has been repainted.

Dr. Taylor explained the proceedings of two high spots of the conference, namely, ordaining women to the ministry of the church, and the attitude of the church on war.

The "Echo" meeting was enjoyed by a large congregation. At the evening worship Dr. Taylor spoke of the last act of the conference which was the Declaration of Union.

The church is glad to announce that Tom Houts, son of Rev. R. T. Houts who is pastor of the Spray Methodist church, has been employed as director of religious education for Central church. Young Houts is recommended highly for this important post and will direct the summer vacation school which is scheduled for June 5-16. Houts possesses a promising baritone voice and contributed Sullivan's "Holy City" during the morning hour Sunday, May 28. The splendid group of young people at Central church are in dire need of a director and the church is desirous of securing an all-time leader.

Mrs. John Taylor, Herald agent, is directiong a Herald campaign for six month subscribers.

Mrs. Eunice Hayworth returned to Asheboro Sunday decidedly improved after several weeks' treatment in City Memorial Hospital, Winston-Salem. Mrs. W. E. Luck has recovered from an operation in Randolph Hospital, and Mrs. J. F. Lamb is improving from several days' illness.

Miss Elizabeth Henley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Henley, of Main street, is a member of the senior class of the Capital City School of Nursing at Washington, D. C. Miss Henley will continue in her chosen profession in the Capital city.

Sunday morning, May 21, at the 11 o'clock church service, the eleven members of the Asheboro 1939 high school graduating class were honor guests. They were L. D. Burkhead, Jr., James Hendrix, Wallace Black, Sam Taylor, Mary E. Hughes, Frances Ridge, Margaret McCullers, Ola Mae Brower, Frances McDowell, Nellie Hopkins, and Margaret Stowe.

The Women's Bible class which is taught by Mrs. S. W. Presnell met on monthly schedule at the parsonage Thursday evening with Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. W. C. Hendrix and Mrs. J. R. Lutterloh as hostesses.

CLETA RICH.

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College St., Littleton Charge, Rev. D. D. Broome, Pastor.—Our pastor has filled both of his regular appointments for us this month, and I think his sermon was one of the best Sunday morning. He spoke to us on "The New Church of Methodist Union." Lots of good points were brought out in his message.

On Thursday night, May 18th our pastor and his wife entertained all the Auxiliaries on the charge at the parsonage, with a reception.

The living room and hall were well filled, and a program was planned for the evening.

Songs were sung, poems and reading were read, business discussed and games played at the close of business discussion.

Each Auxiliary took part in the program. Weavers Chapel had charge of the devotional; Hawkins Chapel, the program, and College St., the business. Miss Alice Mae Whitley and Mr. Mathew Wilson of Weavers Chapel took part in the devotional, Miss Esther Hawkins of Hawkins Chapel was program leader, Miss Grace Pittard played the piano, and Miss Annie Perkinson, vice-president of College St., acted as chairman.

Ideas and plans were discussed such as repairing parsonage, sending delegates to Leadership Training School, and installing a suit of furniture in the parsonage.

Each Auxiliary told of their ways of making up money, and Mrs. H. S. B. Thompson of Vaughn gave an interesting talk on their way of raising money. We also had

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Trolinger to speak to us and I'm sure their talks were an inspiration to us all. We are glad they are pleased with the progress of our work, and we were indeed glad to have them with us and we hope they will come again real soon.

At the close of the meeting our hostess served us a delicious ice course, and all talked and eat to our heart's content.

Along with many other things I've mentioned I must not forget to congratulate our hostess on how splendid everything was carried out for our comfort and benefit as well as pleasure.

I must also say Mrs. Broome is very much gifted for this kind of work and seems to know just how to get along with us women. Congratulations to her, and I hope that she may continue to succeed. May all that is interested in us and our work pray for us.

ANNIE PERKINSON, Reporter.

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Mt. Carmel Church, Rev. L. E. Mabry, Pastor.—Sunday was a very good day at this church. Sunday school attendance was the best it has been this year. Rev. Mr. Mabry preached a very helpful sermon, using for his subject the last phrase of John 3:16.

Memorial and Home Coming. We invite all friends and former pastors of our church to be with us. First Sunday in August Dr. J. E. Pritchard will speak in the afternoon and dedicate new pulpit chairs, carpet and altar fixtures. Rev. I. R. Evans, pastor of Spencer Baptist church will conduct the afternoon devotional. Visiting singers are welcome.

April meeting of the Auxiliary met with Mrs. John Rowe. Officers were elected for the following year.

Quarterly Conference for this church and Lextington meets at Mt. Carmel Tuesday night. Nominees for delegate to the next Annual Conference will be elected at this meeting.

BEAUTUS WAITMAN.

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Concord, Rev. E. O. Peeler, Pastor.—Since our last report our ladies have sponsored a supper and a flower show. Have had our kitchen in the dining hall of the church remodeled. Also we tried a new project for Mother's Day. We asked people for 25 cents and their mother's name that it might be placed on our church bulletin for Mother's Day. Now we are going to do the same thing for Father's Day. It makes lots of work for our untiring pastor and wife as they print our bulletins each week but they seem to enjoy it. Our Missionary Circles are planning different things. One is planning to put on a supper in the near future; another is planning to sell wax paper, all seem to be anxious to get a good start on the work. A committee was appointed Sunday to work on the Home Coming offering for the Children's Home. The Baraca boys I think cloth a child at the home and they were very busy Sunday getting their money for that. Our delegate to our Annual Conference will be Mrs. J. L. Sides with Mr. Tom Rabon alternate. The women of the B. and S. class have been having some spring cleaning done. Their room looks very pretty and they did not have any trouble getting the work paid for. The members of the Bible Class are going to clean their room. We think our pulpit looks so much better with the beautiful Bible that Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ketner gave to the church in honor of Mrs. Ketner's mother and fother, Mr. and Mrs. George Holland. We have missed Mr. S. C. Cass from church for two Sundays. He has been very sick with the flu. The first time any of us ever knew him to be sick. I think he said it was the first time he had been sick in 25 years. Yesterday the relatives and a group of friends gathered at the grave of Rev. D. A. Braswell and held a memorial service. He is the only M. P. ministers buried in the local graveyard. The service was conducted by our pastor, Rev. Peeler, assisted by Rev. J. N. Randall, pastor of Mt. Olivet Methodist Church and Rev. D. D. Nash. Two favorite hymns of Mr. Braswell were sung. They were "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" and "Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me." Mr. Peeler read a short account of Mr. Braswell's activities taken from a history of New Hope Church. Mr. Braswell's life means a lot to some of us older folk that were converted and joined the church while he was our pastor. The flowers that were placed on Mr. and Mrs. Braswell's graves by relatives and friends were very beautiful and we are so glad that we knew them both and that we were permitted to be present in the memorial service and pay our respect to such wonderful soldiers who have gone on to their reward.

BERTHA EARNHARDT, Reporter.

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First Church, Lexington, Rev. L. E. Mabry, Pastor.—Due to the fact that now we have two First Methodist Churches in Lexington, the First M. P. Church will change its name in the near future to the Holt Memorial in honor of the late William Holt, Sr., who donated the land on which the church rested.

The Fireman's Memorial service, an annual event, will be held next Sunday at 11:00 o'clock a. m. at our church with Rev. L. E. Mabry delivering the memorial address. The firemen will also decorate graves of deceased firemen. The public is cordially invited to these services. We are planning to enlarge our church grounds and also to have a church hut in the near future.

Our Sunday school and church attendance is holding up very good at this time. Our pastor has been preaching some very interesting sermons for the past few weeks.

REPORTER.

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First Church, Winston.—We have recently —within the last three weeks—given the Church Auditorium a complete new dress of paint on the walls and the overhead has been papered, giving it a more attractive appearance. Our people are very happy in this achievement, for they thought at one time, that such a thing could not be done. Our Sunday school is the largest over a period of several years, and the congregations are well over par. We have also papered several rooms and put a new roof on the old parsonage on 7th street, which is being rented. The morale of the church and congregation is the best I have seen it.

I leave Friday morning for San Antonio, Texas, as delegate to the National Convention of the Travelers Protective Association of America, with all expenses paid by the association. Will be gone about 12 days. Rev. Sulon Ferree will supply the pulpit while I am away.

I hope that I can get a copy of last week's Herald along with this week's issue. Come to see our new church some time!

And, oh, yes, my class of girls has papered the study too.

J. L. TROLLINGER.

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Littleton Charge, Corinth Church, Rev. Mr. Broome, Pastor.—Our annual memorial service was held at this church yesterday. Rev. Mr. Broome delivered a very inspiring message.

The church was decorated very pretty with flowers. After the service the flowers were taken to the cemetery and placed on the graves.

We were very glad to have Rev. Broome's father worship with us yesterday. He is spending some time with Rev. Broome and family. We were also glad to have visitors from Richmond, Va., Roanoke Rapids, Vaughan, Littleton, and Hawkin's Chapel and hope they will come back and worship with us again real soon.

Since our last report Rev. and Mrs. Trollinger, a former pastor, have visited in our community. We were very glad to see them and have them in our home again. For they will always hold a very dear spot in our hearts and we will be glad to have them visit us at any time they can.

Sorry to hear of the illness of Rev. H. S. B. Thompson. We are wishing for him a speedy recovery.

We missed Mrs. Broome from our services yesterday. We hope she can be with us at the next service.

MRS. B. F. MORRIS, Reporter.

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Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant Charge, Rev. J. W. Braxton, Pastor.—If you were at Mt. Pleasant Church the first Sunday it was truly a day well-spent. It was the annual home coming and memorial day. At the morning service Rev. Braxton brought an inspiring message. Lunch was spread on the table put on the church ground and there was plenty of good things to eat. At the afternoon service a memorial service was held for members and all who were buried here that had passed away the last year. A beautiful basket of pink and blue flowers carried by Mildred Black was placed on the altar rail in memory of these with Mr. Floyd Amick calling the names. After this two baskets of white flowers were placed on either side of the large basket to honor the memory of the two pastors buried at Mt. Pleasant. Rev. G. F. Milloway who passed away this year and Rev. E. G. Lowdermilk. These baskets were carried by Rev. Milloway's granddaughter and Rev. Lowdermilk's niece. The address of the afternoon was given by Mr. Clifford Frazier of Greensboro, using as his subject "Light." Mr. Frazier was an interesting and forceful speaker.

Special music was furnished by the girl's quartet and a choir composed of Mt. Pleasant and Pleasant Union churches. The church and Sunday school rooms were well filled for both services. We wish to thank all who took part to make this day one to be remembered and of spiritual benefit to all.

The bulletins for the day were given by Mrs. E. G. Lowdermilk in memory of her husband and Rev. Milloway.

Dr. D. E. Everheardt, former president of Louisburg College, will be the pulpit help in our August revival.

Mr. Alfred Alexander is on the sick list and we hope he will soon be better. We missed him at church Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shoffner are both much improved, also Johnsie Smith is some better and Mrs. Underwood, the mother of Mrs. R. C. Causey, is able to stand on her feet for a few minutes after not walking for two years. Mrs. Maggie Holt is also improved.

Mrs. Trixie Suits and her Sunday school class had a picnic at High Point Lake on Saturday, June 3. All reported a nice time.

MRS. CARL CURTIS.

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Shoals-Pinnacle, Mt. Zion Charge.—On March 25 our hearts were made sad to hear of Mrs. Lucy Owen Bowen's death. She had been in feeble health for a number of years and had been in bed nearly all winter but not seriously sick until about two weeks before her death.

She was one of the charter members of our Auxiliary and always attended church when her health would permit. She enjoyed company very much. We will miss her cheerful face.

Her funeral was conducted from the Baptist church March 27 by her pasotr, Rev. J. D. Morris, assisted by Rev. Ellis Norman. She leaves to mourn their loss her companion, Mr. H. H. Bowen, two daughters, Mrs. Roger Scott and Mrs. Wesley Fowler, two stepdaughters, Miss Roxie Bower and Mrs. Viola Flynn, two stepsons, Robert and Raymond Bowen.

Her body was laid to rest in the cemetery beneath a beautiful mound of flowers.

The Shoals township Sunday School Convention will be held at Fairview Methodist church the third Sunday in June.

The revival meeting will begin the second Sunday in July.

Mr. H. E. Kiger, who has been sick so long, is now seriously ill. His daughter, Miss Lydia Kiger, a nurse of High Point Hospital, is at his bedside.

Mr. Porter Hauser, who graduated at High Point College May 29, left for Washington, D. C. on Thursday, June 1.

REPORTER.

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Baltimore Church, West Forsyth Charge.—Our pastor, Rev. G. B. Ferree, filled his regular appointment Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock. He read from II Timothy 4th chapter, using as his text the 7th verse, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." His subject, "A Good Soldier of Jesus Christ." Paul said the words of this text as he was nearing the end of his life journey.

Paul's faith never failed, when we think of an old man facing death and writing so challengingly to the young preacher as Paul did to Timothy to preach the word and fulfill his ministry. This "battle-scared veteran of many conflicts for Christ" says to Timothy a last word about himself in which his triumphant faith looks beyond his death to the waiting crown of life. We too should pray with Paul that "we may fight the good fight." That we to might be good soldiers for Jesus.

We are sad to note the sickness in our community. Mr. L. E. Doub, a faithful member was taken sick last Thursday, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kelley have been in declining health for several months.

Our revival meeting will begin July 9, with the Rev. S. G. Ferree. He is a very fine young man just entering the ministry. We pray that the Lord may use him in a great way toward winning souls. We trust everybody will be much in prayer for this revival. For the only way to have a real revival is to let it first begin in the hearts of every individual Christian.

The Sunday school still continues to grow. 109 were present Sunday morning.

The monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. George Nichleson, a very interesting program was held and seems to do very much good.

JOSEPHINE PHILLIPS, Reporter.

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Pensacola, Rev. W. C. Clark, Pastor.—We wish to thank Vanus McMahan and M. H. Blankenship for cleaning off the church grounds.

The Junior and Primary classes in Sunday school have an attendance contest on which seems to be helping their attendance considerably.

Miss Louise Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wilson, recently graduated from high school.

MRS. W. G. BLANKENSHIP, Reporter.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY OF VICKERY CHURCH

There has not been a report from our society for some time but we are still having our meetings.

On several occasions we have had visiting speakers, which makes our programs more interesting. In honor of our mothers and grandmothers on Mother's Day we gave a very pretty pageant, "Mother's Picture."

Sunday night, May 21, we elected new officers for our society which are as follows: President, Clara Dean; vice-president, Clarence Fields; secretary, Mary Cummings; assistant secretary, Ive Mae Hix; treasurer, Paul Armfield; pianist, Fleta Mae Hohn; assistant pianist, Frances Marsh; reporter, Mary Ruth Osborne; program committee, Thomas Winslow, Ruth Fields, and Bessie Mae Willard, chairman.

We hope that this will be the most successful years of our society.

MARY RUTH OSBORNE, Reporter.

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Oh, for faith and strength to win
Every battle we begin!
Oh, for patience to put through
Every task we plan to do!
—R. L. Stevenson.

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He who has the faith of Paul will never want the works of James.—William Jay.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

(Continued from Page Eleven)

Not a few will be deprived of the privilege of attending camps, conferences, and schools for leadership training and personal religious living. In every community, however, there are opportunities for everybody. There are libraries, summer schools, and public meetings conducted by local oganizations for the development of the individual. Many of these activities afford an unusual opportunity to do Christian service.

The Home Church: Church organizations are weak during the summer season. Many Sunday school teachers are absent and the children need to be taught. Here is an opportunity to substitute and not only do a real Christian service but discover one's hidden possibilities for this work. Talent for music may be discovered by serving in the absence of the choir members. Special services may be conducted by individuals or by organizations to which they belong. Hers is a real opportunity for the Christian Endeavor society.

Future Plans: The summer season is a good time to make plans for the future. Leaders of church organizations may plan their work for the winter months during their leisure time. It is a good time to make plans for one's future. A program for life may be planned and the methods of working the plan discovered. There no end of books that will help in most any field of endeavor. We will find that our winter work will not be so difficult if we do more summer planning.

Summer Programs: The church provides opportunities for preparation in Christian service and for Christian service. Schools, conferences, assemblies, and conventions afford opportunities for youth to spend studying vacations, and for trying out various kinds of Christian service. Daily Vacation Bible Schools are opened to the younger and the older are needed to conduct them.

A Consideration: In planning for future vocations, youth should seek those vocations in which they will be able or work out the ideals of the Christian religion. It is important for them to give a large part of themselves and their time to the Church of Christ, no matter what vocation they may choose. The church must not be left out in one's plan for life. Not only does she need full-time religious leaders, but she needs lay leaders who can give a part of their time and ability to Christian service. Consider the church while considering a vocation.

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William: "Mr. Jones left his umbrella again. I do believe he would leave his head if it were loose."

Jack: "I dare say you're right. I heard him say only yesterday he was going to Colorado for his lungs."

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The people will worship a golden calf if it be a golden one.—Proverb.

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Please remember June 22nd, and bring a good representation from your church to the Children's Home. Thank you.

Yours in His service,
A. G. DIXON, Supt.

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READING ALOUD

By GRENVILLE KLEISER

MANY PEOPLE REALIZE that poetry gains an added beauty by intelligent reading aloud. It is obvious that it should be so, for poetry, even more than rhythmic prose, has a musical element that needs vocal expression, either actual or imaginative.

THOSE PEOPLE WHO LIKE POETRY generally are willing to hear it read aloud. But it is rarely so with prose—largely, one suspects, because the poetry-reader is often a person of education and sensitive imagination, whereas the man or woman who reads prose aloud too often lacks both these gifts.

"Reading aloud" nearly always means "to an audience," whether of one or more: the audience of one is often a defenseless invalid who cannot ecape the well-meant attentions of the determined reader. The audience of many is often a collection of people forming a Mutual Admiration Society.

That is why the art of reading aloud has fallen into disrepute; it is almost never undertaken with the right motive.

THE RIGHT MOTIVE IS INTERPRETATION: not self-glorification, nor a vague idea that it's "the thing to do," but simply to make the author understood more fully.

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IN ORDER TO INTERPRET WELL, the reader should be practiced in the technical accomplishment necessary to interpretation. As a musician must practice in private before he can perform publicly, so the really good reader should practice his art, so that he learns how to modulate his voice properly, control his breathing, cultivate a pleasant tone, varied without being over-emphatic and calm without monotonous.

Reading aloud to oneself gives an ease and confidence which are necessary before one can give real pleasure to other people by reading aloud to them.

THE PRACTICED READER IS A REAL ADDITION TO SOCIETY. One has only to contrast him with some well-meaning persons one has met—persons who have insisted on reading aloud to one—to understand the immense difference between the art as properly practiced and the usual bungling that is substituted for it.

How many of us have suffered from the prosy reader; from the man who gets so absorbed that he goes on reading to himself in silence and leaves his audience waiting; from the over-emphatic reader, or from one who stumbles and corrects himself?

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IT CAN BE ONE OF THE PLEASANTEST OF SOCIAL ARTS. The reader first ascertains the tastes of his audience, and selects a book likely to prove attractive to them. He waits till his hearers are comfortably settled; he reads quietly, unaffectedly, with expression but without over-emphasis, so that he, as a man, is forgotten, and only the book remains, directly conveyed to the mind of the hearers. Only when the reader pauses and closes the book do they realize how perfect a medium for the author his voice and personality have been.

DONE IN THIS WAY, reading aloud is one of the most delightful of social entertainments.

It is soothing, revealing: it draws the audience out of themselves; it interprets fully literature which, to a casual glance, has not been fully revealed. It forms the bond between man and man, author, reader and hearer, that is one of the most precious gifts of literature.

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"An angel passed in its onward flight
With a seed of love, of truth and of light
And cried, 'O where shall this seed be sown
That it bear most fruit when fully grown!'
The Savior heard, and he said as he smiled,
'Plant it for me in the heart of a child.' "

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Thanks to the human heart by which we live,
Thanks to its tenderness, its joys, and fears,
To me the meanest flower that blows can give
Thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears.

—Wordsworth.

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Once a friend of Mark Twain's was conversing with him regarding a trerrible affliction of a person known to them both.

"Can you imagine anything worse than having diphtheria and scarlet fever at the same time?"

"Yes," replied Mark, "I can easily imagine worse than that—for instance, rheumatism and St. Vitus dance."

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Lena Ferguson Wynne

Mrs. Lena Ferguson Wynne, wife of Richard H. Wynne, of Gibsonville, died at her home here Thursday morning, April 27, after an illness extending over a period of several weeks.

Mrs. Wynne was the daughter of the late Walter Sherwood Ferguson and Sarah Margaret Blue Ferguson. She was born in Moore county and reared and educated in Greensboro. Mrs. Wynne was one of Gibsonville's most popular and beloved women. Her engaging personality won many friends, and these remained steadfast and true, and the news of her passing, though not unexpected, came as a profound shock. Her life was short but well lived. She was very active in Sunday school and church work, and also in club and civic work. She loved children and was loved in turn by them as her work in the primary department of her Sunday school attests. She loved music passionately and was never too busy to give of her own musical talent when called upon. She loved beauty and showed it always in her surroundings.

Her pastor, Rev. Charles E. Anderson, of the local M. P. church, had charge of the funeral, which was held at the home Saturday afternoon, assisted by a former pastor, Rev. R. C. Stubbins of Greensboro. Two of her favorite songs, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way" and "Abide With Me" were sung by Mrs. W. N. Huff of Elon College. Her body was laid to rest in the Gibsonville cemetery underneath a mound of beautiful flowers carried by members of the church choir, Book Club, Music Club, and neighbors.

To her home to which she was greatly devoted, to her church which she loved, to the community of which she was a part, her death represents a great loss, which we all feel most keenly. Surviving are her husband and one daughter, Miss Margaret Francelia Wynne, of the home, one sister, Mrs. H. C. Trexler of Salisbury, and one niece of Salisbury, Miss Miriam Trexler. A sister, Mrs. Alf Parsons, of Iola, Kansas, died last November.

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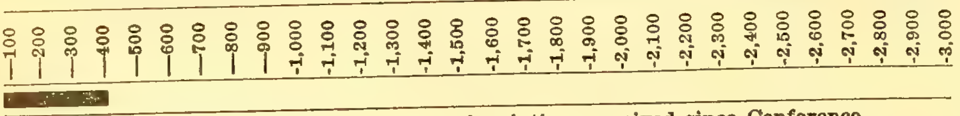

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The Social Creed and War

[Extract from an Editorial by Dr. William P. King in the *Christian Advocate*, Nashville, Tenn.]

No falser accusation can be made than the intimation that all conscientious objectors are cowards. The sincere conscientious objector represents the most courageous type. It is not that he is afraid of being killed, but he is not willing to kill. "The religion of Jesus led Him to die for humanity's sake. It never led Him to kill for humanity's sake."

To make the charge of cowardice is to say that the primitive Christians, who renounced war, were cowards.

We must keep in mind that governments, and the mass mind, are not infallible. We know that Pitt was right in his opposition to the war with the American colonies, and that the mass psychology of his country was wrong. We know that Bright was right in his opposition to the Crimean War, and that the misguided populace was wrong. We believe that Lloyd George and Ramsay MacDonald were right in opposing the Boer War, and that their country was wrong. We believe that Abraham Lincoln and General Grant were right in condemning the Mexican War, and that our government was wrong. We believe that President McKinley was right in his first position against the war with Spain, and that the Western Republican senators who were guided by the motive of their own political safety were wrong. We believe that the Christian conscience of America was right in its declaration against war with Mexico, and that the yellow press who wanted to fight Mexico were wrong.

Against all the ranting of militarism, I deliberately take my stand with the truly heroic spirits of the past who by a constant invasion of the dominion of physical force have made all progress possible. I take my stand with Martin Luther in his courageous words that launched the Protestant Reformation: "It is unsafe and injurious to go against one's conscience." I take my stand with the apostolic declaration: "We must obey God rather than men." The famous Supreme Court decision in the case of Professor Macintosh was five to four against the conscientious objector. Since Justice Holmes and Justice Hughes were among the four, if the decision had gone by weight rather than numbers, it would have gone the other way.

In conclusion, it should be understood that there is a difference between a concession to conscientious objectors and absolute pacifism. The paragraph of the Social Creed which defended the right of conscience in the conscientious objector defended also the right of conscience of the soldier.

Our own government, in its most militaristic mood and when most influenced by the war spirit, has exempted the Quakers from service as soldiers. The man who thinks that Quakers are cowards does not know the Quakers and does not know history. As a minority, they have made a contribution of moral and spiritual values to society out of all proportion to their number. They have been the pioneers in moral reform, social betterment, and humanitarian measures, and have bravely borne persecution for conscience' sake and through their sense of loyalty to the Prince of Peace.

Having introduced the resolution calling for a declaration of a Social Creed for the united church, I have felt the more impelled to make a further defense of the item in the creed which bore the brunt of the opposition.

The gratitude of the church is due the committee for the clear and strong declaration which was submitted to the Conference.—*Zion's Herald.*

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

An Omission

In my letter last week concerning the dedicatory service at Spencer, the name of the pastor, Rev. Atlas Ridge, was left out either in the setting of the type or the making up of the forms. Anyway, Brother Ridge is the pastor of this church and has been for the past two years.

The Approaching Annual Conference

Last Thursday, I was in a meeting at Duke University called by Bishop Clare Purcell. The District Superintendents of the Western North Carolina Canference and the secretary of that conference were present as were Dr. W. J. Plint, District Superintendent of the Blue Ridge Atlantic Annual Conference of the M. E. Church. Dr. C. W. Bates who was attending the Pastors' School at Duke was also invited to sit in. Bishop Purcell read a letter from the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church which outlined the matters of procedure for the new conference as well as the finishing up the old.

The fact was emphasized that the Methodist Protestant Conferences are to be governed by their own discipline during the remainder of this conference year. This means that we are to elect our delegates to conference in the usual way, however, Bishop Purcell emphasized the fact that it is to be understood that the same delegates to our finishing up conference will sit in the new conference also.

Another matter of vital implications is that we will be responsible for making the appointments to our churches this year, subject to the review and approval of the new conference. This means that for the first year Methodist Protestant ministers will be assigned to Methodist Protestant Churches except in cases where the conferences agree to an exchange. Since we are to be responsible for finding a place for our men it becomes necessary for us to hold all of our churches for the coming year. When the count was taken of the three denominations it seemed that there would be thirteen more men coming in than were going out insofar as any one knew. It was decided that each of the former denominations would make an appeal to its churches to hold steady for another year. In the past several years we have had great difficulty in finding places for all of our men. If we do not keep our churches the problem will be intensified.

It was also announced that the place to which a man is assigned this fall would determine his conference membership. If one of our men should be assigned to a church within the boundaries of the present Western North Carolina Conference he automatically becomes a member of that conference. The same is true of the North Carolina Conference.

Bishop Straughn who is to hold our finishing up conference having left the matter in our hands, we agreed that our conference would meet in Grace Church on Wednesday morning, October 18th at 10:00 o'clock. The other two denominations will meet in Greensboro on Thursday morning, October 19th. It was decided for each conference to try to finish its work by Saturday noon so that the conferences could be merged Saturday afternoon and the rest of the work could be done in the united conference. It was decided that all three of the church will hold a Mid-Year meeting in Statesville some time near the first of July, the exact time to be announced a little later.

An Explanation

Not many of us like to be very personal, however, it becomes necessary for me to explain a few things. One is that this letter is being written Sunday night, for the reason that I am entering the Guilford General Hospital here in High Point tomorrow morning at 7:30 o'clock for a tonsilectomy. This made it necessary for me to get a substitute for the dedicatory services at Fallston on next Sunday. Dr. R. M. Andrews has agreed to substitute for me in the Sunday morning service. Bishop Clare Purcell will preach in the afternoon and will dedicate the church. Dr. P. E. Lindley has agreed to substitute for me in the dedicatory sermon at Kannapolis the fourth Sunday in case I am not able to go by that time.

A Sunday Morning At Cedar Falls

This morning was spent with the congregation at Cedar Falls on the Richland charge, Rev. C. L. Grant, pastor. The congregations here, I was told, are never large, but the one today was as good as usual or better and the people seemed interested. It was a pleasure to preach to them. This is Brother Grant's first year on this charge but he has taken hold of the work in a commendable way and the work seems to be moving along nicely. I trust they may finish up well.

Memorial Services In High Point

This afternoon I took part in the memorial services in the High Point cemetery for the six members of our conference who are buried there as follows: Rev. W. R. Lowdermilk, Rev. T. T. Ferree, M.D., Rev. R. E. Andrews, Rev. C. A. Cecil, Rev. J. H. Stowe, and Rev. J. H. Moton. To my mind it was a very impressive occasion and I think very much worthwhile.

Children's Home Anniversary

All of us are now looking forward to the anniversary of the Children's Home which will be on Thursday, June 22nd. Bishop James H. Straughn and Bishop Clare Purcell both are to be there. Let our people come from far and near and bring a good offering both in money and in food for the dinner hour. Do not fail us here.

The Pastors' School

There is space for only a brief reference to our Pastors' school at High Point College last week. While the attendance was not large, those who came were greatly benefitted. The presence of a number of the wives of the pastors added considerably to the pleasure of the occasion. While it is not known now what can be done in regard to perpetuating our school after the conferences are merged we can say this that it has done a lot of good in the past. If it should become necessary to combine it with the one at Duke next year we

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A Message In Verse

There is a way to work and rest,
To play and love and pray,
That turns the good into the best,
And speeds the coming day.

There is a way of meeting pain
Of bearing hurt and wrong,
That lifts our losses into gains,
Our sorrows into song.

There is a way to walk with God,
To whom all souls belong,
That makes the narrow wondrous broad,
The feeble strangely strong.

There is a way—for me, and now,
To win new life divine;
Before the Lord of life I bow
And own that way is mine.

—*Author Unidentified.*

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A conscience void of offense before God and man, is an inheritance for eternity.—*Daniel Webster.*

President Pritchard is recovering nicely from his tonsilectomy.

Those attending the Convention of Woman's Work from North Carolina which held its annual session at Westminster, Md., were Mesdames G. R. Brown, W. C. Hammer, G. C. Halton, J. M. Millikan, J. T. Bowman, and Mrs. R. M. Andrews. They report a fine convention.

It now appears that the conference of the former M. P. ministers and delegates will hold a three or four day session instead of one as formerly predicted. And that former M. P. preachers will receive their appointments at this conference, only going into the final sessions of the united Conference.

There is much more uncertainty in the minds of our people than need be about the way the North Carolina Conferences shall merge. The fact is it must be quite clear to those who have given much thought to the problem that there will be but few local mergers for the present and a very few exchanges of pastors—former M. P. preachers as a rule will serve former M. P. churches next year. If this should displease any pastor or church, just bide your time; things will surely work out in a most satisfactory manner. But let's not get in too big a hurry about it.

"We'll see you next week at the High Point College Gym" is doubtless heard very often these days as our people plan to attend the Children's Home Home Coming.

God gives us power to help ourselves and we have many occasions for using it; but he who does nothing else with it is a stingy, sordid, selfish, unprofitable sort of a creature.

Our Subscribers Please

Please examine the label on your Herald to see when your subscription is due to expire. We are not now sending out notices of expirations as heretofore. We are sorry to discontinue this service but have done it because of the expense incurred. We do not want to discontinue your paper, but when we tell you that it costs us four cents per copy for every paper printed you may see why we are so much concerned about this whole matter. We regret so much to cut off a name from our mailing list, but we have no way of knowing who now is taking the paper and wants to continue it, so we just presume if you want the paper you will either renew or send us a card saying you will at such a time. While we do not think much of this manner of handling our subscription list, we do not have the money to stand the cost of doing it differently. Some of our friends have expressed displeasure because we discontinued their paper, the fact is, the editor does not know who takes the Herald, never sees the mailing list at all. This list is worked by another. But the policy was established before we became editor to discontinue all papers unless notified to continue them.

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Closing Up the Work of the Church

Judging by the reports now coming to the Herald from the churches we are wondering if pastor and people are really aware of the shortness of the time we have to close up the work of this conference year, and with it the work of the Methodist Protestant Church for all time. If the information we have is correct, we have just about four months in which to wind up the work of this conference year. A time far too brief for such a task; for there surely remains much to be done by both pastor and people in this third of a year. Revival meetings are to be held; pastors' salaries to be raised in full; conference claims to be paid; Herald subsidies and subscriptions far in arrears. There are enough of all these to challenge every earnest church worker's thought and endeavor. Out of an experience of years the writer knows that none of these things ever happen of themselves. And too, the conference year will be something like two weeks shorter this year than usual. These two weeks may carry in their fourteen days most humiliating failure. We doubt that any normal person wants to fail in anything he is trying to do, and for a pastor to fail in this year, the very last year's service he can ever give to the denomination which has meant so much to him, will be a most humiliating experience. For how can we prove that we shall be true to our new pastorate if we have neglected duties which are ours to the old pastorate? If our records will have any meaning at all, they will show just what sort of pastors we are. And it is obvious that the faithfulness and skill exhibited previously will have much to do with the opportunity the pastor may secure in the new church. These lines are written out of an earnest desire to warn all who should be concerned about these matters that it is high time for them to be busy with these tasks.

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That One Dollar Subscription Till Conference

You may already know that we are incurring a debt upon the annual conference each week we send out the Herald and that the annual conference will pay this debt. But if all our pastors and Herald agents will get busy and send in the Herald subsidy for each pastoral charge and also secure a batch of one dollar subscriptions, this indebtedness will not be so great when conference meets. How about it pastor? Prove your interest by rallying to this appeal and let us keep the debt down as low as possible. Our proposal is to print one issue of the Herald after conference, giving the full proceedings of that conference with the plan of appointments for this year. Since this will absolutely be our last conference we believe every loyal friend of the church will want to make this project succeed. Let us hear from the friends of the Herald for it has sponsored and helped to put over every worthwhile move the North Carolina Conference has undertaken in forty years.

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GRATEFUL FOR TRUTH

By Rev. W. A. Ledford

The nations of the world are following the Roman poet Virgil in singing the praises of arms, and heroes of bloody battle-fields, rather than joining in with the Apostle Paul, and the Hebrew people in extoling faith. We find no such remembrances to the unknown heroes of faith, as we find to the "Unknown Soldier" in Arlington National Cemetery. I am not raising my voice against heroes on any battlefield; whether it be in war between nations, or in fields of sport, or industry: what I am pleading for is a wider appreciation of the heroes of faith, whom Jesus called the salt of the earth, the light of the world, and the good seed of the Kingdom.

Paul said in his Epistle to the Romans, "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is proclaimed throughout the whole world." Paul began all his letters, except the one to the Galatians, with words of commendation and thanksgiving. He was free from rhetorical arts, and flattery in his endeavors to woo his readers. Yet his custom was to select things that were praiseworthy, and see the best in all individuals and churches. Happy, if we would always look for the good, and begin all things with thanksgiving and blessings. Never do or say a thing that we could not invoke the blessings of Almighty God upon.

The way of beginning with blessings and thanksgiving is not an impossible dream, but was the fixed habit of our Lord. When he fed the five thousand men, besides the women and children in the desert place, he paused for the people to be orderly seated, and then he returned thanks. How tempting amid great throngs of people, and pushed for time to sit down and eat one at a time, without returning thanks to the giver of every good and perfect gift. That tense evening in the upper room, after Judas had gone out to betray his Lord, and Peter's denials a few hours ahead ,with the agony down in Gethsemane, and suffering on Calvary less than a day before him, Jesus took bread and the cup, returning thanks, instituted the Holy Communion. He was known to the disciples at Emmaus in the breaking of the bread. Perhaps, we are better known at our tables than anywhere else.

Nathanael said, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" The question could have been raised concerning Rome in Paul's time. Here, reputed to have been the most wicked man who ever lived, was on the throne, and historians describe Rome then as a cesspool of iniquity and crime. Yes, Jesus Christ came out of Nazareth, and the reports of the faith of the Christians in Rome were proclaimed throughout the whole world. It was nothing short of miraculous that faith was found in Rome, and saints there in Caesar's household. It was living illustrations that the Gospel is the power of God unto slavation to every one that believeth. It conquered all mighty Rome could produce. "This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith." I John 5:4.

We are grateful that this group of faithful Christians, did not yield to the temptation of worshipping behind closed doors, and keep their discipleship a secret, as did Joseph of Arimathaea. The place for Christians is not behind closed doors, except in his private devotions; but out in the open, engaged in holy crusades for their Lord, and His Kingdom. Jesus said, "Go into all the world and make disciples of all nations . . . lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." How ridiculous to seek shelter behind the closed doors, and refuge in secrecy, when we have a Companion along with us, possessing all power that is both on earth and in heaven.

The Christians in Rome, who were the leaven for that mighty empire; and those heroes of faith enshrined in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, were out in the open. They were in the presence of almost insurmountable obstacles, but the record is that they through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, and come out more than conquerors through Him that loved us, and gave Himself for us. My prayer is that we Methodists may have faith that is needed for the days just ahead of us.

Laytonsville, Md.

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NOTICE !

On Sunday, June 18th we will dedicate Friendship Church, Fallston Charge. Dr. R. M. Andrews will preach at 11 o'clock. Dinner in the grove. Bishop Purcell will preach at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Following his sermon the church will be dedicated.

We will be very glad to welcome all the friends of the church to these services and especially all the former pastors who have served this charge to be with us on this occasion.

R. L. Hethcox, *Pastor.*

WITH THE POETS

Elizabeth Vera Idol

IN MEMORIAM

(Introduction)

By Alfred Lord Tennyson

In Memoriam should be classed with three other great elegies in English poetry, Milton's *Lycidas,* Shelley's *Adonais,* and Arnold's *Thyrsis.* It was written in memory of Tennyson's dearest friend, Arthur Henry Hallam, the gifted son of a famous historian, Henry Hallam. The two were schoolmates at Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1828, then became devoted friends, making summer trips together, and Hallam spent many holidays in Tennyson's home. Their friendship was further strengthened by Hallam's engagement to Tennyson's sister Emily. Then on September 15, 1833, Hallam died suddenly at Vienna and his body was brought home to England for burial in the chancel of Clevedon Church in Somersetshire.

Tennyson's grief was deep and sincere, and this poem was his attempt to find surcease from his sorrow. He himself said of the poem: ''The different moods of sorrow as in a drama are dramatically given, and my conviction that fear, doubts, and suffering will find answer and relief only through Faith in a God of Love.''

The action of the poem begins with the death of Hallam and extends into the spring of 1838. The lyrics written without any view of weaving them into a whole were composed over a period of seventeen years, and reveals the various degrees of Tennyson's sorrow and his various attitudes toward life, death, and immortality. Henry Van Dyke ranks the poem as ''the greatest elegy of the nineteenth century, the longest and most important of Tennyson's poems on the problems of doubt and faith, the poem in which he made the strongest and widest impression on contemporary thought.''

In Memoriam does not follow all the conventions of an elegy but throughout there runs the question proposed by all elegaic poetry, ''If a man die shall he live again?'' And it was the orthodox Christian answer to this question that Tennyson sought for seventeen years, and finally answered in the opening section of the poem, the section, however, which he wrote seventeen years from the time he began the poem. There is an approach to this same conviction at the very end of the poem as he speaks of

''That God, which ever lives and loves,
One God, one law, one element,
And one far-off divine event,
To which the whole creation moves.''

But the final conviction that faith alone can discover the eternal purpose of God and solve the problem of immortality lies in those stanzas which introduce the poem.

Tennyson used as a form for this poem a stanza form which he at first believed was his own invention, but he discovered that it had been used in the Elizabethan period by Phillip Sidney, Ben Jonson, and others, and by many later poets. Tennyson makes it peculiarly his own by giving to it a slow, grave music especially suited to the subject which he had chosen. Throughout the entire piece there is a fine quality of reverence and faith, but it reaches a high water mark with the opening lines:

''Strong Son of God, immortal Love,
Whom we, that have not seen thy face,
By faith, and faith alone, embrace,
Believing where we cannot prove.''

Tennyson is the most representative poet of his age, and to understand this poem fully it is necessary to review the science, the philosophy, and the religion of the time in England. Tennyson was influenced by the religious unrest of his day and his exultant cry of faith was the result of a long struggle with doubt and questioning, a struggle that finally saw God conqueror of His own creation, Death;

''Thou wilt not leave us in the dust:
Thou madest man, he knows not why,
He thinks he was not made to die;
And thou hast made him: thou art just.

No poet has written more convincingly of faith as fulfilling the Biblical definition of ''the substance of things hoped for,'' but he builds that faith as he must, on knowledge—a knowledge which must have as its basic ingredient reverence:

''We have but faith: we cannot know;
For knowledge is of things we see;
And yet we trust it comes from thee,
A beam in darkness: let it grow.

Let knowledge grow from more to more,
But more of reverence in us dwell;
That mind and soul, according well,
May make one music as before,

But vaster.''

The ultimate answer to the question set forth in the poem is definitely expressed:

''Forgive my grief for one removed,
Thy creature, whom I found so fair.
I trust he lives in thee, and there
I find him worthier to be loved.''

The poem ends in a quietly reverent prayer for wisdom to be given by One who is all-wise:

''Forgive these wild and wandering cries,
Confusions of a wasted youth;
Forgive them where they fail in truth,
And in thy wisdom make me wise.''

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When making up your calendar of saints it should be profitable if one would take the time to make a comparison between the maker of saint-calendars and who are listed therein.

Sunday School Lesson

By **O. L. EASTER**

PAUL WRITES PERSONAL LETTERS

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, June 18

By Rev. O. L. Easter

Lesson Text—2 Timothy 1:1-6; Philemon 1-7, 21, 22.

Golden Text—Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15.

As we get deeper into the life and accomplishments of St. Paul we are compelled to be impressed with the remarkableness of his ability and character. As we see him with passionate zeal hurry from one province to another, from continent to continent, over land and sea, in pursuit of the object to which he was devoted we are ready to admit that this Golden Text written by Paul to young Timothy is not trite platitude preached by him; rather, it is the very philosophy and motive of his own life finding expression in a letter. Throughout the whole chain of his self-revealing letters one ruling purpose seems to stand out in his mind to drive him ever on through shipwreak, imprisonment, and even death—it was to fight the good fight and so keep the faith as to be approved unto God. "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel"; this was the motive that drove him on. He felt that he had a world of new truths to utter and that the salvation of mankind depended on their utterance. He knew himself called to make Christ known to as many of his fellow creatures as his uttermost exertions could enable him to reach. It was this that made him so impetuous in his movements, so blind to danger, so contemptuous of suffering. "None of these things move me, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God."

Overwhelming as is this impression of his travels and exploits in the gospel, this impression is greatly deepened when we remember that he was at the same time the greatest thinker of his age, if not of any age, and, in the midst of his outward labors, was producing writings which have ever since been among the mightiest intellectual forces of the world, and are still growing in their influence. Here Paul rises above all other evangelists and missionaries. Some of them may have approached him in certain respects—Xavier or Livingston in the world-conquering instinct, St. Bernard or Whitefield in earnestness and activity. But few of these men added a single new idea to the world's stock of beliefs, while Paul equaled or excelled them in their special line, and gave to mankind a world of new thought.

If his epistles could perish, the loss to literature would be the greatest possible with only one exception—that of the Gospels. They have quickened the mind of the Church as no other writings have done, and scattered in the soil of the world hundreds of seeds the fruit of which are now the general possession of mankind. Yet in writing these epistles Paul probably had little idea of the part they were to play in the future. They were written from the heart of an eager father for his Christian babes who were in some particular danger or need. They were part of his day's work. Just as he sailed over sea and trudged over land to revisit his converts, or sent Timothy to carry his counsels and news from him, so, when these means were not available, he would send a letter with the same design. Paul seemed to have believed that if he lit the lamp of the gospel here and there over vast areas, the light would spread of itself by its own virtue and power. In his dreams he saw men beckoning him to new countries and where he could not go he his his epistles.

These epistles are valuable, of course, for their teachings and the effect they produced upon the early churches but for us they are also invaluable in portraying the great life of St. Paul. Paul is visible in his letters as he releases the truths of which he himself is the embodiment. As there are some preachers greater than their sermons, and the principal gain of their hearers, in listening to them, is obtained in the inspiring glimpses they obtain of a great and sanctified personality, so the best thing in the writings of Paul is Paul himself, or rather the grace of God in him. The words of Mrs. Browning are applicable to our approach to the books or epistles of the great St. Paul:

> "It is when we gloriously forget ourselves,
> And plunge soul-forward, headlong,
> Into a book's profound and impassioned soul
> For its beauty, and salt of truth—
> 'Tis then we get the right good from a book."

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ALSO GOOD FOR THOSE UNDER 70

In Oklahoma City an organization whose 800 members are 70 years old or more, are maintaining a "school of maturates" to learn how to live to be 100 years old. Following are the six principal rules agreed upon to reach that objective:

Taking a walk in the open air each day.

Keeping the blood alkalinized by managed diet.

Attending church or making a social call at least once a week.

Pursuing a personal hobby or light daily task.

Keeping cheerful.

Maintaining faith in life, people, and the Infinite Goodness.—*R. Telescope.*

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The President's Letter

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shall gracefully yield, however we are hoping that some meeting can be put on at High Poin that can draw a larger number of people.

Announcements

Sunday, June 18th. Dedicatory Services at Fallston.

Sunday, June 25th. Kannapolis in Dedicatory services.

J. E. Pritchard.

THE PREACHER FACES A NEW WORLD!
Has He Anything To Say?

By KARL QUIMBY

While preaching is always highly personal, it is also deeply rooted in history. If we are to understand great preachers, their motives and their message, we shall need to see their total ministry against the illuminating background of the age in which they lived. No prophet can live in isolation, apart from the world of his day. The true prophet has to live in the very heart of his contemporary world. One can never fully appreciate the First Epistle of John until the peculiar tenets of Cerinthus are known and their strong opposition to the Christian faith comprehended. One can hardly know Paul's letter to the Galatians until the upsetting work of the Jewish emissaries is understood. They went out from Jerusalem dogging Paul's every footstep and constantly discredited his apostleship. Paul's letter is a defense of his ministry. In like manner, one cannot perceive the magnitude or the significance of the ministry of either Luther or Wesley apart from an intimate knowledge of church affairs in Europe in the case of the one, or the condition of English society in the case of the other. Each period in human history has its own peculiar requirements, and the present time is no exception. The preacher today cannot afford to ignore, except at his peril, the tremendous events of these exciting days.

Until recently the one outstanding characteristic of our age was its unbounded optimism. But now we live in a world of stark realism and dark pessimism. The more the pages of modern history unfold, the darker the scene becomes. Again, the pre-war world was essentially a stable world. It was firmly grounded in a widening economic system which touched the ends of the earth. Progress seemed evident in every realm of human endeavor. Suddenly a fairly peaceful world became volcanic, eruptive. Evil forces began their deadly work at incredible speed. Now we live in a mad world of unrestrained force. Perhaps the greatest change in this modern age is the mazing ethical and moral surrender. Law and order have given way to the will of economic and political dictators. It is not that civilization is endangered; it is the slow but painful realization that civilization, as we have known it, is gone. Right, justice, human considerations, are all secondary factors in this furious military world. The human individual is handed over to the state, to the mass. Years of darkness, stagnation, are now forming! And no man knows when the end will be!

So much for the world in which the preacher lives. Has he anything to say of major importance? No one answer is adequate, but may I venture a few suggestions?

Among other things, the preacher will do well to understand the prevailing moods of the new world which he faces. What, then, does the present require of the preacher?

First—it must be apparent that no superficial appeal will do. This is the time when experience and maturity of thought do count. In a stable world, where the tomorrows are only reprints of today, where continuity remains unbroken from year to year, the prime qualities in a preacher were enthusiasm, energy, and a forceful personality. The preacher of that day found his chief obstacles in the apathy of the pew and the indifference of the public. There was no opposition. Consequently he had to be a man of aggressive action, of clever resourcefulness in plans, and a popular man-about-town type. Conditions favored the "go-getter" whose energy and enthusiasms make it possible for him to "put it over." The interests of the church were in sharp competition in the minds of men with other concerns of life. Hence the striking and charming personality of the preacher often became the deciding factor. There is a strong hold-over of this point of view through the church yet. This is evident in the way many churches pick their new ministers. Of course, new ministers to succeed must have charm and personality. Their vision of truth, their understanding of the nature of the kingdom, and their insight into the meaning of the gospel, as well as their mastery of tested procedures, are often matters of secondary consideration. How many times do youthfulness and charm receive attention at the expense of experience and wisdom!

As an illustration of this, consider how a large number of more experienced men are making unusual records. Dr. Henry Howard completed his ministry in Australia, and retired. Then he came to New York on a visit. He preached. The people instantly discovered a voice with understanding. He was called to a large Presbyterian church and had the most conspicuous ministry of his entire career. The experience and wisdom of years went into that pastorate. Never anything cheap, clever, or superficial was admitted. Here the people found the "wisdom-about-life" they needed. The preacher spoke out of wide experience and deep understanding which only years of patient toil and ceaseless study make possible. Right now there comes to my attention the singular fact of six men, all beyond sixty years of age, who are doing the most constructive work of their lives. They know. They proceed with no faltering step. They create confidence. The preacher to this troubled age must have a message gained by careful study, deep meditation, and re-enforced by great courage. This is not to be construed as a blanket approval of all old men, or a general discount to promising young men, but it does mean that tested methods and proved procedures are vital to any permanent success today.

Second—In the pre-war world, various competing programs struggled to capture the attention of men. Today the center is held by the conflict of major ideas. It is one philosophy against another. Therefore, more youthful exhortation, while very pleasant and at time soothing, is utterly inadequate, and soon loses its force. People are today facing life's deepest problems and asking the most fundamental questions. This is no time for inexperienced guidance. Rather, it is vital for every congregation to face afresh the basic Christian assumptions, and seek to interpret their meaning against the sinister background of this war-torn age. Christianity has lost its foothold in many a life and over wide areas of living. It is too often taken for granted and frequently too little understood. It is so frequent an assumption to be considered rather than a conviction to be followed. That is why so many of our people are spiritually illiterate. Preaching of the teaching, interpreting type was never more needed than now. Until we have a wider base of understanding of the great truths of the Christian religion, both personal and social, we shall be unable to build that noble superstructure of social and ethical practice so many of the younger men crave today.

Third—Preaching should always be rooted in the present needs of men. One of the gravest charges against the church is that it is not relevant; that it does not touch life effectively. This means that the preacher will have to preach, not more sermons, but to living people of living issues. Straw men must depart and reality, even tragic reality, enter. It was interesting to hear Dr. Emil Brunner recently place practical stress on the pastoral ministry. At no point is the preacher such a wise pastor as when he stands in the pulpit. If he has lived with his people, they have shown him their problems, revealed to him their needs, indicated where they live, and laid bare their souls. Then as he enters the pulpit, with these problems in the foreground of his thought, with all the history of Christian experience behind him, he may speak directly to them. All he has to say will apply to their problems. He will preach to their daily needs. He will speak in a tone that has authority. After a Sunday morning service, a woman came to the preacher saying, ''Why, you speak as though you understood us.'' That is real preaching!

Fourth—Perhaps the preacher can do most for his people by getting away from them. That is, getting far enough away to gain perspective, to discover reliable methods of helping them, and to lay hold of inexhaustible resources. Jesus went to the mountain for prayer and meditation in order to be able to come again with healing power. This principle of alternation lies at the heart of every successful ministry. Every preacher owes his mornings to his study, his afternoons to his field, and his evenings to contacts, conferences, committees. It is instructive to sail the ocean and watch the captain. He takes the best care of the passengers by going away from them. He spends much of his time on the bridge. From that vantage point he directs the course of the ship and discerns shifting currents. The captain knows where he is going and why. Uncertainty and confusion are never present. Compare that with modern preaching!

Fifth—Preaching today demands horizon. The pathetic weakness of many local churches is that they are too local. It is exceedingly easy for a church to become self-centered. In fact, the general indisposition of church after church actually to envisage the kingdom of God spells our impotency. Too often, maintaining the institution gets more attention than advancing the kingdom. Carrying out the will of the officials, including the pastoral committee, takes priority over discovering the will of God. Unless the preacher sees all the kingdoms of this world, we may rest assured the people never will. Where there is no vision, the people perish. For ministers to go abroad, to travel, is not self indulgence. It is the very finest equipment for effective service. The ecumenical outlook should first take shape in the pulpit. The vision of fields white unto the harvest should never fade. The vision of world Christian unity will be attained only so far as it is taught, explained, and interpreted by a pulpit that sees it with increasing zeal as a growing possibility. The preacher stands as the nexus between the pew and the wider world of Christian attainment.—*Zion's Herald.*

MINISTER'S PRIVILEGES IN SERVICE

The Minister As Shepherd

If all the tasks of the ministry were simplified by elimination until only two remained, one of them would be pastoral visitation, house to house, hospital to hospital, office to office. Much might be said about calling. We shall suggest two things as basic. First, call. Second, call with a purpose.

Call. There should be a calling plan. Of course no plan will fit every situation. For those who do not have a better plan we suggest the following:

Call in every home not less than once a year. Then people cannot say, ''The preacher has never called on me.'' All of us have heard that about ourselves or our predecessors. Keep a check list so you miss no family. Leave a card when they are not home.

Call on chronic invalids, shut-ins, aged and crippled people once a quarter, preferably at the beginning of the quarter when the Upper Room is timely. Your shut-ins will become accustomed to looking for it. You thus take the church into their oft-times dreary and spiritually barren lives.

Call on the definitely sick once a week or oftener. Take one day each week, perhaps Wednesday, and use that afternoon for this purpose. You will discover that people begin to anticipate your coming. If you must miss them on your regular day because of a District Meeting, a word of explanation will be accepted.

Call on new families in the community and strangers who have attended church. Do this soon. Many of these calls do not bring results, but the only way to find out religious interests or needs is to go and see.

At least once in a pastorate it is very helpful to call on men and women where they are employed.

We have heard of preachers who graciously announce that the people may feel free to call them any time, day or night, then let the matter rest there. They have taken professionalism seriously, arguing that people call the doctor or lawyers when they need them. Why not the preacher? It is a good argument. But we will find that only the man who has revealed in his house-to-house visitation that he has something to contribute as a spiritual counselor will have many calls. When the members come to see in their preacher a man of understanding friendship, good counsel, spiritual strength, and one who can keep a confidence, only then will they call him as they call the physician.

Call with a purpose. Discouraged and sick folk need to be cheered. Their minds need to be pointed God-ward. They desperately need the ''peace which passeth understanding.'' A back-slapping, funny-story-telling, cheap-optimism cheer is not enough to leave. The preacher who really is a messenger of Christ has the greatest good-cheer tonic in the world. It is the gospel, adapted to the situation as he finds it. Sick people think too much about themselves. Help them think of God. Nothing else has such power to lift the broken in spirit.

But much of our calling is in homes. Every home is a new situation. One never knows what he will meet. Constantly he should seek the guidance of the Spirit as he goes up the front steps. Let him be alert somehow to get in a word for the church and the religious life. This may become a fine art. Let the preacher be interested in the family. He has not come to talk about himself, but to learn about people. His is the task to relate the church to whatever human interest or situation appears. The alert pastor will leave few homes with a sense of futility. Calling is basic in ministerial efficiency.

The Minister In the Community

The question of community leadership by the local pastor is one that is determined largely by the man's conception of his work. There are, in addition, extra-personal factors, such as the size of a community or a church and the cooperation of other churches and various secular organizations. These operate with varying degrees of opportunity and restriction upon the quality and amount of leadership given or desired. However, these influences may be discounted to a large extent. A minister can win a position of leadership, if he so desires. The very nature of his calling puts him to the forefront. His good will, his friendliness, and the earnestness with which he works, will stamp him as one to be trusted and followed.

The main question is not, can the minister be a leader, but, in what manner shall be make effective use of the preeminent position society accorded him when he proves worthy of it?

Those of us who are younger in years often become impatient with our brethren who scrupulously avoid touching the world with their mental and moral skirts. In like manner we are out of symathy frequently with those who merely act as coaches, while someone else hits the ball. We crave to be in the thick of the game, knock a social home run once in a while ourselves, although it may mean an altogether too literal force-out at home plate by the pastoral relations committee.

Yet there comes other moments when the pale cast of thought makes us humble. We realize that we are engaged in a social and a gigantic work. The God of men has not called us to be isolated individuals seeking selfish glory, not to be superhuman beings attempting a superhuman load. We become aware, when we are most honest with self, that "there is no limit to the good a man can do, if he doesn't care who gets the credit." And, "great leadership doesn't consist of doing ten men's work but in getting ten men to do work." However pleasant it may be to toy with the thought of leading the victorious hosts at daily Armageddons, it becomes clearer to us as we grow in grace and years that our work as ministers of Jesus Christ will be most effective when applied indirectly.

So it seems that, while direct projection of the minister into the battlefront is sometimes good for his soul and does prove his own position, a far more effective type of community leadership is derived when he permits his thoughts, saturated as they should be with the righteousness of God, to flow out through the lives of others. The good he would do alone now becomes multiplied many times.

Conclusion

By telepathic grape-vine, we hear someone say, "such things are all right on a large charge, but can not be put into practice on a small rural field." This committee is of the conviction that either these or similar standards can be made the methods of living of any pastor who sees that, though he may have a small church, no minister of Jesus Christ has a small job. We are not chauffeurs for community meetings, we are not janitors, we are not general handy men for chores of various kinds. When we get the conviction that we have the biggest task in the community, others will follow our leadership in zealously guarding our time and energy for Kingdom building. This committee confesses that we have not fully attained our ideal, but that we are plodding steadily in that direction and ask you to join us in this quest.—*The Pastor's Journal.*

FOR THE CIRCUIT

By A. J. Walton

General Board of Christian Education,
Nashville, Tenn.

Building a spiritually vital program is a deeply religious and educational experience for the pastor and his workers. The program of action they develop is an expression of their Christian spirit and vision. It reveals their devotion and skill in sharing with Jesus in building His Kingdom.

To make a spritually vital program of work for the local church is the concern of all its members. Each should feel a responsibility for providing those services and activities which will help everyone in the community to know more of Jesus Christ as His Saviour and to live a truly Christian life.

It is not practical for the whole membership to meet, even in the small church, and give the necessary time to plan such a program. Therefore the membership sets aside certain official workers whose duty and privilege it is to receive suggestions from all who are interested and use their best judgment and skill in creating a program which will be most helpful.

These officials are chosen to work closely with the pastor who has training and experience in planning helpful procedures and activities for making Christian work effective. The local workers know the intimate details of community need, while the pastor sees these things in the light of the broad program of the entire church. Together they can protect every interest and need.

The pastor of small churches has oversight of several churches and many phases of work. This makes it necessary to plan carefully with the leaders for long periods of time, giving them as much help as possible in planning, and meeting with them occasionally to see what progress they are making. For the most part they must depend upon the workers to see that the work goes on helpfully.

Occasionally the pastor cannot give time to the workers of the local congregation to help them plan the program needed. In such a situation he should train some one to take over the responsibility of guiding the group. Usually this should be the superintendent.

The following suggestions can be modified as needed by the pastor and used as a basis for planning better programs.

To begin, the pastor will seek to understand the situation in the church and community and see what is needed to help people to be more Christlike. This knowledge will help him to see ways for the church to do better work. He will list the improvements he thinks useful and plan how each might be undertaken to best advantage.

He will then meet with the workers of the church and together they will study the situation and make a list of all the changes (in persons and community) thought of by every one to insure Christian growth. They will plan the teaching, study, worship, work, and activities needed to bring about the changes desired.

When these plans are ready they should be explained to the congregation with helpful enthusiasm and understanding to enlist cooperation and working support.

Workers will continue to keep these things in their proper order before the various meetings and groups in the church to maintain interest and secure continuous activity. They will also find it very helpful to meet at least once a month to discuss the progress made and the revisions or additions that are necessary.

It is better to emphasize a few items clearly each month than to confuse and burden the members with too many unorganized activities. Enthusiasm grows when, with understanding, we work regularly and see real results for our efforts. We must be certain to work in the way that will insure enthusiasm and joy, otherwise we will destroy helpful work and the vital life of the church.

In making the circuit church program, the workers will find it helpful to follow some such series of questions as the following:

1. Make a careful appraisal or study of all the activities of the church.
   Which are helpful?
   Which have lose their pleasure in the doing?
   What weakness is there?
2. Study the community to discover what is needed most to help people and organizations to be wholesomely Christian.
   What are the community organizations which help?
   Which hinder Christian growth?
   What people are not reached and served by the church?
   How far does our responsibility reach?
   What needs are to be met?
3. Study everything done by all agencies.
   What is being done to help people to receive the needed knowledge of God?
   What is the church doing to help people to gain the needed skill and practice in Christian living and service?
   Are we seeking to reach the aims of Christian education?
   What agencies are helping to make life more worthwhile and abundant? How?
4. Programs are not effective unless persons are made responsible for each phase of work.
   Who are these persons?
   What is each to do?
5. There must be regular reports of progress and difficulties encountered.
   When shall we meet to study these reports?
   How shall we deal with difficulties?
6. There are available materials to help us in our work.
   What and where secured?
   How best used?
   Who shall secure this help for us?
7. What are the next steps?
   What plans needed to make the step?
   What persons will be involved?
   How may we help them get ready for action?
8. What are the basic areas of Kingdom work?
   Do our plans provide for each of the following:
   Preaching the word.
   Teaching the word.
   Enlisting persons for Christ.
   Healing and helpful service.
   The Fellowship function.
   Requires organization.
9. How are the results of the program to be discovered?
   Did we reach the goal we set?
   Were helpful changes made?

When we make changes we have seen that there is a better aim or goal in view. We must see this goal clearly before planning the program, and keep it life-centered and not program-centered.

These nine general areas should not be considered at every meeting and perhaps not all at any meeting. The leader should know conditoins well enough to look over the questions and arrange his own agenda for the meeting.—*The Pastor's Journal.*

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NOTICE !

The Hebron Church is planning a children's day program for June 25 at 10:00 o'clock and at 11:00 o'clock we will a memorial service for Rev. W. D. Fogleman and Rev. W. F. Kennett, deceased, which are buried at Hebron. The 11:00 o'clock sermon will be delivered by Rev. Paul S. Kennett of High Point College. In the afternoon we will have home coming service. Rev. R. C. Stubbins will do the preaching which will be followed by a talk on the life of the two deceased preachers by Rev. H. F. Surratt. We invite the public. Would like very much to decorate all graves. Hope everyone who can will bring flowers.

MRS. M. W. THOMPSON.

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Occasionally I hear of somebody who is overworked. Maybe so but I doubt it. Many of us are busy whirling like a windmill in a gale but we are not really working.—*Bascom Anthony,* in *Wesleyan Christian Advocate.*

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

James Edward Crook

James Edward Crook was born in 1886 and went to his reward April 3, 1939. Brother Crook was a resident of the Cross Anchor community all of his life, being born and raised here. The entire family attended Yarborough's Chapel church. A devoted husband and father, whose loss is greatly mourned, both by them and the entire community.

Brother Crook is survived by his wife, Alma Dunaway Crook, and eight children: Mrs. Mattie Bell Brown, Mrs. Edith Hughes, Catharine Crook, Hallie Crook, Virginia Crook, and Edna Frances Crook; and two sons, C. B. Crook and Ben Crook.

The funeral was conducted at Yarborough's Chapel by the writer.

THURMAN H. VICKERY.

Mrs. Martha D. Gordon

Mrs. Martha D. Gordon was born on the 22nd day of May, 1861, and departed this life on the 13th day of April, 1939.

She was married to the late N. W. Gordon on the 26th day of April, 1886, and to this union were born the following named children, who, together with 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, survive her: Mrs. Letty Gordon Pegram, of Stokesdale; R. C. Gordon, of Summerfield; Mrs. Curtis Jones, R. F. D., Kernersville; Mrs. Lois Harrison, of Kernersville, and Whitfield N. Gordon of California.

Immediately following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon made their home at the old Gordon homeplace, where they lived together in happy devotion to each other and their home until the 9th day of February, 1938, when the beloved father and husband was called from the labors of earth to refreshment in heaven. Mrs. Gordon was a loyal member of Bethel church from early childhood. She was a kind and sympathetic neighbor, a loving wife, and a most devoted mother.

Martha D. Gordon is not dead. Her physical being merely sleeps. Her spirit has truly answered the summons to join her beloved husband in that home not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, and where they shall live through all the eternal ages—at home with God.

Funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. A. Burgess, assisted by Rev. C. B. Way, and the body was laid to rest in Bethel cemetery.

J. A. BURGESS.

Gordentia Luther Anthony

Gordentia Luther Anthony was born in Guilford county, N. C., October 10, 1884, and was the son of the late William Bryan Anthony and Nancy Eliza Pegram Anthony. His age was 54 years, 6 months and 29 days. His entire life was spent at the old home place. He attended the public schools of Guilford county and also graduated from Oak Ridge Institute in 1911. He was a member of the Methodist Protestant church since early boyhood, and was active and faithful to the Sunday school and church all his life. For many years he served as secretary of the Sunday school, which position he held until his sudden departure from this life. He was also a member of the board of trustees of the church, in which position he served faithfully. He was also a member of the Stokesdale Council of the Junior Order, in which fraternity he was beloved by its members. He was widely known in this and adjoining communities by a large number of friends, and was loved and admired by all who knew him. His untimely passing leaves a vacancy that will be difficult to fill.

Surviving him are three brothers, Albert Anthony, R. F. D. 2, Kernersville, N. C.; C. W. Anthony, of Ramseur, N. C.; J. O. Anthony, of Beaufort, N. C.; two sisters, Mrs. R. M. Browning, R. F. D. 2, Stokesdale, N. C.; Mrs. D. C. Pope, R. F. D. 1, Belews Creek; also several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. A. Burgess and Rev. C. B. Way, and the body was laid to rest in Bethel cemetery.

J. A. BURGESS.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

High Point College, June 22-25

Charles John St. John of the Bowery Mission of New York City along with Dr. Lawrence Little, head of the Department of Religion of Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md.; Mr. Carroll M. Wright, of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, Boston, Mass.; and Dr. G. Ray Jordan, minister of Centenary Methodist Church in Winston-Salem will address the State Convention in High Point next week.

The state-wide North Carolina Christian Endeavor Convention will convene in High Point College, High Point, from Thursday through Sunday, June 22-25. The convention will open on Thursday morning with registrations beginning at 10:00 o'clock.

During the convention there will be many conferences on religion, the Church, the Bible, Music, and Worship, Personal Religious Living, War and Peace, Race Relations, and other vital subjects for the youth leaders of the church today. Among the leaders and speakers in addition to those above will be Rev. J. Elwood Carroll of Greensboro; Rev. E. Lester Ballard of Reidsville; Mr. Luther R. Medlin of Gastonia, Field Secretary of the State Union; Mr. Aubert M. Smith of Liberty; Dr. P. E. Lindley of High Point College; Mr. Roy P. Barber, Greensboro; Miss Ollie Stadler, Burlington; Mr. Edgar Martley, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in High Point; Rev. O. L. Easter of High Point; Mr. Robert P. Jensen of Home Moravian Church in Winston-Salem; Mr. A. C. Lovelace of High Point.

Mr. Charles John St. John will address the convention on the opening night, Thursday at eight o'clock. Dr. G. Ray Jordan will address the convention on Friday evening and Mr. Carroll M. Wright will bring the message at the banquet on Saturday evening at seven o'clock. The final message will be given by Dr. Lawrence Little on Sunday evening at seven-thirty o'clock.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Chapel Hill, Davidson, special	$ 8.00
Union Chapel S. S., Mocksville	1.50
Rehoboth, Granville	10.00
Concord S. S., April and May	40.00
Friendship S.S., Friendship-Love's Grv.	6.72
Liberty S. S., Davidson	2.00
Harmony S. S., Yarborough's	2.00
Fairfield S. S., Guilford	3.00
First church S. S., Winston-Salem	10.60
Glen Raven S. S.	3.70
Grace Church S. S.	10.00
Denton S. S.	5.70
Mt. Pleasant S. S., Mt. Pleasant	8.00
First church S. S., Lexington	4.00
State Street S. S.	3.07
Siler City S. S., May and June	10.00
Pinnacle S. S., Pinnacle-Mt. Zion	1.80
Eden S. S., Halifax	3.00
Pleasant Hill S. S., Spring Church	2.41
Bethel S. S., Flat Rock	3.80
Level Cross S. S., Randleman	1.49
Mill Grove S. S., Midland	2.50
First church S. S., Charlotte	4.84
Worthville S. S., Randleman	7.81
Baraca Class, Mebane	5.00
Kannapolis S. S.	6.70
Matthews Chapel S. S., Greensville	3.10
Sapling Ridge S. S., Alamance	7.23
N. C. Branch, Woman's Auxiliary	16.00
Concord S. S., Saxapahaw	3.50
Mt. Lebanon S. S., Randleman	7.03
Whitakers S. S.	5.00
Community church S. S.	16.20
Baraca class, Community church	5.00
Central S. S., Asheboro	40.00

We thank you one and all for these offerings and for your continued interest.

At Camp

Last week we spent a few days in a camp on the banks of the Catawba river near Statesville, N. C., with 60 of our children who have no homes to which they could go for a brief outing. This camp was furnished us through the kindness of Supt. J. B. Johnston of Barium Spring Orphanage. Mr. Johnston and his workers and children were exceedingly kind to us. And on Thursday evening the Men's Bible class of Broad Street Methodist church, Statesville, came out to the camp with some musicians and with ice cream, and gave our entire group a wonderful treat. We are greatly indebted to Barium Spring Orphanage and to this Men's Bible class for a very fine outing for over 60 of us.

Away for a Week

This week we are in Pennsylvania visiting Mrs. Dixon's people in and around Ligonier, Pa. We expect to return home on Saturday, June 17.

A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

On Saturday afternoon there will be the parade down the Main Street of High Point. The many religious organizations of the town will join the Endeavorers in a big parade. Too, a number of floats will be entered by the business men of the town in addition to those by the societies, unions and districts of Christian Endeavor in the State. The parade will begin at three o'clock.

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LOOKING BACKWARD—THINKING FORWARD

By MRS. FRED G. HOLLOWAY

Looking backward—when are we likely to do it? Perhaps when we have reached a high place in our experience. I remember standing, last summer, on the shore of a beautiful lake, surrounded by towering mountains. Then we took a train which climbed up and up into those mountains. As we climbed we looked back on the scene below us, saw the place where we had stood, but saw also much more from the height we had reached. And when we had climbed to the highest point from which we could look back, the view was most entrancing of all. So, we like to sit down, when we have reached some high place in our life's experience, and look back at the way over which we have come.

Or perhaps we look back when we have reached a turning point in our lives. Before we branch off into new paths which will take us away from a path we have traveled for a long while, we stop and look back.

When we have brought a series of events in life to a joyful and triumphant conclusion, we enjoy looking back to review our success. Or when a tragic failure in some field has been our experience, we look back with sorrow and regret over the paths that led to the tragedy.

Is it well that we should thus take time to look backward across the days of our years? Yes, and for the following reasons:

First, as we see the way of our lives as it stretched behind us, we get a *whole* view. We see the beautiful places of happy memory, and rejoice. We see ugly spots, and are sad because they scar the landscape, and can never be removed. But if we are thoughtful and wise we profit by those scars, and resolve that they shall not appear on our future paths.

Second, we get a right perspective on the whole scene as we look back. Events assume their correct proportionate size. If we have made mountains of mole hills when we were close beside them, we now see our mistake. Some times events that loom large when we are close, seem so trivial as to be scarcely noticeable when we look back. On the other hand, we may see that events that we passed by as of little consequence have had great effect on our lives.

Third, we profit by looking back because we see whether our course has been straight, or whether it has changed as we traveled, either for good or ill. Some times we know by no other way than looking back, as to whether we *have* changed our course. I recall, again from a summer vacation, standing in the stern of a ship. We were watching the beautiful colors in the wake of the ship—the creamy foam and the indescribable phosphorescent blue, when someone said, "See, we are changing our course," for the wake of the ship showed a decided turn in the ship's direction. Yet in no other way than by looking backward could we have known this, for we were entirely out of sight of land.

Finally, looking backward is profitable because if we look backward over the past, it is practically certain that we must be in a quiet, meditative mood. Periods of quiet contemplation and meditation are sorely needed in our busy, bustling routine of every day living. And if looking backward brought us nothing but periods of quiet thoughtfulness, it would be a worthwhile occupation.

But, for one to look backward forever is to become a dreamer. So, after we have looked backward, we must turn our faces forward, whether the look ahead be pleasant or difficult. Also, we shall say *thinking* forward, because a look ahead must be purposeful.

Youth sometimes accuses those of older years of looking backward too much—"living in the past." This is at least partly natural, for age has an interesting and extensive past over which to roam, while youth has not.

But even with older people, the look ahead ought still to be purposeful and interesting. If they have lived their lives with high ethical and spiritual ideals, with hope and faith and love, they can say with the poet,

"The best is yet to be,
The last of life, for which the first was made."

Especially ought this be true of Christian people, who are—or should be—building constantly, on Christian faith, spiritual experiences which are not only for this life but for eternity.

Jesus is our best example of one who kept a perfect balance between the backward look and the forward thought. How do we know that Jesus thought often of His early years? By His constant references to activities of the home and to home life; viz., bread-making, patching, lighting of candles, work in the carpenter's shop, children's play in the fields or in the market place, mothers busy at household tasks.

"When Jesus was a little thing,
His mother in her hood of blue,
Called to Him through the dusk of spring,
"Jesus, My Jesus, where are you?"

Caught in a gust of whirling bloom
She stood a moment at the door,
Then lit the candle in the room,
In its pink earthen bowl of yore.

The little Jesus saw it all;
The blur of yellow in the street,
The fair trees by the tumbling wall,
The shadowy other lads, whose feet

Struck a quick noise from out the grass;
He saw, dim in the half-lit air,
As one sees folk within a glass
His mother, with her candle there.

"Jesus! Jesus!"

When He a weary man became
I think, as He went to and fro,
He heard her calling just the same
Across that dusk so long ago.

"Jesus!"

For men were tired that had been bold;
And strange indeed this should befall—
One day so hot, one day so cold—
But mothers never change at all.

"Jesus!"

(*Lizette W. Reese*).

As He climbed those quiet hillsides of Galilee and looked backward at those boyhood days in a loving Nazareth home, it must have been difficult indeed for Him to tear Himself from quiet memory and contemplation, and think ahead to a future of misunderstanding, tragedy, death.

What, then, gave Him the courage to think forward? Perhaps three things:

He saw a world of needy men and women.

He saw a Father's love and purpose for His World.

He saw His own part in this plan.

So, Jesus steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem, and wherever His Father's will should lead Him; through life to death, and then beyond to somethnig greater—too great for our finite minds to fully take in. But because Jesus had courage and faith to think forward to God's purpose in life for Him, so have we courage and faith to try to do likewise.

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A CORRECTION

The article in last week's Herald, pages 8 and 9, was copied from the High Point Enterprise. I made a few pen corrections and sent the article to the Herald. Where it says "Mrs. V. W. Idol was treasurer of the Building Committee, and, since the death of Mr. H. H. Garrett, has been treasurer of the Endowment Fund," it is Mr. V. W. Idol and Mr. H. A. Garrett who are referred to.

A. G. DIXON.

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The preacher held a special meeting for the children, giving them a brief history of a mission to the South Seas, where, he said, the islanders were mostly cannibals.

"Now, what do you think, children, should be the very first thing the missionary should teach the cannibals?" he asked, and paused for an answer.

A bright lad lifted up a smiling face, and said: "Teach them to be vegetarians, sir."

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Hawkins Chapel Church, Littleton Charge, D. D. Broome, Pastor.—Brother Broome filled his appointment the fourth Sunday evening and second Sunday morning. We were very much inspired with the message. We feel we have more love for the united church than ever before.

Our class leader, Mr. C. F. Hawkins, asked when he was not present to please read a chapter in the Bible. Miss Hattie Pittard responded to his request the first Sunday, reading the first Psalm.

Our Sunday school around the same, Mrs. Baldy Greene's class, and those who would help have made a quilt for the purpose of getting some song books. At present we have collected about six dollars.

It has been reported twice about the Auxiliary meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Broome. We do not want to be called copy cats, but some of us were there and we know this. We, too, would like to say we enjoyed being in their home, and with the Littleton and Weaver's folks, also seeing Mr. and Mrs. Trolinger, and have an opportunity to meet Mr. Broome's father.

Our Ladies' Aid will meet with Miss Clara Hawkins Thursday evening, June 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Broome and family were the dinner guests of Mrs. Bertie Hawkins Sunday.

One of our members, Miss Frances Glasgow, finished high school at Roanoke Rapids.

Very sorry to note the chairman of the stewards, Mr. Clarence Hawkins, is in the Roanoke Rapids hospital, operated on for appendicitis, but glad he is getting along nicely.

Well, most of you know our revival meeting always begins the second Sunday in August. Brother Broome announced Sunday that Rev. J. W. Braxton, from Mt. Pleasant, will be pulpit help.

MRS. CLAUDE HAWKINS, Reporter.

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Liberty Hill, Anderson Charge, Rev. T. M. Johnson, Pastor, June 12, 1939.—We were indeed glad to have our good pastor with us Sunday, filling his regular appointments and bringing two very impressive sermons.

Plans are under way for the Children's Day program which will be rendered the fourth Sunday evening of this month.

We were indeed sorry to hear of several in our community being ill at this writing. Among some of them were: Billie Waddell, Thomas J. Brannon, and Tom Gaston. We wish them and all others who aren't mentioned that are on the sick list a speedy recovery.

Rev. T. M. Johnson and B. A. McClimon were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McClimon, of Greer, S. C.

The contest of the Willing Workers class ended the fourth Sunday in May with the Ford V-8 leading by four stars. As a leader of the Ford V-8 side I would like to say I really appreciate all the kind help, loyalty, and splendid work that was accomplished during the five months of this contest. We added several new members and received several of our former members who were not attending regularly to start back. I feel sure it was a great help to our entire Sunday school. We had a great number of visitors to visit our Sunday school during the contest. Miss Lillian Compton, who was the leader of the Chevrolet side, was a fine person to work with; although we are first cousins, I would like to say she is among the finest young ladies of our church. She did splendid work, and I never have worked with anyone I enjoyed any more than I did with Lillian. She is always ready to do anything that is uplifting in Christian work for our church and community. She is also the president of our Sunday school class, and is very interested in all our church work.

We were indeed sorry to hear of T. B. Nalley, of Fairview church, having the misfortune of losing one of his fingers. We do pray that he will soon be well and nothing else sets up.

The Willing Workers class counted it an honor to have our good pastor, Rev. T. M. Johnson, to teach our Sunday school lesson Sunday morning. We had two of our former members back with us, Misses Nelle Wood and Lucy Hunnicutt. We hope they can come back to be with us more often.

Our church is planning highly of sending two of our young ladies with our pastor to North Carolina for the Bible Educational School which will start June 26, 1939. We pray that nothing will delay them and that much will be accomplished while there.

The music school is still being held each Saturday night at our church.

The Wednesday evening prayer meeting will be held at the usual hour, 8 o'clock.

MRS. JOHN D. McCLIMON, Reporter.

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Davis St. Methodist, Burlington, N. C. Dr. Fred W. Paschal, Pastor.— There has not been a report from our church to the Herald, since the uniting conference. We were glad to have our pastor back with us and his inspiring messages, and reports a wonderful time while in Kansas City, with many uplifting and heart warming experience. Our church services are well attended also our Sunday school, the S. S. supt. recently reported a gain in attendance over last year. The writer glancing at the bulletin board on a Sunday morning noticed the attendance for the day over the five hundred mark.

The Womans Auxiliary is getting off to a grand start for the new year. We are looking forward to the best year ever. Practically ever circle having a gain in attendance every month with many in-active members becoming active. Some circles are able to pay their budget in advance. We are hoping and expecting to do a great amount of home work as well as the foreign.

Our church we feel is very fortunate in securing Miss Eva Wisemon a member of our local school staff to work with us for two of the summer months as an all time worker some months ago she organized a young peoples choir for our children ages, eight to twelve. We expect to hear from this choir within a few Sundays.

Our Vacation Bible school began on Monday, June 12, and we are hoping for a large attendance.

The Baraca contest has just closed with the blues winning over the reds, don't know just yet how the losing reds will entertain the winning blues, how nice it would be if their best girls and wives were included.

There was a membership meeting held Sunday after the eleven oclock service at which time a name was voted on for the church here after it will be called Davis St. Methodist.

Taking the place of the regular evening services in our church there was a Union Rally of the Methodist Churches of the Burlington area held at Front St. Methodist Church on Sunday evening June 11 with Rev. H. L. Glass, pastor of that church, presiding. The main speaker for the evening was Rev. M. T. Plyler, editor of the Christian Advocate, also our pastor Dr. Fred Paschal. Others taking part on the program were: Rev. Joseph Coble, O. L. Hinson, H. F. Surratt, A. J. Hobbs, and George R. Brown. The music was beautifully rendered by the Front St. and Davis St. Methodist Choirs.

MRS. WALTER WILLIAMSON, Reporter

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Bethany Church, Randolph Charge, Rev. H. L. Isley, Pastor.—We had 118 present for Sunday school Sunday. Three classes of the young people have had a contest to raise money for the World Service budget. The captains were Frances Ellis and Junior Garner. A nice sum of money was turned in. Frances Ellis's side was the winner. We hope to have the budget raised in full soon.

Frances Marion Pugh and Luna Johnson are getting up a Children's Day program. Bessie Baldwin and Frances Ellis will have charge of the music.

Our revival meeting will begin the third Sunday in July.

Our oldest member, Mr. E. R. Trogdon, will be 92 years old the 29th of June. He is very active for his age.

REPORTER.

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First Methodist Church, High Point, N. C.—Childrens day was observed very impressively at both services last Sunday. At the eleven oclock hour nine babies were christened and the members of the Junior church worshipped with their parents in the main auditorium. The infants christened were: Kenneth Lee Sykes son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Sykes; Benjamin Porter Montgomery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Montgomery; Cawlyn Bostian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Bostian, Jerry Webster Koonce, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Koonce, Jr.; Glenn Gray Perry, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Perry; James Shelton Moffit, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Moffit; Betsy Ross Dairs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Dairs; Carolyn Jane Spencer daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Spencer; and Amanda Sue Auman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Auman.

At the eight oclock service, a pageant was presented by the Junior church. Its title was "By the River Brinks" and approximately one hundred young people participated. It was so splendidly given and its meaning was so forceful, justice would not be done to it without giving a brief synopsis. The pageant opened with a mother singing a lullaby to her baby, in which she implores God to give his wisdom in the moulding of the child's life. The scene next shifts to the Voice of the Past and the rivers brink of ancient Egypt where Moses was rescued by Pharaoh's daughter in order that he might fulfill God's promise for his life. Next the "Voice of the Present" speaks and the scene changes to the modern world where the Sunday school is reaveled as the Princess who rescues the child of today at lifes river brink and prepares him for fulfillment of of God's promise. The stage settings were beautiful and a large congregation witnessed the splendid performances.

Mr. Madison is spending six weeks at Duke University, attending the Pastors conference. He plans to return to High Point each weekend to fill his appointments.

Mr. J. Worth Joy is very ill at Burrus Memorial Hospital as the result of an appendectomy performed Monday. We trust his condition is not serious and that he will speedly recover.

MRS. ROBERT DAIRS, Reporter

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MRS. C. L. KOONTZ WRITES OF HER TRIP TO CALIFORNIA

Miss Katherine Lee Bates, a professor in English literature at Wellesley, in company with other New England teachers, attended the Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893. They then traveled westward through the ripening fields of wheat to the "purple mountain majesties of Colorado." They climbed to the summit of Pike's Peak. Returning to Colorado Springs, Miss Bates expressed her appreciation of our wonderful country in the words of the hymn "America the Beautiful." The words of the fourth stanza "alabaster cities bleam" were prompted by the white buildings of the Exposition. A visit across our country gives new meaning to the words "America, the Beautiful." I wish that I could describe for you the beauties and wonders. I can only hope to share some of my experiences and hope that many of you will have the joy which a trip of this kind gives.

May I offer two suggestions if you are planning this tour? First, choose congenial companions. My husband and I knew that Rev. and Mrs. N. G. Bethea would meet the tests. This was our fourth trip with them and they have proved as near ideal as we could ever hope to find. Second, go in the Spring. The weather was pleasant, the desert not unbearably hot and the rainy season in California over. We saw plenty of snow, but the sun was warm and we did not suffer from cold. And now that we have talked about the weather, on with the trip!

Our party started from Asheville, N. C. on the morning of April 11th, and made our first stop at Tallulah Falls. We spent the night in Montgomery, Ala. The second day proved interesting. Several hours were spent in Mobile, chief seaport of Alabama and a famous port for the importation of bananas. The drive from Mobile to New Orleans is one of beauty. Biloxi and Gulf Port, Mississippi, are noted for their handsome ante-bellum homes with their stately white columns and spacious porches. The gardens were radiant with bright colors. Tulips, oleanders, hibiscus, amaryllis and geraniums were in full bloom, and azaelas had just faded.

New Orleans is an interesting city. I agree with the writer who said, "New Orleans is as changeable as an April day or a pretty woman. Catch her above Canal Street and she will tell you in English the story of her climb to her present position as the greatest city in the South. Cross her widest street and she will turn French before your very eyes. The French Quarter covers eleven square blocks and among the interesting sights are French markets, antique shops and the Cabildo, which is a museum or a picture book of the history of Lousiana. A visit to the famous Saint Louis Cathedral is a cherished memory. The interior of the 143 year old shrine has been changed but little. The paintings of the masters lend grace and beauty to the edifice. The music of the Cathedral is famous, some of the noted French opera singers are members of the choir. The singing of 'The Palms' on Palm Sunday and their Christmas chant are two of the most famous of their chants."

Leaving New Orleans we crossed the Mississippi River over the Huey Long bridge, which is four miles long. After crossing the "Father of Waters" we walked on the levees to better view the river. The levees are man made mountains which harness the river and fertilize the land. Alfalfa, sugar cane and rice grow in abundance.

You have heard that Texas is a large state, but do you know how large? It is farther from Beaumont to El Paso than from Chicago to New York. We spent most of three days crossing the Lone Star State. The cities are very far apart, the most interesting on our tour being Houston, San Antonio and El Paso. In the heart of San Antonio is the Sacred Alamo, shrine of Texas patriotism. It was within the grey stone walls of the quaint old chapel that Travis, Barrett, Bowie, Crockett and 170 unsung heroes gave their lives for Texas liberty.

And now we come to the first High Spot, Carlsbad Caverns in Southeastern New Mexico. I wish I could describe the wonder, but the caverns are as unimaginable as the Grand Canyon. The tour is between six and seven miles and requires most of a day. We ate lunch 750 feet below ground. In the lunch room was Jim White, the orignial discoverer. After 20 years of unsuccessful effort, Jim White was made happy when in 1923 the General Land Office in Washington sent Mr. Robert A. Holley for a survey. He was very skeptical at first, thought Carlsbad was just another cave, but after completing this work his emotions were so stirred that his report convinced the powers in Washington of the wisdom of helping others to feel the fear and awe which he so deeply experienced. The government has cooperated in making the Caverns a work of art. Stalagmites and stalactites form cathedrals, grottos, draperies, jewels; hills and lakes enhance the beauty. One of the stalagmites is 60 million years old and is still growing. It is called the Rock of Ages. The climax of the pilgrimage is reached when an impressive worship service is held beneath this majestic column. The Chaplain asks for perfect quiet, preparing the worshippers for the darkness. Perfect silence, absolute darkness. From the depths comes light, half a mile away. The familiar hymn, Rock of Ages is wafted from afar. More lights are turned on, the music swells, the searchers have once more discovered God in the beautiful. The day we were there more than 400 people representing 31 states were thrilled with the beauty and wonder. Following the ritual a couple from Texas were married standing beneath the Rock of Ages.

From El Paso we crossed the Rio Grand into Jaurez, Mexico. Shopping proved interesting, the Mexican merchants were very eager to sell and followed a prospective customer and persisted in showing his wares.

The morning service in Trinity Methodist Church in El Paso proved a blessing. Dr. William E. Brown, presiding elder preached on "The Dormant Hours." His message showed in a beautiful way how long illness or other conditions that cause seeming inactivity may be very fruitful. These hours may give time for meaningful prayer that will result in great power.

Leaving El Paso we traveled in the desert for hours. The various cacti are interesting, some are immense, some repulsive and some very beautiful. We learned, that in an emergency, water may be obtained from the cacti and that candy is made from some kinds. Night found us in Lordsburg, New Mexico, looking forward to a view of the Grand Canyon. On the way we passed an Apache Indian Reservation, saw Coolidge Dam and Roosevelt Dam. At Globe and Miami great smelting plants were smelting ore to produce copper. Miami has the largest copper pit in the world.

How I wish I could express my emotion as I viewed Grand Canyon! This greatest result of erosion in the world absolutely defies description. The great sculptor, Nature, using rain, wind, and frost as her tools is cutting a work of art. The erosion has gone on for uncounted centuries and still the Colorado River continues to cut deeper and deeper into the earth. The variations of blues, greys, purples, reds, yellows

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are indescribable. One can only stand in awe and worship the Creator. It merits a trip across the continent just to look upon it for five minutes. A lifetime of observation, however, could not exhaust its panprama of beauty, wonder, and majestic splendor.

Among the man made wonders of our country, Boulder Dam ranks very high. It is a magnificent engineering feat. Enough cement was used to build a 16 foot hgihway from Miami, Florida to Seattle, Washington.

One of the interesting sights in California is to see the mountains covered in snow, while at their feet flourish orange groves. On the plains grow dates, olives, walnuts, lemons, grapefruit and other trees.

As interesting as were Las Vagas, Baker and Barstow we were glad to reach Los Angeles. With its many suburbs this city covers more area than any other city in our country. We spent five days in Hollywood. Among the interesting places are the studios and the Chinese Theatre where the foot prints of many movie stars are made in the cement. We enjoyed the drives in Beverly Hills and Bel Air and viewing the estates of the celebrities.

On the way from Hollywood to San Francisco we saw San Monica, Santa Barbara and other famous missions along the coast. It was thrilling to cross Oakland Bridge, which is eight miles long and to look upon the wonderful Golden Gate Bridge. Treasure Island is an enchanted place, the Fair Ground, beautiful with lovely flowers and sparkling fountains. The exhibits were typical World's Fair displays.

The big trees in Calavaras State Park are so huge that a man standing beside one looks like a pigmy. We walked on a stump on which several cars could park and not be crowded. Eldorado National Park covered in snow and sunset on Lake Tahoe were scenes of indescribable beauty.

In Nevado, we saw the smallest capitol in the would, and the court house in Reno.

Salt Lake City merits a stopover. The Great Salt Lake, the largest inland body of salt water in the world, is several times saltier than the ocean. The beds on either side of the highway look like a light snow. The pioneers of the Mormon Church have truly made the desert bloom like a rose. The Temple grounds could not be more beautiful. The Temple, which was 40 years in the building, is entered only by Mormons, but the Tabernacle is open to the public. The state capitol is one of the most beautiful in the world. It is built of Utah granite and the dome is of Utah copper.

What can I say about Yellowstone Park? Although a large part was not accessible on account of the deep snow, we could look upon many of the famous wonders. Among the most interesting, Fire Hole River, hot springs, terraces, baby geysers, giant geysers, mud pools, rainbow pools, Old Faithful in action and the Great Falls of Yellowstone. As I viewed that majestic river falling violently 308 feet and the rainbow mirrored below, with the matchless coloring of the canyon walls and the snow adding grandeur, I prayed sincerely with the poet who said:

"God, who touches earth with beauty,
Make me lovely too,
With thy spirit recreate me,
Make my life anew."

Because of the closed gates, we left the park at Livingston, Montana and spent Sunday in Laurel where we attended the Methodist Church. We were impressed with the earnestness with which all the pastors whom we heard prayed for the Great Uniting Conference. After enjoying Cheyenne, Wyoming and Denver, Colorado it was our great joy to be present at two sessions of the Uniting Conference in Kansas City. I shall not attempt to describe that meeting, because our lay delegate has given such a full, inspiring report. I, too, was impressed with the beautiful Christian spirit and the consciousness that those great preachers and laymen felt their dependence upon God. Of interest to Methodists is McKendron College in Lebanon, Illinois because it is the oldest Methodist College in the United States. We also appreciated seeing the college in Berea, Kentucky, made famous because it is E. Stanley Jones' Alma Mater.

The Blue Grass section of Kentucky is one of great beauty and the mountains around Pine Ridge comparable to those of our own state. We especially enjoyed the trip to Natural Bridge. This marvel reminded us of the Natural Bridge of Virginia. God seems very near and real when we view with wonder and awe His masterpieces.

After being in 22 states and one foreign country and traveling nearly 8,000 miles, we welcomed the sight of the Old North State. We all agreed that Western North Carolina is unsurpassed. Mr. Bethea, who has seen the mountains of Switzerland, said that while some are much higher, they do not equal ours in sheer beauty.

"Here's to the Land of the long leaf pine,
The summer land, where the sun doth shine;
Where the weak grow strong and the strong grow great,
Here's to down home, the Old North State."

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Billy Battle: "Daddy why don't you buy your grandmother an air rifle for her birthday next week?"

Dr. Battle: "Air rifle? Grandmother wouldn't want an air rifle."

Billy: "But you know how good she is about lending things."

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Young Bride: "My husband promised me a surprise if I would learn to cook, so I took lessons."

Friend: "What was the surprise?"

Young Bride: "He fired the cook."

COURAGE

Press on! Though mists obscure
The steep and rugged way,
Or clouds of doubt ascend—
Soon dawns the brighter day.

Keep on! Though hours be long,
And days deep-frought with woe,
Give patience a chance to do her work,
And vanquish every foe.

Hope on! Though all seems lost,
And dark'ning storms beat high,
Have courage, faith, and know,
That God is ever nigh.

—Grenville Kleiser.

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Scotty: "She's the most economical girl I know."

Mac: "I'll say she is. I gave her a marshmallow the other day and she powdered her nose with it."

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Mother: "What is your baby brother crying about?"

Thomas: "He's dug a big hole in the back yard and wants to bring it in the house."

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Gone are many of the older rules for success. The fellow who never watched the clock has lost his job as a radio announcer. —Clipped.

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What time is it by your watch?

Quarter to.

Quarter to what?

I don't know. Times got so bad I had to lay off one of the hands.

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"Have you heard the latest? Mrs. Fisher walks in her sleep!"

"How perfecty absurd, when they have three cars."

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Stasia: "Ninety-nine women out of a hundred are naturally generous."

Rody: "Yes, where one woman will keep a secret, 99 will give it away."

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"Is there any certain way of stopping a woman continually spending money on gloves?" asks a harassed reader.

"Certainly — buy her a diamond ring."—Montreal Star.

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Teacher: "How many sets of teeth does a person have?"

Charlie: "Three."

Teacher: "Three? Name them."

Charlie: "Temporary, permanent, and false."

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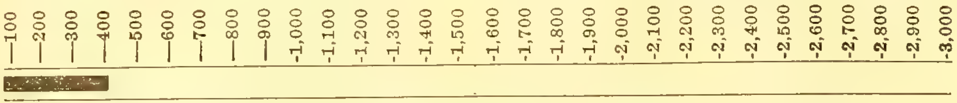

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OUR LAST CALL FOR JUNE 22

We are asking our pastors and Sunday school superintendents, and all our friends throughout the conference, to help us get the folks to High Point for Children's Home Day on June 22.

We have tried to plan a great program for our Methodist people for that day, and now we are dependent upon you for the success of the day. We plead for your help.

First—You will please announce the day and its purpose once more to all your Sunday schools and congregations on Sunday, June 18, and urge them to come in goodly numbers with their picnic dinners in boxes and in baskets. The occasion calls for it, and we are expecting a large crowd of Methodists.

Second—Please have your committees make a last special effort to get a good offering for the Children's Home. For the awards see page 9 of last week's Herald. Of course no committee will claim a reward unless a special effort has been made.

We rest our case with you and your people.

Please Remember

The program will be given in the Harrison Gymnasium at High Point College beginning at 10 o'clock. Picnic dinner in the grove at the Children's Home at about 12:30 noon.

God bless and direct in it all.

Faithfully,
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The Pastor's Support

It is never easy for a minister to discuss the question of the pastor's salary without appearing to some to be a "special pleader," but the editor of a Church paper ought to have that privilege without appearing to plead his own case, otherwise those who know most about certain features of this subject may never have a chance to discuss it. For there are certain facts usually passed over as very minor matters when discussed by Mr. Average Church Member, which indeed are most vital. For instance Mr. Average Church Member appears to think that the pastor and his family are not subject to the necessities of human beings or that they have "meat to eat" that the pastor knows not of. They seem to overlook entirely the fact that the pastor is dependent upon the salary received from his churches to pay all his bills; food, clothing, many times house rent, the entertainment of guests who are visitors to the Church, the expense of owning and operating a car largely for the benefit of the Church—to perform his duties as pastor, etc. These expenses are paid out of the pastor's annual stipend. And add to this the expense of transporting his household effects to a different charge every two or three years.

Now if pastors were angels, as some church members appear to think they should be, they would be delivered from all such cares, and at the end of the year they would possess the entire amount of the salary received which they could put into the bank to be kept until the next bank failure occurs. But fortunately or unfortunately, such is not the case. Let us itemize one of these items of expense which is rather modern; the ownership and operation of a car. Forgetting for the time being the purchase price of this car, let me remind you of the cost of operating it. The pastor of the average charge travels from fifteen to twenty thousand miles a year. The minimum estimated cost of this mode of travel is three cents a mile, so the pastor will take out of the average salary of one thousand dollars from $450.00 to $600.00 each year for the expense of traveling the charge. It is quite plain that the average church member does not take into consideration the expense the pastor must incur if he is to meet the requirements of the average church member of today.

Now as a rule both pastor and family do without many things in order that there may be gas, oil, repairs and new tires for the car by which the sick may be visited and the appointments reached. Could we return to the horse and buggy days these pastors could fill their appointments as their fathers did, and do what visiting time permitted to make at a cost of a hundred dollars a year. BUT when have you seen a pastor making his rounds with a horse and buggy? Besides this, I know of no official board of a church who would accept a pastor's services rendered in that way and pay him the average salary now received. Just what will be done about this matter at the fourth quarterly conference remains to be seen; but one thing remember, that the average salary paid by the former Methodist Protestant Churches will require considerable boosting before it reaches the average salary paid by the former M. E. Church South Churches in North Carolina. Our people should want to be fair to their pastors and since they have received service faithfully rendered by their pastors whose salaries are lower than the salaries paid by many of the churches of sister denominations around them, would it not be a fine exhibition of appreciation to give the pastors' salaries a boost when time comes for fixing the salary within the next few months?

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

A Common Conference Journal

One thing which I failed last week to mention, growing out of the Durham meeting was that this fall all three of the denominations would issue just one Conference Journal with sections devoted to each of the three denominations. This will save considerable expense and will make it possible to have a wider range of information. However, there is one thing now that ought to be called to our attention, namely, that we make our record such this year that we shall not be ashamed for it to appear in print alongside the others. We former Methodist Protestants have been somewhat congregational in our make-up and we have used a good deal of liberty as to whether we would do things or not. The other two former denominations have become accustomed to working the program of the conference so it will not be as difficult for them as it will be for us. While the appointments this fall will be made by each of the former denominations up to that time when they are approved and read by the new conference yet after the conferences adjourn then the new conference has complete jurisdiction and the supervision planned at the Uniting Conference becomes operative immediately.

Two Committees To Meet

On Wednesday morning of this week a committee consisting of eight District Superintendents and myself will meet in Salisbury to determine the number of Districts and the boundaries of the districts in the Western N. C. Conference. This meeting will be followed by a joint meeting of the Board of Missions of the Western N. C. Conference and our Board of Church Extension. I am presuming that some representative from the Blue Ridge Atlantic Conference will also be present. I understand that one of the purposes of this meeting will be to attempt to supplement salaries to that extent that any man serving a charge may be able to devote his entire time to the work. If the new Methodist Church can accomplish this it will be a worthy beginning.

Congratulations To Friendship Church, Fallston Charge

Last Sunday must have been a glad day for Friendship Church on the Fallston Charge, Rev. R. L. Hethcox, pastor, in that the church was to be formally dedicated on that day. For months I had had an engagement to speak there at eleven o'clock and Bishop Clare Purcell was to speak in the afternoon. On account of my tonsilectomy I could not go but Dr. R. M. Andrews, the editor of the HERALD agreed to substitute for me and I presume he did. So far I have had no report on the activities of the day but I trust it was all that could be desired. This congregation is to be congratulated on the erection of such a splendid building. This building was erected some four or five years ago during the pastorate of Rev. H. F. Fogleman. Brother Hethcox became pastor after the building was erected and has played an important part in paying for the same. Now all are to be congratulated who have had anything to do with it. I was indeed sorry not to be there last Sunday but hope to visit this church yet this year.

Dr. Lindley To Preach Next Sunday

While I am on my feet again and feel better than I have for months following my tonsilectomy yet I realize the danger of overworking my throat, so Dr. P. E. Lindley, the dean of High Point College, will go with me to Kannapolis next Sunday and will preach the sermon, leaving me free to perform the dedicatory rite in dedicating the Kannapolis church. I am very grateful to Dr. Lindley for this favor and hope that from now on I will be able to do my work with greater zest than I have the first half of this year.

A New Herald Committee

For the purpose of helping the HERALD tide over the lean months of the summer and for the further purpose of safeguarding its future I am appointing a committee consisting of Revs. J. Elwood Carroll, C. W. Bates, F. W. Paschall and C. L. Spencer and Mr. J. D. Ross and Mr. F. R. Stout. I trust this committee may be able to render real service to this important arm of our work.

The Dangers of Inactivity

I have read somewhere that there is a zone reaching around the earth near the equator which was most dreaded by the sailors in the days when the boats were dependent on the winds. For here there were no winds, for there is a law of the earth which makes the wind on one side of the equator blow from one direction and on the other side the reverse is true, so the winds neutralize each other and there is nothing going on. It is said that the old time sailor preferred the storms of the sea in other parts of the world to this place where there was nothing going on. I trust that we as individuals and as churches shall not allow ourselves to get in that states of inactivity. Brethren, for the next few months let each one put forth every possible effort to finish up the year in the best possible manner. There is much to be done. There are souls to be saved and to be gathered into our churches, there doubtless is an unpaid balance to be raised on Delegates' expenses to the Uniting Conference, the Annual Conference budget including the College assessment must be raised, the HERALD must be kept going, the Children's Home must be supported and many other things must be done before we can say that our work is finished.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

LEADERSHIP EDUCATION SCHOOL

Our 18th Annual Leadership Education School will be held next week at High Point College. Registration opens Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. The first meal will be served Monday night and the last meal Saturday noon. The total cost is $6.75 and you are expected to bring sheets, pillow case, towels, soap, and your sport clothes and equipment. Full particulars were given in two recent issues of this paper.

J. ELWOOD CARROLL, *Dean.*

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A Message In Verse

IF ALL THE SKIES WERE SUNSHINE

If all the skies were sunshine
Our faces would be fain
To feel once more upon them
The cooling splash of rain.

If all the world were music
Our hearts would often long
For one sweet strain of silence
To break the endless song.

If life was always merry
Our souls would seek relief
And rest from weary laughter
In the quiet arms of grief.
—*Henry Van Dyke.*

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Please examine the label on your copy of the Herald and if the subscription is due to expire at an early date don't wait but renew at once.

Conference is scheduled to meet in Grace Church, Greensboro, October 18th. Who will be ready?

There is more revelation of man's weakness and strength, man's capacity for evil and for good in the Bible than can be found in Shakespeare and all the dramatists of the world. It is the most human of all books.—*William Lyon Phelps.*

Up to a short time ago the Church was asking questions of the world. Today the world is asking questions of the Church.—*Ralph S. Meadowcroft.*

My crown is in my heart, not on my head
Nor decked with diamonds and Indian stones,
Nor to be seen; my crown is called content;
A crown it is, that seldom kings enjoy.
—*Shakespeare.*

The noblest question in the world is, What good can I do in it?—*Poor Richard's Almanac.*

"Religion can itself become one of the most selfish influences in life."—*Dr. Fosdick.*

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Fallston

Last Sunday the editor of the Herald was "pinch-hitter" for President Pritchard at Fallston. The occasion was the dedication of their beautiful Church. There was a very large audience, dinner served picnic style and Bishop Purcell spoke in the afternoon. He dedicated First Church, Shelby, at 11 a. m. that day and was to perform the same service at Fallston in the afternoon. We enjoyed our visit with Pastor Hethcox and his people but regretted our inability to remain for the afternoon service. Dr. P. S. Kennett, High Point College, kindly filled the appointment at West End Church that morning. We appreciate so much his service.

Miss Idol Ceases To Contribute Weekly

Because of the pressure of her summer duties Miss Vera Idol, professor of English Literature, High Point College, finds it necessary to discontinue her weekly contribution on poets and poetry. We regret this very much indeed. She has in her most delightful manner presented to our readers weekly many most interesting and instructive articles. We hope she may find time to renew her weekly letters when the summer is over.

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Indifference

If indifference is a sin then, it surely is the most common of all sins. Its effects are seen upon man from the lowest to the highest in places of honor and of responsibility. "Gallio cared for none of these things," is the comment of St. Luke as Sosthenes, the chief ruler of the synagogue, was beaten in the very presence of the judge (Gallio) who cared for none of these things. It may often be said of the officers of the law today, "they care for none of these things" when lawlessness is present under their very eyes. Of leaders in the affairs of the church when the great needs of the Kingdom are exhibited in their presence, and "they care for none of these things." Nothing so paralyzes the rate of progress as indifference. The most violent opposition is never such an enemy to the cause of Christ as the indifference of the professed followers of Christ to needs of the cause of Christ.

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Wilson Ratledge

Last Sunday afternoon there was buried from West End Church one of the most heroic sufferers it has been my privilege to know. Thirteen years ago he sustained an injury which made him a life-long cripple. Everything was done for his recovery that could be done, without avail. Wilson suffered very much during the last months of his life but was most patient in it all. His love of life under such a tremendous handicap was manifest in his radiant smile, his efforts to do things (although bedridden), the books he read, and his interest in what others were doing. He was deeply interested in his church though he could not attend its services. He greatly enjoyed visits from his friends and the prayers of his pastor.

His funeral service was largely attended, the floral offering was large and beautiful, and the expressions of appreciation of his wonderful fight to live, of his trust in God, and of his appreciation of all that his family so sacrificially did for him, was expressed by the attendance of hundreds of people at his funeral services. The pastor was assisted by the Reverends Messrs. Bowers, Mongerson, and Reavis. Wilson died in the full assurance of eternal life. We laid his crippled form away to await the resurrection when this mortal shall put on immortality and be raised in the glories of the resurrected life.

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EDUCATION IN UNITED METHODISM

It would be difficult indeed to exaggerate the importance of Christian education to the progress and welfare of the new united Methodism and to its contribution to the advancement of the kingdom of God. It seems trite to emphasize once again the fact that upon trained leadership more than upon any other single factor depends the success of any undertaking or movement looking toward human betterment, but that fact remains as true today as it was a thousand years ago. And when it comes to the church of the living God, a broad training of both the ministry and the laity is simply indispensable if organized Christianity is to realize the ideals and make powerful the ideas of the Lord Jesus Christ. There should be no discount of "simple piety" or noble devotion, of good intention or "complete surrender to the will of God"; for the acceptance of Christ by the individual through an act of the will and an honest, open-hearted giving of himself to do the bidding of the Heavenly Father is basic to the Christian life. A well-intentioned Christian needs something more, however. He needs wisdom and insight, that he may serve his Lord and Master to the utmost of his capacity. At the present time we need converted men to lead the hosts of the Almighty against the powers of darkness. But these men must also be able men or their leadership will fail to achieve the highest victory.

With so much at stake in the new stage of Methodist development in this country, it is no wonder that the Uniting Conference at Kansas City gave much time and attention to the formulation and consideration of reports dealing with Christian education. Provision was made for a "Board of Education for the promotion of Christian education." This board will be organized in three divisions—Educational Institutions, Local Church, and Editorial. The first of these three divisions will have its headquarters in Chicago, Ill., and the two other in Nashville, Tenn.

The Division of Educational Institutions is to have "an advisory relation to the business and educational management of all universities, colleges, schools, theological schools, Wesley Foundations, and other educational institutions related to The Methodist Church in the United States except those institutions owned by other boards."

The Division of the Local Church is instructed to "develop a comprehensive and unified program of Christian education which shall lead to a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, the Christian religion, and the Christian church. It shall provide for worship, fellowship, study, and service, including social, recreational, evangelistic, and missionary activities, and education in the Christian way of life. It shall be responsible for forming standards and preparing programs for the organization and work of Christian education in the local church."

Through the Editorial Division, working in cooperation with the Curriculum Committee, the Board of Education "shall provide all curriculum materials necessary for carrying on" the work of Christian education in the church school. "The editor of church school publications shall be responsible for the preparation of all curriculum materials, including periodicals, undated materials, and books authorized for use in the program of Christian education. The circulation of the literature prepared by this division shall be a joint responsibility of the Board of Education and the Board of Publication."

In the legislation adopted at Kansas City, provision also was made for Jurisdictional and Annual Conference boards of education, and for a church board of education in each local church.

With all these excellent organizational arrangements for the promotion of Christian education in the new church, we must not overlook the importance of the attitude and policy that are to make the machinery highly effective. A timely word of warning comes in a recent letter to the *Herald* office from a distinguished leader in this field who senses the dangers of overemphasis on machinery and of possible wrong direction in the foundation of educational policy. Among other things he says:

> If a Christian church such as our denomination goes in for education, it should be for education of a distinctive type.
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> The Methodist Church, reputedly great, after all has none too much power. We should focus all our resources. We cannot afford to scatter and dissipate them if we expect to make any great impact on the world today.
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> The state increasingly will provide amply for general education. The church cannot expect to compete with the state in this field. For this reason, in our education, we should concentrate upon particular emphases inherent in the Christian religion.
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> Our children remain the same individuals as they move from the local situation out into college life; therefore, we should seek to correlate and unify their education throughout.
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> There is an appalling dearth of intelligent lay leadership in the Christian church today. Where may the church look for this leadership to be supplied if not to its educational institutions? This service can be rendered best if the church and its schools are very closely and sympathetically allied. The tendency now is for the church schools to compete with state institutions and to separate themselves from the church. If this tendency increases, it will not be long before the church will lose all its schools.

This correspondent has lifted up an issue of very great importance. We must keep our education Christian throughout. Certainly there is need to stress unity in the educational process, and especially its Christian character.—*Zion's Herald.*.

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"A modest confession of ignorance is the ripest and last attainment of philosophy."

WITH THE POETS

Elizabeth Vera Idol

PRAYER

By Louis Untermeyer

Louis Untermeyer, critic, lecturer, translator, and poet is one of the leading voices in the world of poetry today. While he has not written as much verse as some of his contemporaries, and perhaps in the years to come, may not be accounted among the few poets who will take their places among the truly great geniuses, he appraises the work of other poets with sound and appreciative judgment, and he himself has written a few things that will continue to appear in anthologies of American poetry.

His first volue of verse appeared in 1911 and showed him to be under the spell of Heine and Housman. Of these poems Untermeyer reprinted only three in his later selected works. In 1914, the year in which appeared so many outstanding volumes of poems by new authors since become famous, Untermeyer published his second volume, *Challenge.* Though there are suggestions of Henley in this volume, a few of the poems, especially *Prayer* and *Caliban in the Coal Mines* show "a fresh and lyrical sympathy with the modern world." The *Boston Transcript* said of this volume: "His vision is a social vision, his spirit a passionately energized command of the forces of justice." This volume was followed by other books of original verse, some noteworthy translations, and a number of anthologies, as well as several books of fiction and criticism.

In the poem *Prayer* Untermeyer uses the simple four-line stanza with the familiar interlacing rime. The simple form suits the quiet dignity of the prayer and the reverence of the thought and language.

The thought of the poem is new; the idea incorporated throughout is different from the prayer we are accustomed to hear—and pray. Not for victory and humble acquiescent faith, not for the ability to see and hear beauty, and not for quiet satisfaction at last, does the poet pray, but for the heart to lose a fight, to be insurgent, to see along with beauty the dirt and "all that spawn and die in it"; to hear the music of "Spring's first flutes and drums," but to remember the "bitter ballads of the slums," until he at last prays for the ability to keep unsatisfied—that quality which alone can promote growth and development. A satisfied soul is a dying soul. Thus while Untermeyer does not omit the commonly accepted petitions he turns the prayer into new but nonetheless essential channels of the needs of the human soul. Though the subject of some kind of prayer is as old as human beings, Untermeyer has succeeded in giving us a new conception of its place in the life of one who must face the social needs in the world around, as well as the possibilities of growth in his own soul.

While this is not a poem of great imaginative fervor or even of deep intellectuality, it does stir the imagination with the thoughts of the part that each of us may play in the scheme of humanity, that which the great religious poems of all times has done.

"God, though this life is but a wraith,
Although we know not what we use,
Although we grope with little faith,
Give me the heart to fight—and lose.

Ever insurgent let me be,
Make me more daring than devout;
From sleek contentment keep me free,
And fill me with a buoyant doubt.

Open my eyes to visions girt
With beauty, and with wonder lit—
But let me always see the dirt,
And all that spawn and die in it.

Open my ears to music; let
Me thrill with Spring's first flutes and drums—
But never let me dare forget
The bitter ballads of the slums.

From compromise and things half-done,
Keep me, with stern and stubborn pride;
And when, at last, the fight is won,
God, keep me still unsatisfied.

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NOTICE !

The Kannapolis Church is to be formally dedicated at a service on June 25. Dr. Pritchard is to preach the dedicatory sermon or secure a speaker in case he is not able to preach. This is to take place at 11 o'clock. Picnic lunch will be served in the assembly room of the Sunday school building at 12:30. At 2:30 in the afternoon we are arranging a special program that should be of interest, "The Future of Methodism." Rev. E. M. Jones is to speak on the topic, "The Future of Methodism In Kannapolis." Dr. Clark is to speak on "Methodism In the Salisbury District." Other speakers of note are to be heard.

All former pastors and friends of this church are invited.

D. T. Huss, *Pastor.*

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METHODIST PROTESTANT HANDBOOK

By the late Dr. T. H. Lewis

We have the only supply of Dr. Lewis's handbook, written in 1925 that there is in existence. We will send these to anyone who desires to have a copy of this historic book for 10 cents to cover postage and handling. Please send orders to F. L. Gibbs, Executive Secretary, 3269 W. Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh, 16, Pa.

F. L. Gibbs.

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Old age has nothing to support itself with but the remembrance of a life innocently passed and the hope of a better one to come: these are the two crutches upon which old age is borne up.—*Erasmus.*

OUR NATION'S SHAME

By Bishop James Cannon, Jr.

On June 2nd the Associated Press brought the news to our American people that the steamship St. Louis with 907 passengers, men, women and children, was anchored off the neighboring island of Cuba, and that the passengers had been refused admission by the Cuban authorities, although they had passports with proper bisas from Cuban representatives in Germany, and had paid their passage with reasonable expectation that they would be permitted to land in Cuba and remain there at their own charges until they could enter the United States under the quota regulations of our immigration laws. These passengers were all Jews. After much tribulation, and by great sacrifices, they had managed to escape from the clutches of their Nazi German persecutors. The only charge against them was that they belong to the Jewish race.

To that same Jewish race belonged Moses, Samuel, David, Isaiah, Paul and Peter, and through His mother, Mary, the God-man, our Lord Jesus Christ. The Cuban government and the Cuban people are supposed to be Christian in sentiment and belief. But to the amazement of all humane persons the Cuban government endeavored to put a tax of nearly half a million dollars and guarantees of maintenance as a price for the admission of these helpless Jewish refugees. That any government should try to make a bargain based on the misery of these Jewish refugees was monstrous. But when this proposal was finally met by the American-Jewish Committee it was declared to be too late. How much of graft was involved in the proposal will probably never be known.

The steamer containing these miserable people cruised around in nearby waters for several days, and the press reported that the ship came close enough to Miami for the refugees to see the lights of the city. The press also reported that the United States Coast Guard under instructions from Washington followed the ship while it was in American waters to prevent any possible landing on our shores. And during the days when this horrible tragedy was being enacted right at our doors our Government at Washington made no effort to relieve the desperate situation of these people, but on the contrary gave orders that they be kept out of our country. Why did not the President, Secretary of State, Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of Labor, and other officials confer together and arrange for the landing of these refugees who had been caught in this maelstrom of distress and agony through no fault of their own? Why did not our Congress take action in accordance with the free and humane spirit which has characterized our people and our Government in the past? The failure to take any steps whatever to assist these distressed, persecuted Jews in their hour of extremity was one of the most disgraceful things which has happened in American history, and leaves a stain and brand of shame upon the record of our nation. The fact that the Dutch, the Belgians, the French and the British are reported to have arranged to admit these trapped refugees simply adds to the shame upon our own Government that we should have known and seen their misery and should have played the part of the Priest and of the Levite rather than of the Good Samaritan, and that we should have passed by on the other side and left these Jews to whatever fate might befall them on their return to Europe.

This failure on the part of our Government to help the stranded Jewish refugees is in accordance with the attitude taken by our Government toward the Japanese unprovoked, unjustifiable, barbarous warfare against China. This warfare has been open and undisguised and has continued for nearly two years, accompanied by the indiscriminate, merciless, horrible slaughter of civilian men, women and children, the destruction of unfortified towns and cities, and of schools, churches and hospitals wherever the Japanese airplanes or armies have gone.

Our Government is a party to the Nine-Power Treaty which was signed February 6, 1922, by representatives of the United States, Belgium, the British Empire, China, France, Italy, Japan, The Netherlands and Portugal. The signatories agreed to respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial and administrative integrity of China; to use their influence for establishing and maintaining the principle of equal opportunity for trade and industry of all nations; and to refrain from taking advantage of conditions in China in order to seek special rights or privileges which would abridge the rights of peoples of friendly states.

This unprovoked Japanese warfare called forth an appeal from Generalissimo Chiang Kaishek to the nations of the world, especially to the signers of the Nine-Power Treaty, to intervene to stop the Japanese warfare. Realizing in September, 1937, that Japan had determined to secure control of China so as to be the dominant power in all trade and governmental relations, I wrote to Secretary of State Hull and urged him to take immediate steps to put an end to the undeclared Japanese warfare by severing diplomatic relations with Japan as a violator of the Nine-Power Treaty, accompanied by a ban on all monetary or trade relations with Japan as long as she continued to violate her Treaty pledges to help the other nations to maintain the sovereignty, independence and territorial and administrative integrity of China. But nothing has been done by our Government to indicate its official disapproval of the barbarous warfare of Japan against China. Diplomatic and trade relations have remained as though Japan had not become a veritable outlaw, as though she was not flouting the rights of other nations in utter disregard of the Nine-Power Treaty.

Our present neutrality law states that the President must declare an embargo against shipment of arms to belligerents as soon as he recognizes that a state of war exists. Is there any doubt whatever that a state of war does exist in China? Has the United States a President who has not the information or the intelligence to know that such a state of war does exist? Why then has the President remained silent? What right has he to ignore the responsibility placed upon him by the neutrality act? Why has he not declared that a state of war does exist in China? Does not our Government know that Japan has been continuing her warfare in direct violation of the Nine-Power Treaty of which our own Government is one of the signatories? Does not our Government realize that if Japan accomplishes her purpose in China she will dominate every important policy of the Chinese people, and that there will be no independence, no territorial, no administrative integrity of China, and that Japan will determine what right and privileges the other signatories of the Nine-Power Treaty will have left to them?

Thinking to take Great Britain at a disadvantage because of the present European situation, Japan is using strong measures to secure certain agreements favorable to her plans in China and contrary to the Nine-Power Treaty agreement. Press reports state that Japan's pressure at present is chiefly against Great Britain, and that she has been careful not to antagonize the United States. But is not the honor of the United States bound up with that of all the other signatories of the Nine-Power Treaty? Shall not our Government join with Great Britain, France and the other signatories of the Treaty in demanding that Japan shall cease her undeclared barbarous warfare, and shall respect the provisions of the Nine-Power Treaty? Or shall our Government continue its illogical, spineless course in its dealings with Japan?

The President of the United States addressed a notable appeal to Herr Hitler for the preservation of peace in Europe. Why has he not addressed a similar appeal to Japan to cease her warfare in China? Why has he not proposed to try to arrange a conference to consider the questions at issue between China and Japan?

It is the shame of our Government, and to that extent of the nation as a whole, that for nearly two years it has continued diplomatic and trade relations with a nation which has flouted her treaty with us, and has become a veritable outlaw among the nations of the earth. Can not something be done to compel the President and the Government to meet the responsibility which is upon them to join with other nations to enforce the provisions of the Nine-Power Treaty quoted above?

Richmond, Va.

JEALOUSY

In the Songs of Solomon, eighth chapter and sixth verse, there is a statement that one only has to watch the movements of people who are not possessed of the Spirit of Christ to see it verified day after day. The verse says, ''Jealousy is cruel as the grave.'' Hard as the grave, the marginal reading has it.

There is no telling to what depths jealousy will stoop. We see it manifest sometimes in small children; jealous of the affections of another; and it may go on in a person till it reaches that point of envy which will take goods, character, life. If this then will lead to that point, how careful one should be that this shall not control in a life.

One may be jealous of another's success, popularity, goods. By this many have been led to say and do things against people that has been the means of ruining the reputation of the one of whom they were jealous.

We manifest this kind of a disposition towards one who is outstripping a friend of ours. Jealous for another. How dangerous to let this control in our lives until we filch from another their good name in order to have our friend or friends be ahead. And right here it becomes more dangerous. We may deceive ourselves to that point in misrepresenting another to help our friends that we reach the point of lying to justify our words or actions in behalf of our friends.

In order to be ahead, or to put some one else forward, we may cultivate the feeling of jealousy towards one until we do not see the good in them, get where we hate them, and hatred is a dangerous attitude to have toward any one. God's word says that ''He that hateth his brother is a murdered.'' How often have we murdered some one's good name, or even tried to destroy what little good there is in them to carry our point? Cain reached the point through his envy,—jealousy, that he slew his brother.

How many broken hearts have suffered because some one was jealous? Said an unkind word because that one had been praised by some one. Result: a broken and a discouraged life. Leaders in church work have been crippled because some one else seemed to outstrip them in usefulness, jealousy may get in its devilish work here. It may be shown by the parties who are doing the work, or it may be that there are friends who cannot stand to see the ones that they want to see succeed outstripped. It is dangerous to give assent to one who will damage another for your sake. As a result both parties are hurt, and to be sure the one who damages another is always hurt. They may be in that business so much that they have no conscience in the matter. Timid souls may not rebuke them for the unkind things they say,—though they should be rebuked,—but they have less opinion of the one who makes the rebuke. If only the gossiper could see the inside of the hearts to whom they may give out their poison, there would be less of this done. And that usually starts from jealousy.

Jealousy has been decribed as being green eyed, poisonous! To be sure it is! Beware of the person that says unkind things of another. There is a wrong motive back of it of some kind, and this monster about which we are writing may be the cause.

This monster is no respecter of persons. He gets into every heart possible, ruins every life possible by enlarging that which had no evil intention, and yet a jealous person can make a mountain out of a mole hill ''set on fire the course of nature and that is set on fire of hell.''

Gentle reader, if you have ever been used as an instrument or agency for a jealous person, beware lest it come back on your own head. And if you have ever allowed some to do questionable things or say make insinuations that have grown into that which will damage a life, be careful, for you are not dead yet, and sin has its unavoidable penalty.

Jealousy for the good things of life may be commendable, but to have that attitude towards any that would cause you to damage them, even if you think you are justifiiable in doing so, will bring punishment upon your own head—*Contributed.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By **O. L. EASTER**

PAUL REVIEWS HIS LIFE

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, June 25

By REV. O. L. EASTER

Lesson Text—Phil. 1:12-14; 21-24; 3:12-14; II Tim. 4:7-8.

There is a proverbial saying in the Book of Proverbs, Chapter 16, which gives us, I believe, the counter-part to Paul's glorious statement of his happiness in the latter days of his life and ministry: “The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness.” The quiet confidence that assured Paul that he fought a good fight was satisfying within itself, for there is a joy in doing even a trivial thing well, but it is only when we couple with this his faith in believing that this course he had finished was the way of righteousness do we fully comprehend his glory. The best immortality is in living and dying for a noble cause and no cause out of Christ is noble enough to be worthy to live. Nero is dead but Paul still lives and speaks. Rome fell, but the Kingdom of Christ still increases. Paul had faith and vision to see this and even as his strength to fight the good fight was fast waning he was gloriously useful and thereby happy even unto the end.

“When with chiselled touch
The stone unhewn and cold
Becomes a living mold,
The more the *marble wastes*
The more the statue grows.”
—*Michael Angelo.*

In this latter picture of Paul's great life I think we see his greatest message to the world. All men find their lives, be they great or small, rich or poor, gradually moving towards that twilight zone of old age wherein they meet the greatest crisis of their human battle. It is a time when they find the spirit still willing and their flesh grown weak. Every young preacher today must face up to that period to which he is moving when no longer he will have a flock of his own or even the strength of body and mind to bow out of his beloved field gracefully, perhaps. This is true in all walks of human life, and is rapidly becoming in our modern civilization one of its major social problems. It is indeed one of the seeming paradoxes of the human spirit that it can flourish so brilliantly and so proudly in its youth and then to come to the latter end so ingloriously. This prevalent reaction to the stages of life is evidenced by old age resorting to the many artificial means of opposing young in physical faculties, or by their utter despair of their lives. There is great need for readjustment in this inevitable relationship of all human life and Paul has it for us.

The trouble seems to be that men have emphasized success and usefulness upon carnal things that pass with old age. When one today can no longer put in a “good day's work” he is put aside by industry and he too has valued his entire usefulness in terms of dollars and cents and hence he feels that old age has rendered him a failure. At Hampton Court, England, there is probably the largest grape vine in the world. One day a tourist remarked to the keeper that the grapes seemed very small for Hamburgs. “Yes,” he said, “an old vine cannot bear as large grapes and clusters as a younger one; but the grapes are sweeter and of finer flavor. They are kept for the Queen's use.” Paul in his latter days could do little missionary work like that of his earlier days and he could not endure the hardships for his Lord, yet it is a holy fact that his ripest, sweetest, most enduring work was done in prison. It is as the writer of Proverbs says again: “The path of the righteous is as a dawning light, that shineth more and more unto a perfect day.” (Proverbs 4:18). Thus we see that the secret of a happy ending for human life is in the purpose for which it has lived. In Christ we find a purpose so enthralling and obsessing that even if life in youth throws hardships before us still with Paul we see that to live is Christ; then when the inevitable hardships of old age descend upon us there comes that comforting security of the heart which speaks its assurance that “to die is gain.”

“And when these earthly years are past and gone
Temptation's battle fought, the victory won,
From heaven shall gently come this message down,
They that have borne the cross, shall wear a crown
Never to fade.”

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JOHN RUSKIN'S ESTIMATE OF THE BIBLE

Possibly there is nowhere words of higher praise of the Bible than those of John Ruskin. In speaking of the way his mother taught the Bible he has this to say, “I opened my oldest Bible just now . . . yellow with age, and flexible . . . the lower corners of the pages of chapter seven of First Kings; chapter eight of Deuteronomy are worn thin and dark, the learning of these chapters have caused me much pain. My mother's list of chapters with which, learned every syllable accurately, she established my soul in life, has just fallen out of it, as follows: Exodus 15th, and 20th chapter; 2 Samuel 17th; I Kings 8th; Psalms 23rd, 90, 91, 103, 112, 119, 139; Proverbs 2, 3, 8, 12; Isal 58; Matt. 5, 6, and 7; Acts 26; I Cor. 13, 15; Jas. 4; Revelation 5 and 6. And truly, though I have picked up the elements of a little further knowledge, I count this very confidently the most precious and on the whole, the one essential part of my education.”

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NOTICE!

This is to give notice that the annual meeting of the North Carolina Conference Council of Religious Education will be held at High Point College on Tuesday, June 27 at one o'clock in the afternoon.

T. J. WHITEHEAD, *President.*
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OUR STORY PAGE

THE ROBBER BEARS OF YELLOWSTONE PARK

Yellowstone National Park is believed to be the only public park in the world where bears roam about at will among the people. As a consequence, the beautiful atmosphere of the park is colored at least several times a day by loud shrieks from lady tourists who react in a strange manner when being informally presented to a four houndred-pound bear at very close range. Bears usually wear a pained expression when confronted by a screaming woman. Sometimes the animals run away hastily for fear of being bitten. Of course, they act from sheer instinct, for no actual case has been recorded of a tourist biting a bear, but some bears are naturally conservative and do not like to take chances.

The bears of Yellowstone Park are tame. One might even call them civilized. The manner in which some of them obtain their food appears to be anything but primitive. These ingenious fellows have a system of their own that never fails. They simply stand in the road, always selecting a main park highway, and stop all the traffic. Of their exact method of operation the author of this article was an eye-witness.

All of the cars in the road ahead of us had stopped, so naturally we stopped, too. Two bears in the road were holding up traffic. The "oh's" and the "ah's" of the tourists rivaled the sighing of the wind in the pine trees. Until this time most of these people had seen bears only in cages. One of the bears planted himself in the middle of the road, while the other—a large brown brute—slowly lumbered along the line of cars with an innocent look on his face.

Suddenly he stopped alongside of the car head of us. Of the five people in the car, three were women. Without warning, the bear stood up on his hind legs, placed his paws against the rear, partially open window of the sedan, then thrust his huge head inside, practically into the laps of the passengers. The most horrible screams that ever issued from human throats came out of that car. My hair stood on end. I wanted to do something. My buddy, sitting alongside me, wanted to do something. But we were paralyzed by the fearsome sight. This is what comes from letting bears run around loose! No more awful finish for a tourist could be imagined.

But—what was this? The bear had withdrawn his head, and in his giant jaws was—not a lady tourist but—a loaf of bread!

Everyone laughed, including the occupants of the ravaged car—although they did their laughing a trifle shakily. Only another "robber" bear plying his trade! He shuffled along the road for a time, then leisurely turned off into the forest. His partner got up presently and followed him, and traffic resumed its course.

These robber bears have a code all their own, and the first rule is, "Never break car windows; it's bad for the tourist business." So if you wish to be fully protected against an intrusion such as the above, all you have to do is to close your car windows when a robber seems about to pay you a visit. The bear's feelings might be injured, but he'll never permit you to know it. And certainly he will never force an entrance, even though your car may be jammed full of honey.

However, he could easily break in if he chose to do so. One blow of his giant paw could rip your tin lizzie open like a second-rate can of sardines. It's only one of the mysteries of the park.

The bears are not entirely harmless. Throughout the park signs read, "Warning—Do Not Feed the Bears—It Is Dangerous." In Yellowstone it seems that a bear in the act of feeding itself will not bother anyone; yet being fed annoys him. Perhaps the kind of food that tourists offer him makes him ferocious. Missionaries often have to accept whatever is offered them, but bears are exceedingly independent and often lack the Christian spirit of understanding and meekness.

The tourists always face the problem of where to store their food at night when they camp in the park. Some of them lock it up in their cars. Some tie it up neatly and hoist it into the air, high up, by means of a rope cast over the limb of a tree. In one or two of the official auto camps the rangers have provided heavy iron safes that can be locked. But some campers are naturally careless, incredulous, or just plain dumb, and leave their food supplies in their tents. Dire results sometimes follow. Canned goods are not safer than anything else; not only do the bears know that the tins contain food, but some believe that the beasts can read the labels. And they don't need can-openers, either. A bear takes a can that you or I would struggle with for five minutes—and probably cut our fingers in the bargain—and touches it with his paw, and lo! the can is opened! People that always have trouble with can-opening gadgets should keep a bear handy—say, on the back porch.

During our first night in camp we got an intimate glimpse of the bear problem. About nine o'clock, a huge bear wandered into the grounds. Somebody saw it and started to chase it away. To chase a Yellowstone Park bear out of camp is usually a simple matter: you made a terrific noise—chiefly by beating two frying-pans together about six inches from the bear's nose, and by yelling for all you're worth. The bear takes the hint. On this particular occasion everybody joined in the bear-chasing, and you never in all your life heard such a banging, clattering and shouting. The bear retired hastily, and in a few minutes all became very still.

Then about five minutes later, a loud voice howled out of one of the tents down the line. "GET OUT OF HERE, YOU BIG LUMMOX!" One of those campers had left his food ungarded inside his tent. They say that he was awfully surprised. You would be too, if you awakened out of a sound sleep and found yourself staring into the countenance of a bear three times your size.

On the whole, the bears of Yellowstone are rather nice fellows. They have become tame because they always have all they need to eat, and no one is permitted to harm them; guns are not allowed inside the park. The garbage-cans of the park have special, heavy wooden railings around them so that the bears can help themselves to the garbage, but cannot knock over the cans. These garbage-cans are patronized chiefly by the more timid and inexperienced bears; those "in the know" waylay tourists and help themselves to the cream. In a way, however, it's unfair to call them robber bears; they amply reward anyone they rob, because for years afterward he can tell the thrilling story again and again. And the oftener he tells it, the bigger the bear becomes; but, after all, babies, acorns and practically everything else grows larger in the course of time—why not bears?

Somebody said to a friend, "Next time you go to Europe be sure not to miss the ocean trip—it's a wonderful experience." And in the same vein I say to you, "When you go to Yellowstone Park be sure not to miss the bears." But don't feed them, or you may be among the missing yourself. —*Harold S. Kahm,* in *Youth's World.*

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THE TRUTH PAYS

The first day that John Wanamaker opened his Philadelphia store he took in the sum total of $34.

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John Wanamaker never departed from that course. He said in the later years of great success—"The shrewdest people in the world are those who tell the truth consistently and persistently."

Well, it is not difficult to tell the truth consistently. The truth is the thing you don't have to remember! On the other hand, a liar is always between the devil of his own invention and the deep sea of actuality.

And there are many ways of lying in addition to the spoken lie. Ten lies are acted for every one spoken. A shrug of the shoulders may dissemble truth. A lift of the eyebrow may hide knowledge. Silence may be the shroud of falsehood.

Such artifices fail in the long run. They are hardly worth the mental agony they occasion at any time. Unless a man is willing to see his good name and reputation for integrity become a byword, he would do well not to fall into the habit of disregarding the truth.

Tell the truth "consistently and persistently." It pays.

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WELL, WHY NOT?

Horace Greeley once received a letter from a woman stating that her church was in distressing financial straits. They had tried every device they could think of—fairs, strawberry festivals, oyster suppers, a donkey party, turkey banquets, Japanese weddings, poverty sociables, mock marriages, grab-bags, box sociables, and necktie sociables. "Would Mr. Greeley be so kind as to suggest some new device to keep the struggling church from disbanding?" The editor replied: "Try religion." — *The Presbyterian Record.*

CHANGE

The philosopher who first discovered that one could not go wading in the same stream twice was soon superseded by the one who realized that that particular trick could not be done even once. Both of them had hit upon life's universal characteristic of relentless, continuous and unescapable change.

Youth is always moving on into old age, day into night, summer into winter. Today is ever replacing yesterday; this week disappears in favor of next week, and the old year slips away under our feet to give place to the new.

Our social order passes out of one phase and into another; political structures are continually being modified. Church organizations and even our habits and beliefs are ever affected by the law of change.

So many and so rapid are the changes that the Christian minister could easily give up in despair in the face of what sometimes seems to be a complete refusal of everything to remain as it is. But in a world of change some things abide. It is the privilege of the Christian minister to deal much with the things that remain steadfast.

A famous sociologist loved to startle his students with the statement that all human institutions collapse. A business firm which is one hundred years old is something of a wonder. Lodges, literary societies, and political parties come and go. Yet the Christian church is, after nineteen centuries of buffeting, society's greatest volunteer organization.

Competition and attack have failed to disturb the eternal truths which Jesus spoke so simply on the shores of Galilee, and the God that he revealed is the God by whom millions live and for whom they would be willing to die.

The human values of character and personality continue to be the world's finest product and with those values the church is concerned. Honesty, good will, and justice are abiding virtues.

Nor have the conditions been altered under which those values are created so much as sometimes we are tempted to believe. Agricultural colleges teach many facts that were once unknown, but the most scientific farmer must still deal with seeds and with nourishment for the growing plants, just as did the first barbarian who ever stirred the soil with a crooked stick.

In the church we use many terms, evangelism, conversion, worship, youth training, religious education, and the like, but back of them all is the need of men and women and boys and girls for God and the alluring opportunity of those who have found Him to bring others to that knowledge. That is the mission of the church.

Dealing with a changing and sometimes baffling world, the minister of Jesus Christ can orient himself among the things that are permanent and move forward into his work with a calmness and an assurance which near fear of change can shatter.—*The Pastor's Journal.*

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Christianity is dependent in this world upon those who have definite convictions. Therefore, unionism is destructive of Christianity and should be so regarded.—*Baptist Standard* (*Texas*).

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LOOKING BACKWARD—THINKING FORWARD TO OUR IDEAS ABOUT GOD

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In our childhood we had certain ideas about God; about our relationship to Him and His to us.

There were various ways in which we thought about God. If we were fortunate in the kind of religious guidance that was given us, we thought of Him as a Father. Perhaps we regarded Him as rather a stern Father, though this phase of our thinking probably depended on our attitude toward our earthly father. I can never think of this type of thought about God without remembering the little child who screamed with fright when told by his church school teacher that God was like a father. The teacher did not know that the child's father was a drunkard, and terrorized his whole family. Obviously a child under these unfortunate circumstances could never have that conception of God which to Jesus was the sweetest of all. From this highest conception we can go down the scale regarding satisfactory childish conceptions of God until we come to the rather low but frequently discovered idea that God is a sort of glorified Santa Claus, or perhaps a kind of celestial spy; as one child said, "a big eye watching us from heaven."

Whatever our earliest ideas about God, youth brought doubts into our mind as to the existence of the *kind* of God imagined in childhood. This was right and natural. Many ideas of our childhood have to change as we grow. Fortunate we were if we had the help of an understanding parent, teacher, pastor or friend as we were changing our ideas about God. How unfortunate those who lost their belief in God during these years, instead of changing the form. How equally unfortunate those who in adult year, still cling to their childish conception of God. Apropos of this, there is a little poem about a child and his attitude toward material and spiritual things, which represents the attitude of some of us who have never had a growing conception of God; who continue always to look backward to our childish ideas of God, rather than thinking forward to more mature and more adequate ones. The poem is called "Grandfather's Love."

"They said he sent his love to me,
They wouldn't put it in my hand,
And when I asked them where it was
They said I couldn't understand.
I thought they must have hidden it,
I hunted for it all the day,
And when I told them so at night
They smiled and turned their heads away.

They say that love is something kind
That I can never see or touch.
I wish he'd sent me something else,
I like his cough-drops twice as much."

—*Sara Teasdale.*

Naive and sweet and amusing—in a child, we say. But are there not those who continue to hold something of this same attitude if we were to change the title to "God's Love?" Could we all be trusted to prefer and desire God's *love*, even though it included suffering, rather than material bounty from God?

Youth finds its growing conception of God in various ways and places. Perhaps the sensitive spirit of youth finds God most easily and most satisfying revealed in the beauties of nature. Then, as young people study Christ they begin to realize how clearly God is revealed in His life. But of this particular type of revelation I shall say no more in this talk, as I want to use it as the theme of the next meditation.

Thoughtful young people find God revealed as they study the arts and sciences, especially if they be talented along these lines, as well as spiritually inclined.

But not until we have come to adult years, thinking our way forward step by step, do we come to a fully satisfying and fairly adequate conception of God and His meaning for our lives.

In these later years we find that God is revealed in history, although comparatively few seem to recognize His hand there—or see the handwriting on the wall. The Hebrew prophets are an excellent example—and far enough back in history to be a safe one. Dr. Richard Roberts in his recent book, "The Contemporary Christ," says of these ancient prophets, "to them apostasy and calamity, peace and war, prosperity and adversity appeared as acts of God, working through a moral order which could not be abrogated or repealed, and from which there was no escape. This the prophets perceived so vividly and so decisively that they confidently announced "Thus saith the Lord."

Of course God is increasingly revealed to thoughtful adults in the wonders of earth and universe—God's own creations. He is also revealed in man's creations when they are inventions that work toward the good of mankind. But so often man's inventions and creations seem to be directed toward the destruction of mankind rather than its improvements.

Perhaps the place that we have to train ourselves longest to see God revealed is in our fellowman himself. Yet we know that God made man in His image. So often it seems, however, that man busies himself trying to make God over in his own image. Bernard Clausen, one of our contemporary preachers, said in a recent sermon that an ancient philosopher made a statement that at first seemed simple and obvious enough to be trite. But on closer inspection we discover that it has great significance, and deserves thoughtful consideration. This is the saying, "If horses have gods, their gods are doubtless horses." Think about this. Of what kind of a God do we conceive? Are we trying to be made into His image—or are we busy trying to make God over into ours?

Another revelation of God is through prayer. This is a revelation which should begin in childhood, but should certainly change and develop through the years. As we look backward can we trace the development of our prayer life? *Has* it developed very much? And as we think forward do we purpose to find God more and more through prayer?

From earliest times man has reached out to God with questions about the problems of life, with pleas for help in solving them. But why should man thus reach out to God unless the Creator Himself first put the need and desire to do so in man's heart and mind?

Through prayer and consequent revelation, some whom we know have progressed so far in their spiritual lives that they are like those to whom Dr. Roberts says the Scotch refer as having gone "far ben." That is to say, I suppose, that they have gone far beyond others in their experience of God and His revelation of Himself to them.

We know people in our own churches and communities who fit this description; people like whom we hope to grow as we try to find God revealed more clearly in the world about us, and within ourselves.

These are they of whom the poet wrote

"As torrents in summer,
Half dried in their channels,
Suddenly rise, tho' the
Sky is still cloudless,
For rain has been falling
Far off at their fountains.

So hearts that are fainting,
Grow full to o'erflowing,
And they that behold it
Marvel, and know not
That God at their fountains
Far off has been raining."

We, too, can have God fill our lives with His presence if we thoughtfully purpose to seek constantly a clearer revelation of Him.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

"THE CHURCH AS A SCHOOL"

Topic for June 25, 1939

By REV. RAYMOND W. WHITE

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, June 19—Freedom of Citizenship. Rom. 13:1-7.

Tuesday, June 20—Faithfulness in Stewardship. Luke 12:42-48.

Wednesday, June 21—Joy of Singing. Psalm 100.

Thursday, June 22—Exercises of Worship. Ps.96:7-10.

Friday, June 23—Process of Preaching. Rom. 10:13-15.

Saturday, June 24—Aspiration of Salvation. Tit. 2:11-14.

To the Leader

Remember that this is the second of a series of two topics on "Continuing Our Education." Connect this discussion with last week's discussion. Study the various ways in which the processes of education are fostered by the church. Discuss the opportunities offered for an education by the Sunday school, Christian Endeavor society, Women's Missionary auxiliary, and other organizations. Point out what subjects are taught by the various organizations and the importance of being receptive and responsive. Explain how such an educational program helps one in successful living. Survey your local church "set up" and find out in what ways the local church is endeavoring to educate children, youth, and adults. If you can, discover wherein changes can be made and the program expanded.

Questions for the Open Forum

1. In what sense, if any, is the church an educational institution?

2. Name all of the local church services. What are the objectives of each?

3. Can you show how each church service has an element of educatoin in its objective?

4. As a school, what is the church supposed to teach?

5. To what extent should Christian teachers interpret and apply God's Word to everyday life?

6. Is a church a school for adults? Explain.

7. Is a person truly educated if he has no religious education? Explain.

8. What are the educational features of a sermon?

9. Do we take our educational opportunities in the church seriously? Explain.

10. What do you think should be the educational qualifications of a music director in the church?

11. Is throat singing enough? Is singing below the throat merely enough? If not, what then?

12. Should we have higher standards in Sunday school teaching? Should we have more receptive and responsive pupils? If so, what can be done about it?

13. In what ways do you think the church can improve in its method of instruction?

14. In what ways do you think we can take better advantage of what the church has to offer?

The Poet

When once thy foot enters the church, be bare.
God is more there than thou; for thou art there
Only by His permission. Then beware,
And make thyself all reverence and fear.
Kneeling ne'er spoil'd silk stockings: quit thy state.—
All equal are within the church's gate.

Let vain or busy thoughts have there no part:
Bring not thy plough, thy plots, thy pleasures thither.
Christ purged His temple, so must thou thy heart.
All worldly thoughts are but thieves met together
To cozen thee. Look to thy actions well:
For churches either are our Heaven or Hell!

—George Herbert.

Little Gems

I believe that the root of almost every schism and heresy from which the Christian church has ever suffered, has been the effort of men to earn, rather than to receive, their salvation.—John Ruskin.

Doubts about the fundamentals of the Gospel exist in certain churches, I am told, to a large extent. My dear friends, where there is a warm-hearted church, you do not hear of them. I never saw a fly light on a red-hot plate.—C. H. Spurgeon.

And this is the mission of the church—not civilization, but salvation — not better laws, purer legislation, social elevation, human equality, and liberty, but first, the "kingdom of God and His righteousness": regenerated hearts, and all other things will follow.—A. S. Kittredge.

Topic Hints

Greatest School: In college or out of college, the church is the greatest school in the universe. While one is in college, the church trains him in successful learning. When one is out of college, the church trains him for successful living. We have many institutions and systems for learning, but the church is the greatest of them all. We have grade A colleges but none of their standards compare favorably with the standards of the Church of the Living God. In fact, the best educational institutions are the fruit of the church.

Differences: Many people differ in their opinions about the educational work of the church. Some feel that there is no place for education in Christianity. Others feel that there is no place for anything else but education. Both views are errors. In Christianity the head and the heart work together and God is the Master of both. Christianity is both emotional and intellectual and the true church is aware of this truth. Paul said to the Corinthians, "Brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant." The church is a school.

Church School: The church promotes many organizations whose purpose is to school people. The Sunday school, the young people's societies, the missionary organizations, the Sunday worship services, including Sunday evening services, and the mid-week services which are sadly neglected, are sponsored to educate as well as inspire, not only church members, but everybody. If Christian people are ignorant, it is no fault of the church and her leadership. The church deserves to be praised for her buildings, equipment, curriculum, and faculties. Her empty pews are an emphatic invitation for a larger enrollment.

Offerings: Fundamentally the church offers an education on Biblical subjects. These subjects touch every phase of life. Every sermon, every Sunday school lesson, every group discusion, every choir selection, every lecture, every prayer meeting meditation, every reading circle, and every gathering has a lesson to offer the receptive mind and heart. The type of offering is intended to meet the needs of people with all of their individual differences. Whatever ignorance may be found in the church is due largely to the neglect of people. A student cannot become educated by deliberately absenting himself from school.

The Great Need: In a discussion group some time since, the editor heard this question asked: What is the greatest need of the church? This was the answer: The greatest need is trained leadership. The church does need a trained leadership. No honest pastor would dare deny this fact. Many times he has tried to work with a leadership whose training was deplorable. In any Sunday school one may find teachers trying to teach subjects about which they know little or nothing. The greatest weakness of the modern Sunday school is the result of teachers not profiting by the training of the pastor, who has specialized in college and seminary. But there is another need which may be greater than the need of a better trained leadership. This is the need of a more receptive group to be schooled. What can a well-trained teacher do with absent pupils or pupils whose minds are a thousand miles away from the lesson? What can a preacher do with a congregation that carries on a correspondence course while he is pouring out his heart for their sake? What can God do with people who plan parties while a saintly member of the official board prays? The Sunday school records and the empty pews show that ignorance is due to the lack of fellowship as well as the lack of leadership. We need better trained church members as well as better trained preachers and teachers. The church is a great school. The student-body is weak as long as one member neglects his training.

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"The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of the bird for mirth;
You are nearer God's heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth."

—Queen Mary's Christmas Card.

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Within the hollow of Thy hand,
Where stars are millet seed to Thee,
Teach Thou my heart to understand
How Thou dost love and care for me.

—Thomas Curtis Clark.

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"Papa," asked little Harold earnestly, "is it true that the sun never rises in the west?"

"Yes, child."

"Well, then, I'm sorry for the Jones family. They're going to move out west. I wouldn't want to go where it's always dark."

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Love's Grove Church, Earl A. Cook, Pastor.—It seems that the reporter for Love's Grove has been waiting for something to be done, since there has not been a report for so long, but we have been having excellent attendance in Sunday school. Our enrollment is the largest ever, and very much interest is being shown.

Several months ago we had an attendance contest between the men's, ladies' and young people's classes, and I am glad to say the young people won, and the entire school enjoyed a fine picnic supper in a beautiful, shady place near the river. We enjoyed the fellowship very much.

On the second Sunday in this month Children's Day was held, with a very interesting and impressive program. There were a host of children and young people who took part, and it seemed as if everyone tried to make the program interesting as possible.

We have a fine group of boys and girls at Love's Grove, and they are willing workers. We pray that God will guide and direct their lives so the Kingdom work will be carried on.

On last Saturday evening the Ladies' Auxiliary gave a supper at the club house, the proceeds of which will be used as they see fit. We thank the ladies for the bountiful and most delicious food, also the splendid work which they are doing; something over $25 was taken in.

Our pastor and family, also Mr. Cook's father and mother, have gone on a trip to New York to visit relatives and see the New York Fair. The church and many friends wish them a grand and most successful trip. Brother Cook will not be with us next Sunday, although he has someone to take his place—Mr. J. D. Griffin, of Monroe, N. C. Mr. Griffin has been with us seevral times before. We always look forward to having him with us, and hope that a large crowd will be present to hear him.

There has been much sickness in our community lately, but I am glad to say that most all who have been hindered by illness are able to be at church again.

CLAUDE WHITLEY, Reporter.

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Moriah, Rev. J. Leo Pittard, Pastor.—Last Sunday was a very good day at our church. We had a nice crowd for Sunday school, and at the church hour we had our Children's Day service. This service was in charge of the Junior Bible class. The choir was filled with these young people and they can sing as well as get up a grand program.

The Auxiliary held its regular monthly meeting on the last Friday night in May with Mrs. W. A. Sherrill. There was a good crowd present and some most interesting scrap books were turned in that the Auxiliary had been making for some unfortunate children. It was decided that this society would help clothe a child at the Children's Home for the coming year.

The Greensboro Union of Christian Endeavorers are going to hold their rally at our church on July 18. There is to be a picnic and we most cordially invite all Christian Endeavorers to this meeting.

Something special is going on at our church this week. Rev. Sidney Crumpton, a student of the School of Religion at Duke University, is conducting a Religious Emphasis Week this entire week. These services are designed for the benefit of both old and young. The services are beginning at 8:00 p.m. He is also holding special classes for children at 9:30 a.m. and for Christian Endeavorers at 7:30 p.m.

Our pastor is out of school and is with us this week. We are only sorry that Mrs. Pittard cannot be with him.

Plans are under way to redecorate the Sunday school rooms. We hope that this step will brighten our surroundings so that the attendance for Sunday school services will increase.

MRS. W. A. SHERRILL, Reporter.

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Union Chapel Church, Mocksville, Rev. K. G. Holt, Pastor.—Rev. Mr. Holt filled his regular appointment at our church the second Sunday night.

Our revival meeting will begin the fifth week in July. Definite arrangements have not yet been made as to the hours of the services. We learn that our help minister will be from Thomasville, N. C. Everyone has a hearty welcome to join with us in our revival. Pray for us if you can't attend our services.

The Lord's Supper will be observed at our church the fourth Sunday morning in June.

We hope that some of our people will be able to attend the Christian Educational School which is to be held at High Point soon.

The health of our community is very good at this writing, except we are sorry to state that little Frances Hutchens still remains ill, although she has returned from the hospital to her home.

Our Sunday school is progressing rapidly. Everyone seems to be enjoying the work that is being carried on.

RUTH BOGER, Reporter.

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Pine Bluff Church, Rev. C. G. Isley, Pastor.—Since our last report a goodly number of things have happened, such as the Woman's Auxiliary serving a chicken supper, also an ice cream supper. The response to all these drives was splendid, and we feel that our people deserve praise for their good work. The funds raised will be used to help put a new floor in the church.

Sunday afternoon, June 11, our second quarterly conference was held, with a good many present for the meeting, and all official members giving good reports.

Our Sunday school is looking forward to the Sunday School Convention which is to be held at our church in July.

CLIFFORD BARBEE, Reporter.

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Calvary Church, Greensboro.—Our congregation is very much pleased with a newly painted auditorium in which to worship. This was the gift of Mr. David Glass, one of our members. Beauty and attractiveness in the church seem to add to the spirit of worship, and we are very grateful to Mr. Glass for this large contribution.

The Daily Vacation Bible School began Monday and will continue for two weeks. It is under the direction of our pastor, assisted by a number of our Sunday school teachers and workers. It will close with a Children's Day program Sunday night, July 2. Our pastor and Rev. S. M. Needham, pastor of Proximity Methodist church, exchanged pulpits last Sunday night. Rev. Mr. Needham gave us quite a stirring message.

John Frank Williams, one of our boys and a student at High Point College last year, is a patient at Memorial Hosptial, Richmond, Va. We are trusting he will soon return much improved.

Rev. T. F. McCulloch, who has been confined to home on account of illness, is much improved, and we hope he will soon be in his accustomed place in the church.

Floyd Reynolds, Kemp Reynolds, and the twins, Bob and Burrin Flemming, are in New York this week seeing the World's Fair. They are some of our faithful young men, and we miss them when they are away.

REPORTER.

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Hickory Grove, Guilford Charge, Rev. J. B. Trogdon, Pastor, June 19.—Although we have not reported lately, we are still moving on. Rev. Mr. Trogdon has filled all appointments.

Our Sunday school enrollment is the highest it has been for some time. We have now 135 on roll.

Our Children's Day program will be given next Sunday, June 25, beginning at 11 a.m. Dinner will be on the ground, and in the afternoon a pageant will be given and also some special singing.

We ask the prayers of all Herald readers that we may grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

REPORTER.

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St. Paul's Church, A. D. Shelton, Pastor.—We at St. Paul's have just been through two glorious weeks of revival. Our special meeting ended Sunday, June 18. Our pastor, whom we all consider the best available, conducted all the services but one. We consider the series of services a success from the standpoint of good religious experience. The number of souls saved may not have been as numerous as in other meetings, but in results as to spirit stirring times, the meeting was really successful.

For several weeks preceding the meeting, we had Mr. E. C. Hamilton to teach us rudiments and fundamentals of music. He also directed the music for meeting, doing it very efficiently.

Our attendance at Sunday school and church has been remarkably good for hot weather and vacation time.

Come to services at St. Paul. We are always glad to have visitors and strive to make them feel welcome.

REPORTER.

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Friendship Church, Shiloh Charge, Rev. C. E. Ridge, Pastor, June 19.—We are very glad to state that our Sunday school is growing in numbers and attendance, and we hope spiritually, too. We have 234 on roll, and hope to have a large number present next Sunday morning for preaching service. Mr. Ridge always brings helpful messages.

The birthday offering for the Children's Home amounted to about $30 or more.

Our ladies' auxiliary met with Mrs. A. L. Hartley, June 12, with a large attendance.

We had an interesting program, and we were very glad to have as visitors, Rev. and Mrs. Ridge, Mrs. Tulia Hartley, and Mrs. J. W. Walser; hope they will come again. At the close of the program, Mrs. Hartley served delicious refreshments. Our next meeting will be with Miss Addie Shoaf.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Elmer Hartley is doing fine, after an appendicitis operation last week at the Davidson hospital. But we are sorry to report that their baby, little Ann Hartley, is sick; hope it will be well soon.

Messrs. Lawrence and Robert Holt are attending summer school at High Point College.

Miss Melba Ree Koonts, of Fork, spent the week-end with Miss Rachel Koonts. Miss Paige Shoaf visited away over the week-end.

ADELE PHILLIPS, Reporter.

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Love Joy Church, Seagrove - Love Joy Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor, June 19.—Although we have not sent in a report for several weeks, we are glad to say our work is moving on splendidly. We are well pleased with the increase in our Sunday school. We have 142 on roll; 116 were present yesterday. Our attendance for church has increased also, but still we want to see even more present for next Sunday. We would like to see the young people take a deeper interest in our worship services.

Children's Day will be observed at our church the second Sunday in July. The program is now under the leadership of Misses Elaine Pritchard and Isley Galloway. It will be an all-day service and we want all in reach of our church to come and help to make it a splendid day for the children.

The Friendship Circle held its regular monthly meeting with Mrs. C. T. Russell the first Tuesday night in June. Twenty-six members were present. An interesting program was given, after which refreshments were served. We are planning our next meeting to be with Mr. and Mrs. Trolinger over at Seagrove.

REPORTER.

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Greensboro, Grace Church, J. Elwood Carroll, Pastor.—With all noise eliminated, we are just going along in a progressive manner. We have done nothing of spectacular significance, yet our regular work is in good condition.

June is the month of graduations, and Grace church had her share. The vesper services for the graduates of Curry High School of Woman's College were conducted in our church on Sunday evening, May 28. Then, despite our small number of young people, we had outstanding graduates in many colleges and schools. On June 13 Rene Hardre, one of our most promising young men, received his doctor of medicine degree in Chicago. Wade Johnson was graduated from Carolina and George Jones from Davidson, the latter a member of the tennis team with an outstanding record for the past year. Bill Hester, one of the basketball stars of past years, was graduated from High Point College. Edwin Booth and James Boren Millikan were among the Grensboro High School graduates, and Helen Sharpe and Marguerite Cox among those in Curry High School. We wish for all these young people a useful future.

Our 48th anniversary was observed with a fellowship banquet on Friday evening, April 29, with about 180 persons present. James E. Coltrane served as toastmaster, and a variety program was presented. New church directories were prepared and distributed. On the first Sunday in May the pastor delivered an appropriate message for the occasion, and the altar flowers were donated as symbol of the charter members. Mrs. Louis Puckett and Mollie Cox were received as new members, thus making 22 for the year.

DR. RENE HARDRE, JR.
(Engraving courtesy Greensboro News-Record)

District Superintendent L. B. Hayes, D.D, made us an unofficial visit on the first Sunday in June, and brought us a very fine message.

At present a Vacation Church School is being held in cooperation with the West Market Street Methodist Church at the latter church. A number of our children are attending, and teachers from our church include Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll, Helen Sharpe, Mrs. J. R. Dodson, and Mrs. F. R. Stout. The school will close Friday of this week.

Our third quarterly conference was held Monday evening, June 19. Mr. Ferd R. Stout was reported elected as delegate to the next annual conference, which will convene in our church on October 18.

On Monday evening, June 12, about 45 of our church school officers, teachers, and friends had an outing at the Jefferson Standard Country Club with Mrs. L. C. Westbrook as hostess. After games a most delicious picnic supper was served by women of the Auxiliary.

A few of our young people will be in attendance at the state C. E. Convention this week at High Point College, then next week we are expecting a large delegation from our church in attendance upon the Leadership Educatoin School, of which our pastor is dean.

We are happy to report all of our sick members on the road to recovery. Mrs. W. A. Hornaday is much improved after two operations, and hopes to go home soon from Wesley Long Hospital. Mrs. C. B. Huffines is steadily improving in St. Leo's Hospital. Mrs. Warren McCulloch is better and hopes to be out of bed at home soon.

We are happy to have Dr. and Mrs. Spahr back in town after a month's trip of nearly 4,000 miles through Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Texas, Kansas, and Oklahoma. They traveled by auto with their daughter, Mrs. Bey Van W. Phillips, of Bradford, Pa.

Mr. J. Norman Wills made a report at prayer meeting on the Uniting Conference.

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Caroleen, Rev. H. D. Garmon, Pastor.—There hasn't been a report from our church in quite a while, but we are still up and about the Master's business. Our pastor filled his regular appointments here Sunday, both messages being enjoyed by a good attendance, among whom were many visitors from other churches of our community.

Our Sunday school is still growing, with several new members each Sunday. We are very proud of our young men's and young ladies' class of our Sunday school, the great interest they show in their church work. We realize that we need this great training today to be able to carry on the work of the church of tomorrow.

Our revival services were held from Sunday, May 21, until June 4, the preaching being done by our pastor, who brought wonderful messages each night to a packed house. Several accepted the Lord and several were reclaimed. These messages also revived the church members, causing them to take on new life and work harder together for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom.

We greatly appreciate the wonderful cooperation of the other churches of our community during our revival. It was truly a community revival. We feel as a result of our revival that the people of our community love each other better than before.

On Saturday, January 3, our young ladies' class and some members of the young men's class, and their teachers, enjoyed a trip to the mountains. We visited Asheville Park, Chimney Rock, and Lake Lure; carried lunch and spent the day. Everyone reported a grand time. Our only regret was that some who had planned to go had to miss the trip by being in bed with measles, or other sickness being in the home.

Remember us in your prayers that we may ever do the will of the Father.

RUTH REINHARDT, Ass't Reporter.

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Midway Church, Greensboro, Paul Hamilton, Pastor.—In spite of the hot weather and vacations, our attendance has held its own. It seems, though, that the children are more interested than the older people of the church. Practically every Sunday morning you see the same children's faces, with an additional two or three new ones. We older people must wake up and help our children to keep the race going for God.

The Senior Christian Endeavor society has been meeting regularly every Sunday night. We have had several special programs and speakers aside from our usual lessons. Three times we have gone together in a group to different churches to observe their meetings. We are hoping the interest will continue through the summer months as it has in the past.

The Junior Christian Endeavor society meets every first and third Sunday nights at 6:45 p.m., and is well attended by the younger boys and girls. Mrs. C. M. Ball, Mrs. D. H. Jurney, and Mrs. Clyde York have charge of this work.

The Woman's Auxiliary has been meeting regularly each month and there is a great deal of interest in this work. They gave a picnic during the week of commencement at High Point College, in honor of our pastor, who was in this year's graduating class, at the home of Mrs. C. F. Pinnix.

Have you really ever heard a young preacher preach? You should hear our pastor. It seems as if each service is better than any before. Our pastor is sincere, and the words he speaks seem to go to each listener's heart and dwell there. Our church is proud of our pastor and we feel fortunate in having him to guide our community. May God bles him and our church.

HUNT PINNIX, Reporter.

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First Methodist Church, Liberty, Rev. Aubert M. Smith, Pastor.—Since the uniting conference a group has been organized consisting of men and women from the M. E. and M. P. churches. Dr. N. F. Marsh is president of this interesting group.

The chief speaker Sunday evening was Rev. Clyde Brooks, graduate of Wofford College. The Sunday school made an offering of $25.

Quite a few of our members plan to attend Home-Coming Day at High Point College, Thursday, June 22.

Our pastor will be one of the speakers at the State Christian Endeavor Convention which convenes in High Point from June 22 through June 25.

Our members who have been on the sick list for some time are improving, this most lovely time of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Isley had as guests last week Mrs. J. W. Isley and daughter, Miss Ina Isley, of Greensboro.

Mrs. R. L. Elkins will entertain Circle No. 1 Wednesday, June 28. Mrs. Wade Hardin, circle leader, will preside at the meeting.

Miss Lora Bowman has returned home after spending the winter doing office work for her brother, Dr. Earl Bowman, of Lumberton. We are indeed glad to see her in our midst again.

Dr. J. F. Amick, of Columbia, S. C., was guest of his sister, Mrs. F. A. Shepard.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Kirkman were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Hardin Sunday.

May the Lord bless all who are working for the cause of Christ.

BERTINE SHEPARD, Reporter.

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Trinity and Mt. Carmel, Lexington.—The main object of these lines is to inform our fellow Christian workers that the former First Methodist Protestant church of this city is now Trinity Methodist church. This change became necessary as a result of Methodist Union. Several names were suggested, but after prayerful consideration, the congregation on last Sunday formally voted to use the above name. The choice was readily made and everyone seems highly pleased with our new name. Methodist Union will eventually strengthen this church. It is located in a section of the town that it is much needed and is serving a much felt need in the community.

During the present pastorate the interior of the main auditorium has been completely refinished and modernized in many respects, which adds much to the physical appearance and aids very materially in the worship services.

At Mt. Carmel there is still a marked growth in many ways. If I have been correctly informed, last Sunday was the record attendance at the Sunday school for the conference year so far. The interest is certainly good at this church. The members and pastor are looking forward with much interest to the annual home-coming the first Sunday in August. All former pastors and friends of the church are invited to spend the day with us. This also marks the beginning of our revival. Dr. F. W. Paschall will come on Monday and remain through the meeting to do the preaching. Pray with us that God may work through this meeting to bring his own closer to him, and cause those who are in sin to see the way and walk therein.

The meeting at Trinity will be held the third Sunday in September, and following, for about ten days. Rev. J. W. Groce will be the visiting evangelist. Pray for God's work, here and everywhere.

L. E. MABRY, Pastor.

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Connelly Spring Charge, Shady Grove Church.—Our revival meeting closed Saturday, June 10. We feel and hope it has not closed in the hearts of the people. Rev. V. N. Freeman did some real gospel preaching. Many souls were saved and six members were received into the church.

We still have good prayer meetings, and hope they will grow larger and better.

The Ladies' Aid society met at the home of Mrs. Ethel Southerland with 18 members present. Two new members were added to our roll. We were very glad indeed to have Mrs. J. L. Love present with us in this meeting. She gave us a very encouraging talk. We are wishing her and Rev. Mr. Love a great success at Draper.

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We sincerely thank all of you who have contributed to help make the above report. We also greatly appreciate the very fine letters which have come with many of the offerings. The dear Lord is wonderfully blessing us in the work of the Home, and may He richly bless all those who contribute for its support.

This is to be an unusually busy week for us, so if your good letters are not answered when you read this, just be patient with us and they will be answered.

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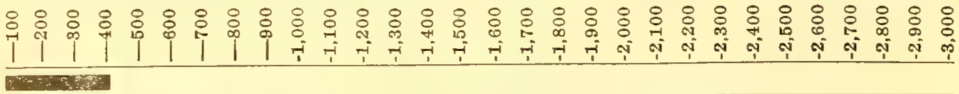

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DR. HUMPHREYS WILL DELIVER SERMON IN NEW JERSEY SUNDAY

Dr. G. I. Humphreys, president of High Point College, left last night for Westminster, Md., where he will attend the final meeting of the Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. Dr. Humphreys is a member of this conference, which is holding its last meeting before the union of all Methodist churches is effective.

Saturday Dr. Humphreys will go to Ocean Grove, N. J., where Sunday he was preach in the large Tabernacle as a guest speaker. Sunday services are held in this big Tabernacle during the months of June, July and August with distinguished guest speakers.

Other outsanding men who will preach there this summer include: Dr. Robert Speer, of New York; Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, also of New York; Dr. Daniel A. Poling, of Philadelphia; Bishop Ernest Richardson, Bishop Decell, Bishop Mead, Bishop Leonard and Bishop Waldorf.

Dr. Humphreys will return to his home here probably next Wednesday.

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"Christ Calls"

Hitler calls! Mussolini calls! The Sun Emperor calls! Challenging tocsins sound over a word that rocks beneath the tread of converging armies. The dictators call and youth answers. Unnumbered millions are carried forward upon a rising tide of super-nationalism that threatens to engulf and destroy our boasted twentieth-century civilization. As this international convention of Christian youth opens, more men are under arms than ever before in human history save only during the actual hostilities of the Great War. The expenditures for conflict have bankrupted human society. By the economic tests that ordinary business must meet to survive, there remain few if any solvent states.

Is there an answer? Is there a solution? Clearly the chancelleries of Europe have no answer; nor is isolation, which seems to be America's more seriously regarded answer, a solution. Man has failed. While there was yet time, he offered slogans instead of a solution; he talked about "saving the world for democracy"; he centered his hope in a "war to end war"; he brought forth treaties that divided and sub-divided the earth; but deliberately he turned away from world appeasement. Civilization has again come to the end of the trail with traditional statesmanship, and the prospect is a catastrophe that would wreck the race.

"What the world needs," another has written, "is power that will make men and women good. Where may this power be found? Nowhere else than in the New Testament." The world's hope and only hope is in Christ; truly, He has the only solution for the world's problem. His Sermon on the Mount is the epic of human brotherhood, and here are comprehended the particulars of statesmenship that can save human society. We have tried every other way. Within a generation, we have witnessed the repudiation by one or more parties to the agreemen of every solemn international engagement entered into since the Armistice. All treaties have become scraps of paper. Leagues and courts have been repudiated; national and international honor are a brutal jest; and might alone has ruled each new occasion. From this world madness the church of Jesus Christ rises scarred, chastened, delayed, but not defeated. There is little to choose between the violence of Russia and the persecutions of the Third Reich. Russia boast that she has liquidated religion. (But she has not!) Hitler persecutes Jews, Catholics, Protestants alike—more than fourteen hundred clergymen of our own faith have been or are in concentration camps or prisons because they made Christ their first choice.

In all authoritarian states the immediate prospect is ominous, but "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." Christianity is a forward march. The march itself may be delayed, but it cannot be stopped, and "He at last shall reign where'er the sun does his successive courses run."—*From an address by Dr. Daniel A. Poling.*

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

A Mid-Year Meeting

Having discussed the matter with Mrs. R. M. Andrews, the president of the North Carolina Branch of Women's Work, I am now announcing a Mid-year Meeting of our conference activities for Wednesday, July 12th, beginning at 10:30 a. m. The place for this meeting will be the Presbyterian church in Thomasville. The reason for having this meeting at this time and this place is that the women will be meeting in the Community Church in Thomasville that day in their Quarterly Branch meeting and it was thought that many of the men would be coming to bring their wives and that both meetings could be held at the same time to good advantage. The Presbyterian church is almost across the street from the Community church and so for convenience we have asked for the use of the Presbyterian auditorium and it has been most graciously granted by the pastor of the church. Those who come in their cars can park just once and that will be sufficient for the day. At the noon hour both groups can be together without doing any driving. Those of the Mid-Year meeting who want lunch at the church can have it for the small sum of thirty-five cents provided they are willing to write Rev. J. Clyde Auman, the pastor, that they want lunch and for how many. In the past there has been so much uncertainty about how many to prepare for that it has resulted in loss to the women in serving in some cases, so this time those who write in advance for reservations can eat at the church and those who do not care to do this can find plenty of restaurants within easy walking distance of the church. This notification should reach Brother Auman by Monday, July 10th.

In this meeting we want to have reports from the various agencies of the Conference in order that we may see just where we are and also we want to discuss procedure for the remaining part of the year. Those of us in official positions are having many decisions to make these days and it would help wonderfully for us to have the opinions of others in some of the great issues. Bishop James H. Straughn will be invited to this meeting and I sincerely trust he may be present. Now it is true that some of our ministers will be in revival meetings at that time and will not be able to be present. This would be true at almost any time of the year from spring until autumn. The only thing I know is for those who can come to come and those who have other engagements just do the best they can.

Kannapolis Church Dedicated

Last Sunday was a glad day for our Kannapolis church in that it was formally dedicated at that time. I took with me as my substitute for preaching the sermon Dr. P. E. Lindley, the dean of High Point College, and he preached a fine sermon for the occasion as he usually does. The house was well filled with interested listeners. The pastor, Dr. D. T. Huss had charge of the worship service and conducted this in a most pleasing way. Printed programs were used for both the morning and afternoon services. In the morning service Miss Laura Braswell, one of the most outstanding products of our Children's Home sang "The Holy City" in a most pleasing manner. Following the sermon Brother M. W. Henderson, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the church gave a brief history of the church then presented it to the president of the conference for the formal dedication. At the noon hour a picnic dinner was served in the large assembly room of the Sunday school building. In the afternoon the congregation reassembled for another service. Short addresses were made by the Rev. Mr. Jones, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church, on the subject of "The Future of Methodism in Kannapolis"; Dr. C. N. Clark, District Superintendent, spoke on "The Future of Methodism In the Salisbury District" and I spoke briefly on the importance of our work for the remainder of this conference year and touched lightly on the subject assigned me, namely, "The Future of Methodism In This State." Some of the members of the local church spoke briefly as did the pastor, Brother Huss, who presided over the service.

The Kannapolis church was organized by Rev. G. H. Hendry under the sponsorship of the Concord church in April, 1927. It has grown until it now has about 250 members. It is located in a section where there is not other Methodist church close by so there will be no problem of merging churches here. The building consists of a good sized auditorium and some eleven or twelve Sunday school rooms with a rather large assembly room. Brother Huss, the pastor, is now serving his third year and seems to be very popular. The church under his administration as well as under the administration of others has prospered. Those who have had any part in the work are to be congratulated.

The Joint Meeting of Boards

On Wednesday of last week there was a joint meeting of the Board of Missions of the Western North Carolina Conference and our Board of Church Extension. The purpose of this meeting was to find out about the work of the two boards and their resources so that plans could be made for the future. The matter of chief concern seems to be to supplement salaries in places where they were not able to pay so that each man might devote his entire time to the work. The Executive Committee from our Board was asked to study the situation from our angle and to file such requests as are necessary.

Many Calls For Conferences

Just at the present time calls are coming in from various sections of the state for a meeting of the District Superintendent and myself as president of the conference in regard to procedure in certain localities. One thing which complicates matters is the fact that each denomination must find a place for all of its men this fall. These matters will be handled to the best of our ability and we are asking for patience on the part of our people. The situation is more complicated in some respects because there are not precedents. The Uniting Conference laid down general principles and left many details to be worked out. The fact that my territory covers the whole state puts me at a disadvantage when trying to meet these engagements. J. E. PRITCHARD.

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Message In Verse

There's part of the sun in an apple,
There's part of the moon in a rose;
There's part of the flaming Pleiades
In every leaf that grows.
Out of the vast comes nearness;
For the God whose love we sing
Lends a little of His heaven
To every living thing.
—*August Wright Bamberger.*

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Brother Earl Cook is enjoying the World's Fair this week; he is giving two weeks to it.

Brother J. L. Trolling has returned from a trip to the Lone Star State.

President C. E. Forlines has transferred his membership from the North Carolina Annual Conference to the Maryland Annual Conference. The Unification of Methodism seemed to make this necessary. We hope the good Doctor may have many years of happy service in the United Church.

Bishop Straughn was compelled to cancel his engagement at the Children's Home in order to hold the Michigan Conference. He is a very busy man these days. Dr. R. L. Shipley, Editor of the *Methodist Protestant Recorder* "pinch hit" and as usual hit a home run.

Wherever you see a group of pastors together you can safely guess the topic of conversation—"what's going to happen at the approaching annual conference?"

The building occupied by McCulloch & Swain, printers of the M. P. Herald, was damaged by fire last Friday. Considerable damage was done to the equipment as well as to the building. We suppose it was protected by insurance.

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Land Sale

Next Saturday the remaining unsold property on Trinity and Brown Streets, South Greensboro, near the home of the late Dr. McCulloch, which was purchased to be used for the site of what is now High Point College, will be offered for sale. There are thirty-five lots and they are to be sold by Penny Brothers, Auctioneers. The sale is advertised to start at 1:30 p. m.

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West End Makes a Record

During the present pastorate of eight months, nineteen members of West End or members of the family, some of whom belong to West End Church, have been patients in the hospital. Most of them were surgical cases. Out of a membership of just a few over two hundred this record exceeds any I have known. We rejoice that only one of the number has died.

Let's Go Forward

To all Methodists of the three uniting Churches there is a most inviting future. The large membership gives us courage to undertake greater things than before. The many mission fields with hundreds of missionaries working with peoples of almost, if not with every race known to the Church, is a source of great joy to every mission-minded Methodist. The colleges and schools under the auspices of the Methodist Church which have followed the march of Christian missions, reassures us of the stability, and the endurance of the work of our missionaries among even the more degraded. In fact, all philanthropic projects of the united Church must receive a great impetus from this union. Looked at from these aspects there are many reasons for being greatly encouraged and none for discouragement. Of course, it will require time, maybe much time, to consolidate our gains and to coordinate our labors. But since there has been no change in the spirit of Methodism and there is no change in our objective—to bring men to Jesus Christ, there should nothing arise which would keep all of us, pastors and people, from working joyously and successfully together.

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Class Picnic

The Philathea Class of West End Church held its monthly business meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Stockard Monday night of this week. The Baraca Class was invited to the picnic supper served on the lawn, which preceded the meeting.

The Stockards have recently moved to the country where they have a large house, surrounded by ample grounds shaded by great oak trees. Grapes, figs and other fruit in generous quantity are or will be available from their own premises soon. A barn which would house 16 head of cattle is at their service, but Victor says he is no farmer, does not know how to hitch a horse or milk a cow. His job with the Duke Power Company deals daily with the wild horses harnessed by Franklin and his successors, instead of the plodding mules of the fields.

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The New Herald Committee

We hope that every reader of the Herald will give careful consideration to the statement of the Special Herald Committee's Report in this issue of the Herald. We are surely facing a situation difficult to handle, but it is by no means impossible. A little boosting by our pastors and cooperation by our people would put the Herald out of the "red" and make the publishers feel fine. It is too bad we have so many people who have such facility at getting from under a responsibility. Were the Herald a private project our pastors and Herald agents and other subscribers might justly feel they were not to be blamed for deserting the paper in these months of great need. But the M. P. HERALD BELONGS to the North Carolina Annual Conference; the same conference that these pastors are members of, the same conference that these two hundred and some churches are members of, and is as much a project of the church as is any object for which money can be raised. Recently a leading member of a church said he had not heard his pastor name the HERALD during his present pastorate of nearly two years. But that pastors looks after his own support with meticulous care. We cannot see how any one can prove his love for a denomination which has given him the opportunity for making his life what it is by deserting it in the hours of its greatest need.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP—WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Upper Room or Supper Room?

By FRANK Z. CUTHBERT

Membership in any evangelical church should mean something. We have let down the bars so it is the easiest thing in the world to become a church member.

The majority of churches have discontinued the Sunday evening service and the mid-week prayer-meeting, and in many instances the Sunday dinner is made an excuse for not attending Sunday school. Some church members have discontinued private prayer and meditation on the Bible, and a few have discontinued giving to the cause of missions—and still we wonder why the church is not more prosperous. We have too many members of the wrong kind.

Every pastor is anxious to make a good showing and increase his membership, and this craze to get people into the church has led to some amusing methods. One pastor asked a woman to join his church, and she replied that she did not feel that she ought to join, since she had never experienced a change of heart. His answer was, "Well, you are a member of the Ladies' Aid Society, and that is sufficient." Another pastor began a "drive" to get new members and interviewed many, and to those who expressed unfitness he said, "If you believe in God and the ultimate triumph of good over evil, that is all that is necessary."

In apostolic days they preached repentance, and men asked, "What shall we do to be saved?" Now it is a social gospel and "be good." When Paul preached before Felix, the Scripture tells us that Felix *trembled*. There is very little trembling in the pews today. As Dr. Joseph Parker once remarked, "formerly the pulpit was a Sinai, now it is only a reading desk"; consequently there is no conviction of sin and people feel there is nothing to be saved from. We need to be thrown down like Paul on the Damacus road, and realize that we have no resources in ourselves and that our only salvation is in clinging to the "old rugged cross." Instead of the preacher's coaxing and teasing people to join the church, the *desire* ought to be on the part of the person joining.

In one community the church roof caught fire by sparks from the engine on the train. People hurried to the edifice and formed a bucket brigade and put the fire out. Among those who helped was the judge of the municipal court, who was an infidel. After the fire was extinguished, some one said to the judge, "Judge, this is the only time I ever saw you at church." "Well," said the judge, "this is the only time you ever had a fire at the church. I will come every day if you will have a fire." The trouble is, we have not had any fire—we have not even had a blaze.

"The early church was praying in the upper room. The modern church is cooking in the supper room," said Dan Shannon, the evangelist. Do not misunderstand me here. I enjoy all kinds of nutritious food and see no harm in people's eating, and I believe in the church's being cordial, and I can laugh as loud as anyone—when there is something to laugh at. It is the tactics of getting people to join the church that bothers me.

I maintain that one should have a conviction of sin and a vision of the cross and of Him who died on it, and a desire to live on a higher plane, before one joins any church. One should be so interested that one will go to the Sunday school and church services and will be inquiring the way of salvation. Uniting with the church as some do gives a wrong impression to the world. It conveys the idea that one can join the church just as one joins a club or other organization by simply handing one's name in for membership.

By this, I do not mean to imply that in order to join a church one should be so erudite and learned that one could discuss all theological subjects and doctrines intelligently; but this growing into the Christian life gradually, after one becomes a member, is taken for granted too often, and instead of a growth in grace there is a decline in grace.

I was once present at a meeting where some young people came to be examined for church membership. At a previous meeting all had taken a "stand" for Christ and declared by so doing that they wished to become Christians. The pastor and one or two church officials were present and asked the candidates several questions. They all admitted that they had private prayer and studied the Bible, and each one told what led him to Christ. They all expressed a wish to join the church and were accepted.

In calling attention to this particular meeting, I am not laying down any arbitrary rules, or saying that every church should follow this method, but I am convinced that it was a much better procedure than to take people in irrespective of their fitness for membership.

The message to the church at Sardis could be applied to many churches of today—"Thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead." There is very little liberty or freedom in the church. "If the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Church members know they ought to pray, but they do not. They know they ought to testify and tell what God has done for their souls, but there is no testimony. They talk on other matters at a social so they weary one at times, but the substance of the meeting is reading from a slip of paper, with the excuse that it expresses their "thoughts" better than anything they could give, and it would appear that they have no thoughts.

I have traveled all over the country and have visited hundreds of churches and prayer-meetings, and have often led the prayer-meeting, when I was invited to do so, but I declare that we shall have to change our tactics and run on a different schedule and form a new line of battle before we shall ever impress this world that there is a reality in the religion of Jesus Christ.

O church of the apostles—church of the living God—church where "prayer was made without ceasing" for Peter and they prayed him out of prison—church at Philippi that was Paul's "joy and crown"—church where they love one another—church where they have a prayer-meeting and *pray*—church where they have a fire—church that Christ declared the "gates of hell" should not prevail against—come back! Come back to us and refresh us, that we may refresh others and be glad when they say unto us, "Let us go into the house of the Lord"!—*Zion's Herald.*

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THE CHALLENGE OF REPEAL

"A Saloonless Nation by 1920" was a rallying-call that came out of the Atlantic City International Convention in 1911. The Eighteenth Amendment and national prohibition were a direct result of a unity in the field of temperance action that began with Christian youth. Today, the nation faces an alcohol problem in a new liquor traffic, a problem more intense and terrifying than the problem of thirty years ago. A president of the United States promised that "at no time or under any condition, at no place or under any circumstances, shall that institution the saloon or its equivalent be allowed to return to American life." But as I speak to you tonight, there are three times as many places of beverage-liquor sales as there were in pre-prohibition days. The taproom, or bar, or the liquor-selling night club of 1939, is a more demoralizing institution than was the old saloon. Not one promise of repeal has been kept; every promise has been broken; every solemn engagement has been disregarded. Beyond these failures we face the fact that liquor now is more easily procurable by young people under age and more generally indulged in by women and girls than in pre-prohibition days. In thousands of American communities, beverage alcohol is given into the hands of little children, ostensibly for their parents of course, but with a constant and devastating menace to boys and girls. In 1917 we were singing, "I didn't raise my boy to be a soldier," but in 1939 we are face to face with the fact that, whatever our intention, we have raised tens of thousands of girls to become glorified barmaids.

John Barleycorn has not contributed to safety on the American highways, nor to law enforcement, law observance, and good government. There is a rising tide of anti-liquor sentiment. In more than six thousand political units, large or small, the traffic has been outlawed by popular vote since 1932. The end is not yet!

Temperance Education

Christian Endeavor is particularly interested in an educational campaign that shall be youth led and youth supported. Christian Endeavor continues to highly regard Allied Youth, in which its own leaders have an honored place. Specifically, Christian Endeavor is interested in a nation-wide campaign to make liquor advertising illegal and to remove the traffic from roadside stands, filling stations and restaurants. We would particularly commend our associates in Michigan for their leadership in these fields. A supporting public opinion is vital to any political enactment; and it is in the field of public opinion that Christian Endeavor will increasingly concentrate her temperance activities.

"Take private profit out of liquor," may become a unifying campaign slogan of the next decade.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling.

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A STATEMENT OF THE SPECIAL HERALD COMMITTEE

Dear Friend:

We don't know whether you like figures or not; but you may be interested in some that have to do with the financial situation as regards the Herald. They ought to be of great concern to all those who know how important a church paper is in carrying on the work of the Kingdom. Not to prolong the statistics, we are giving the facts for the last four issues. We might go farther back with much the same story.

Issue	Income from Subscriptions	Income from Subsidy	Cost of Issue	Deficit
May 25	$17.44	. . . .	$70.60	$53.16
June 1	11.00	$15.50	70.56	44.06
June 8	17.70	. . . . .	70.26	52.56
June 15	14.00	. . . .	69.56	55.56

It doesn't take much figuring to see that we are accumulating a tremendous deficit—we are "going in a hole" at a rapid rate. Just how much longer we can continue the paper under such conditions is a problem. BUT CONTINUE IT WE MUST. We do know that the printer, who is the son of Dr. J. F. McCulloch, is unable to finance that deficit. We must find some other way out, if the paper is to continue.

The way out is obvious. It lies in two directions: 1. Increase the Herald subscription list. (There has been a decided decrease in recent weeks due to lapses). 2. Raise the subsidy apportioned to each charge. Not much is asked of any church, and if someone will interest himself in it it can be secured without much effort.

We need more cooperation on the part of the pastors and those who are vitally interested in the Herald to keep it going. With the processes of Methodist Union going on it is extremely important that our people should be informed. Until adjustments can be worked out, we must have the paper in order to carry on our work effectively.

Let us bestir ourselves, and PUSH THE CAMPAIGN. It will succeed if we will do our part. Send in subscriptions and subsidy. But do it now—delay may be dangerous.

The Herald Committee,
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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By **O. L. EASTER**

SOLOMON: A RULER WHO BEGAN WELL

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, July 2

By Rev. O. L. Easter

Lesson Text—I Kings 3:5-15.

Golden Text—Give thy servant therefore an understanding heart . . . that I may discern between good and evil. I Kings 3:9.

Herodotus observed long ago a fact that is still painfully true today: "Nothing in human life is more to be lamented than that a wise man should have so little influence." The kingdoms of the world have suffered much at the hands of rulers who are not wise in the wisdom of God. They have been shrewd and cunning in the use of worldly-wise schemes but not in the use of the only true wisdom which is of Almighty God. St. Augustine says, "All that we possess of truth and wisdom is a borrowed good flowing from that fountain from which we ought to thirst in the fearful desert of this world, that, being refreshed and invigorated by these dews from heaven, we may not faint upon the road that conducts us to a better country. Every attempt to satisfy the cravings of our hearts at other sources only increases the void. You will always be poor if you do not possess the only true riches."

With our study of Solomon we learn of one who *became* wise and *was* in great influence, and who also received his wisdom from the God of all wisdom. His prayer at the beginning of his reign as King of Israel is a model to every monarch or ruler upon the throne of government of any land. "Oh Jehovah my God, Thou hast made Thy servant king instead of David, my father: and I am but a child; I know not how to go out or come in. Give Thy servant an understanding heart to judge Thy people that I may discern between good and evil. . . ." The greatest obstacle in the way of true wisdom is self-confidence inspired in the mind of a leader by external resources. The dictator of today claims that he is infallible in his rulings and commands and convinces himself and his unfortunate subjects by parading his "invincible" army. At the same time this false pride is blinding him to the real truth of God concerning his nation the lack of which—all history shouts—will make futile and void all his highest hopes. Solomon's humility enabled him to receive the wisdom of heaven for in his attitude of human weakness he turned towards God, and God's possibilities are infinite.

"For his grace and love are such,
Thou canst never ask too much."

When Solomon asked for wisdom rather than riches or long life it pleased God and He granted Solomon's wish even unto these things that were not put first. This would testify to us that if men would seek first the kingdom of wisdom of God all these other things would be added. In our feverish desire for selfish gains we forget God and His wisdom and without that we are striving blinding in a world of mystery without a chart. After men learned the general law of the power of electricity in the shock of Franklin's kite these were added unto them the "other things" of electric appliances. When Columbus sought and proved that the world was round there was added unto man the "other things" of many continents. So with man and the highest of all general promises; when we discover the universal truths or wisdom of God to walk in them, then nothing in the world or out of it con prevent us receiving the good of the land.

"But there is yet a liberty unsung
By poets, and by senators unpraised,
Which monarchs cannot grant, nor all the powers
Of earth and hell confederate take away;
A liberty which persecution, fraud,
Oppression, prisons, have no power to bind;
Which whose tastes can be enslaved no more.
'Tis liberty of heart, derived from Heaven
Bought with His blood who gave it to mankind—
He is the freeman whom *Truth* makes free,
And all are slaves besides."

—*William Cooper.*

You will notice that Solomon received this grant from God upon condition that he walk in God's ways and keep His Commandments. In spite of all the wisdom and understanding inparted to him of God Solomon missed out in that he did not walk according to the light he had. Now God through the truth revealed in Christ has revealed to many men more of His wisdom of life than Solomon dreamed of and we, like him, are failing in that we are not living up in deeds to the light that is in us. Jesus explained it thus: "Everyone therefore that heareth these words of Mine, and *doeth them,* shall be likened unto a wise man. . . ." The tragedy of the so-called Christian areas of the world today is not that we do not have truth or wisdom enough to solve our every problem but rather that we are not willing to use that wisdom as God's commands. Oliver Wendell Holmes of another generation asks, "Can a man look around and see what Christian countries are doing, and how they are governed, and what is the general condition of society, without seeing that Christianity is a flag under which the world sails, and not the rudder that steers its course?" That was a noble prayer that young Solomon prayed when he asked for wisdom to know how to govern his life and that of his people, but a more expedient one for him to have made would have been to have asked for power and courage to put that wisdom into deeds. Mark Twain whimsically declared that the parts of the Bible that gave him the most trouble were not the parts that he did not understand but rather those he *could* understand.

"O living *will* that shall endure
When all that seems shall suffer shock,
Rise in the spiritual rock,
Flow through our deeds and make them pure."

—*Tennyson.*

NEGATIVES

By Harry E. Grant, 32°

When the weight of experience belies the constant iteration of dictators that "black is white," man, blessed with a reasoning faculty, looks for causes and for the best means of correcting attempted deceptions.

What, he asks, is the cause of such widespread mistrust, of the denunciation of democracy, and of the persecution of races and of religions? Wherein lies the lust for conquest and its grand larceny on a national scale? Why do nations, even now emerging from the dire throes of war, race with each other to impose greater suffering upon themselves and increased burdens on their posterity? Why are peoples mass-moved toward certain self-destruction? These and other like questions not only perplex but interest us intensely. They are the straws which show not only which way the wind blows but betimes cause it to blow or not to blow.

Many oldsters, contemplating our seemingly topsy-turvy world, will recall their earlier excursions into the fascinating field of photography, when, in order to focus the camera, an opaque hood had to be placed over the head to exclude all light. The object on the screen usually appeared blurred; but as it was brought into focus it was seen in miniature in all the beauty of its natural coloring—but invariably upside down.

When, after exposure, the fragile plate was taken into the darkness and developed, and at a certain stage permanently fixed, not only was the coloring missing but everything was reversed. Of the beauty glimpsed by the photographer on the focusing screen, only a colorless negative resulted. These negatives could, of course, be used to produce positive likenesses in black and white but for this purpose the influence of light was requisite.

Negatives, like wrong opinions, when reversed in the light of principle, may be utilized to produce something positive.

Distrust means dissolution; confidence the reverse. Lacking a well-founded confidence, racial and other groups whose peoples individually desire peace but who cannot attain to it because of the negative mass-objectives developed by dictatorial leaders, are victimized by strife of their own creating. Mistrustful, they perish by the very swords they have so futilely forged and drawn in such unworthy causes.

Leadership prompted by unbridled ambitions, ambitions that are opposed to principle, blindly leads the blinded to self-destruction. Leadership so ambitioned is not creative but destructive. It does not advantage the unfoldment of constructive good but, instead, incubates a menace. Instead of enlisting place and pelf and power on the side of its followers for their advancement, it burdens these advantages on their backs as a handicap to their progress and a hindrance to their peace. It substitutes the shadow of want and the darkness of despair for the substance of prosperity and the light of contentment. Negative leadership, insisting that dark is light and light is dark, utilizes that which might be used for the avoidance of poverty to instead emphasize destitution.

Realism, so-called, which ignores the ideal is a falsity—is unreal.

Man may live and happily advance only in harmony with unfolding ideals—with unalterable principle. Principle, expressed as law older than those to whom it applies cannot be altered nor avoided. Man, singular or plural, may not be deified. The fiat is established and is exacting, *Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*

This *Me,* the I AM which is God, is Principle; and is identified as omnipresence, as omnipotence, and as omniscience in whatever is fundamentally good.

This good, or God, must be ever-present in thought—an effectual restraint from violence. Listen! Thou shalt not hate nor covet nor steal; and contrariwise you must love and live and be generous in demonstrating and in establishing the golden rule of reciprocity.

The essence of realitics is the everywhere-ness of God. What may this mean? That nowhere is the law of God inoperative. Man must obey! Nowhere may anyone ignore nor endeavor to abrogate that law, and kill and cheat, lie and defraud, remaining free from condemnation and its consequent punishment. Under the law of God it hurts to be not good.

Thinking, even to be symbolically creative, must be in accord with principle. Leadership which ignores principle and opines as it pleases—which attempts to establish its own distorted impressions—represents an attempted usurpation of power which must of necessity be rendered impotent. In attempting to focus on and to develop its abortive negatives it shuts out the light.

Leadership must be principled if it would be positively constructive, if it would see things as they are intended and have things as they may be properly picturized in all their real beauty and color and strength.

The world, its distance and peoples brought together by the progressive unfoldment of thought, has neither time nor place for that falsely assumed leadership which develops only negatives. *Let there be light!*

Does Christendom really believe (know) that it is principled in good? That this unconquerable good, which is its God, has all-power, is ever-present, expresses infinite intelligence, IS Almighty? Then it will fear not at all and will move forward confidently in this secure strength and light toward the realization of all that this active sovereignty implies.

Democracy is self-government founded upon government of self in accord with this Principle. Democracy, to be attractive to all, must be fully lived—demonstrated and defended in every particular; and the principle upon which democracy is founded may not be flaunted nor its privileges abused.

'Ware negatives! The responsibility of genuine leadership lies in a sole allegiance to unfolding principle as expressed in positive ideals and in the avoidance, as objectives, of outmoded negatives.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

WHY WE PROTESTANTS BELIEVE IN DEMOCRACY

Topic for July 2

By REV. RAYMOND W. WHITE

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, June 26—One God to be worshipped. Ex. 21:1-6.

Tuesday, June 27—A spiritual household. Eph. 2:18-22.

Wednesday, June 28—Life and liberty in Christ. John 10:7-10.

Thursday, June 29—God above earthly powers. I Tim.. 2:1-6.

Friday, June 30—Friendship and love in Christ. John 15:12-17.

Saturday, July 1—Brotherhood in Christ. Matt. 23:8-12.

The Text: Acts 6:1-6.

To the Leader

Youth of every generation should know something about the foundation upon which the systems of life have been constructed. A knowledge of the history in the past will better prepare a generation in making a history to be read, with shame or regret, by that generation's posterity. Christian Endeavor societies should promote enough discussions to acquaint affiliated youth with the issues which arose when Protestantism was born. The discussion should be intelligent and Christian enough not to create or promote intolerance and hatred. What can the righteous do if the foundations be destroyed or neglected? This meeting affords the opportunity to review the issues in early Protestantism and make the issues the basis for comparison with the issues of today. Among these basic issues are these:

1. The place and power of no one man, even though he be a pope or temporal ruler, are not to be regarded as a substitute for God. God's great powers cannot be delegated to human beings.

2. Direct access to God in seeking forgiveness for sin is the possession of every believer; the only mediator necessary is Jesus Christ.

3. The church should respond to the will of its members, when expressed in any orderly fashion; it should not exercise dominion over them.

4. The best spiritual blessings are not to be bought and sold. The individual's approach to God is "without money and without price."

Questions for the Open Forum

1. What is a democracy? What are its advantages?

2. Can a citizenship always be trusted to govern itself?

Explain.

3. If people are self-governed, what qualifications do they need?

4. In what ways does Protestant church government compare with a democratic form of government?

5. What do Christianity and democracy have in common?

a. How do they compare in kindred attitudes toward people?

b. How do they compare in a kindred regard for the importance of fellowship among people?

c. How does each recognize the right of private judgment and private choice?

6. What contribution has Protestant Christianity made to our form of government?

7. Is our younger generation familiar with the foundations of our government? Explain.

8. Are we familiar with the foundations of the Protestant Church? Explain.

9. Of what value is the history of the past to any generation?

The Poet

Breathes there the man with soul so dead
Who never to himself hath said,
    This is my own, my native land!
Whose heart hath ne'er within him burned,
As home his footsteps he hath turned
    From wondering on a foreign strand!
If such there breathe, go, mark him well;
For him no minstrel raptures swell;
High though his titles, proud his name,
Boundless his wealth as wish can claim,
Despite those titles, power, and pelf,
The wretch, concentered all in self,
Living, shall forfeit fair renown,
And, doubly dying, shall go down
To the vile dust from whence he sprung,
Unwept, unhonored, and unsung.

—Sir Walter Scott.

Little Gems

Democracy means not "I am as good as you are," but "You are as good as I am."—Theodore Parker.

Christ was the first true democrat that ever breathed, as the old dramatist Dekkar said he was the first true gentleman.—Lowell.

Democracy will itself accomplish the salutary universal change from delusive to real, and make a new blessed world of us by and by.—Carlyle.

A Christianity which will not help those who are struggling from the bottom to the top of society needs another Christ to die for it.—Beecher.

Topic Hints

Kinship: Protestantism and democracy have many things in common and for this reason a true Protestant believes in, strives for, and faithfully supports a true democracy. Protestantism and democracy have a kindred attitude toward people. They seek to liberate people from that which destroys their freedom of honest speech and noble action. Protestantism and democracy have a kindred regard for the fellowship of people. They seek to promote a community spirit based on cooperation. Protestantism and democracy have a kindred regard for private judgment and private choice. At the poles and before the throne of grace, the individual presents himself as a "free agent."

Mother and Child: A Protestant believes in democracy because the principles of democracy were born in the minds and hearts of Protestants. The democratic form of government is the work of Protestant pioneers. Democracy is the child of Protestantism. The Puritans came to America that they and their children might escape the sovereign power and influence of the Church. The constitution of the United States was written and our government established on the basis that our citizenship should not be subject to a political sovereign. The early settlers ascribed the sovereignty to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and believed that every man should worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. Likewise they believed that every man should have a voice in the government and the freedom of choice in selecting political representatives.

Native Soil: The freedom of the saints is enjoyed most in the land of the free. Democracy is the native soil of the Protestant faith. A democratic form of government affords a better opportunity for a Protestant's growth in the liberty which is his by conversion and consecration. Protestant institutions flourish best in a land where people are not slaves to the state and where their institutions are not controlled by Pagan powers. The Protestant can bring up his children in the Protestant faith to a much better advantage in a country where he can live without being shackled with the chains of a dictatorship. The Protestant believes in a democracy because it is the native soil for his Christian growth.

The Protestant: There is a common feeling in many quarters that one is a Protestant because he is nothing else. Because he is not a Jew nor a Catholic, he feels that he is a Protestant though he belongs to no Protestant church. Not a few call themselves Protestants because they belong to the Protestant church. Here we find much erroneous thinking which results in a poor citizenship for a pure democracy. One may adhere to Protestant thinking and imitate Protestant action and yet be nothing more than a fashion figure. A true Protestant is one who has found liberty in Christ Jesus. This liberty sets his heart on fire and he blazes forth to establish freedom in every phase of life that he touches. He enters a form of government and that government becomes democratic in its form. It remains true to that form only as long as the idea of the sovereignty of God and the brotherhood of men prevail. We covet a true democracy but it must come by the way of the true spirit of the Protestant faith.

NAME OF METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH IS CHANGED

At a congregational meeting of the members of the First Methodist Protestant church of Albemarle on last Sunday, the name of the church was changed to Main Street Methodist church. A change in name became necessary when the three branches of Methodism united into the Methodist church at a uniting conference held in Kansas City recently.

Main Street Methodist church has one of the best church plants in the city, and its membership has long had a reputation for church loyalty and devotion to the work of the church.

Rev. C. G. Isley is pastor of the church.

MEMORIAL DAY AT ROCK CREEK METHODIST CHURCH

The annual memorial and Children's Day service will be held at Rock Creek church, Sunday, June 25, beginning at 10:45 a.m. Children's exercise, quartet singing, and a talk by the pastor, Dr. George R. Brown, is the program for the morning exercises. Then will come the decoration of graves and dinner on the grounds.

In the afternoon special singing and the memorial address will be given at 2 o'clock by Rev. Fred Paschal of Burlington. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Chapel Hill, Davidson	$1.20
Eden S. S., Halifax	3.00
Baltimore S. S., W. Forsyth	3.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Rochester, N. Y., for shoes	5.00
Bethel S. S., Randolph	4.02
Draper S. S.	2.16
New Hope S. S., Why Not	4.25
Macedonia, Seagrove-Love Joy	1.00
Fountain Place S. S., Burlington	4.23
Pine Grove S. S., Siler City	1.90
Shiloh S. S., Randolph	2.50
Orange Chapel, Saxapahaw, May and June	5.00
Mt. Zion S. S., Pinnacle-Mt. Zion	3.50
Littleton Charge	1.65
Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Towery, Hopewell, Va.	1.00
Mr. H. S. Horton, Pittsburgh, Pa.	5.00
Love Joy S. S., Seagrove-Love Joy, May and June	4.00
Rock Creek, Alamance	2.00
Friendship S. S., Haw River	5.00
Mr. P. P. Richards, Lawndale, feeding child	30.00
Mrs. Mabel W. Russell, sale of histories for kitchen	4.50
Reidsville S. S.	10.00
Yarborough's Chapel S. S.	1.00
Creswell S. S., April, May and June	6.00

Anniversary Offerings

Creswell	$4.00
Fairfield, Guilford	16.27
Baltimore, West Forsyth	10.00
Beulah, Mecklenburg	1.00
Alleghany S. S., Davidson	3.26
New Hope, Why Not	3.07
Mt. Pleasont S. S., Mt. Pleasant	15.50
Helping Hands Class, Mt. Pleasant	10.00
Kistler's Union, Cleveland	12.20
Miss Martha Parsons, Mitchell's Grove, Guilford	1.00
Miss Josie Parsons, Mitchell's Grove, Guilford	1.00
Liberty S. S.	25.00
Gray's Chapel, Randolph	13.50
Woman's Auxiliary, Enfield	12.29
Lebanon, Spring Church	12.62
Kannapolis	25.50
Bess Chapel	15.01
Lincolnton	10.32
Vickery, Guilford	7.00
Spencer, S. S.	2.00
Midway, Haw River	14.00
Friendship, Friendship-Love's Grove	12.00
Shelby	5.00
Center S. S., Alamance	7.75
Concord, Saxapahaw	16.00
Union Ridge, Forsyth	12.26
Efland, Orange	15.29
Efland, Orange	30.00
Eden, Halifax	9.87
Mrs. F. M. Parker, Eden, Halifax	10.00
Mr. T. B. Richards, Lawndale, Cleveland	1.00
Mrs. Alvin Blanton, Lawndale, Cleveland	1.00
Denton S. S.	27.00
Bethel, Mocksville	5.17
Pleasant Grove	42.00
Welch Memorial, High Point	30.10
Mrs. J. W. Harris, Greensboro	1.00
Bethesda, N. Davidson	16.00
Liberty Hill, Anderson	8.50
Union Grove, Orange	1.00
Roberta S. S.	12.60
Roberta Ladies' Aid Society	5.65
Davis Street Church, Burlington	200.00
Friendship, Shiloh	31.44
Shiloh, Shiloh	86.25
Cash	1.00
Graham	37.00
Pine Grove, Siler City	6.43
Cash	1.00
A Friend	5.00
Flat Rock S. S., Flat Rock	4.00
Mrs. J. S. Lewis, Asheboro	5.00
Mrs. Earl Bulla, Asheboro	2.00
A Friend	1.00
Chapel Hill, Davidson	8.00
Community Church, Thomasville	28.00
Lebanon, High Point	32.42
A Friend, Mt. Zion, Pinnacle-Mt. Zion	3.75
Mrs. J. W. Dixon, Summerfield	.50
Flag Springs, Why Not	10.35
Siler City	14.30
Mt. Carmel, Forsyth	8.34
Maple Springs, Forsyth	23.50
Union Chapel, Granville	21.80
Tabernacle, Tabernacle	9.00
Chestnut Ridge S. S. and Woman's Auxiliary, Orange	3.00
Trinity Methodist Church (former M. E. South)	9.87
Reidsville	14.36
First Church, High Point	42.38
First Church, Thomasville	30.08
Mt. Herman Charge	18.98
Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Pritchard, High Point	5.00
Kernersville S. S.	6.15
Pine Grove, Kernersville	3.84
C. E. Society, West End, Greensboro	1.00
State Street, Lexington	12.33
Canaan S. S., N. Davidson	5.00
Moriah S. S.	6.75
Children's Bible School, Moriah	1.85
Rev. T. F. McCulloch, Greensboro	1.00
Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Johnson, Seagrove	5.00
Grace, Greensboro	25.60
Caroleen	12.72
Canaan, Denton	10.00
Cash In Box, Not Listed	20.30
Fairview, Anderson	12.53
Total Anniversary Offering to date	$1,187.28

Of course there will be more coming in, because some of the churches which are always heard from have not responded yet. So we know they will yet respond. We are thankful to all who helped to make the day a success.

Regular offerings which came in today:

Mitchell's Grove, Guilford	$4.71
Midway S. S., On the Greensboro Road	8.00

Home Coming Day

Last Thursday was a great day for the Children's Home. Dr. R. L. Shipley of Baltimore, Md. and Bishop Clare Purcell of Charlotte both delivered fine addresses which were well received. Dr. Shipley came in the place of Bishop James H. Straughn, who had a conference date changed on him, so he had to be in Adrian, Michigan that day presiding over the Michigan Conference.

The crowd was the largest we have ever had, and the dinner was bountiful. The good people left the fragments on the table for our supper. And the offering was better than a year ago. We thank all who helped. May the dear Lord bless and direct all of you. Articles contributed will be reported next week.

A. G. DIXON, Supt.

CHINA DEMONSTRATES HER SPIRITUAL STRENGTH

By JEAN LYON

The close of the second year of China's armed resistance to the aggression of Japan marks a new phase for China. While she has been fighting, she has been building. A new China is springing up in the west and south—a China which no one dreamed could be so rapidly developed or quickly unified.

The impression gained in this country from newspaper reports and the maps of military maneuvers has been that China has lost the heart of her country to the invaders. With the large cities of Shanghai, Peiping, Nanking, Hankow, and Canton ostensibly in Japanese control, Americans feel that most of China is now "occupied territory." There has also been a feeling that with the industrial centers gone, and with the seacoast cut off, China's ability to manufacture or to import supplies was ended—that, in effect, she has already lost the war.

The amazing truth is that China, on the contrary, is surging with new life. The largest proportion of territory of China still belongs to "free" China, and in the "occupied territory" only six per cent of the loyal Chinese magistrates are completely unable to carry out their duties because of Japanese control, according to a report by Dr. H. H. Kung, president of China's Executive Yan, and also its Minister of Finance. In the completely free western territory China is doing a pioneer job of settling and developing while she continues to harass the Japanese army in the invaded areas. China has found a new ability to organize her economic structure, to rebuild her industries, and to establish herself as a unified government. Rather than growing weaker in the two devastating years just past, she has grown stronger.

Observers recently returned from China report that the highway from Chungking to Burma is completed, and is carrying a steady stream of supplies to the Chinese capital. China's Communications Minister has just returned from a month's survey of the transportation facilities and reports that the Yunnan railway leading into China from Haiphong in French Indo-China, together with the highways, is able to handle an adequate amount of supplies into free China. Relationships with the French authorities in Indo-China have improved, and the cargoes at Haiphong, he reports, are moving rapidly.

Already 755 industrial cooperatives have been organized to provide work for the refugee factory workers from the occupied cities, and to provide homemade supplies to the increasing numbers of people arriving in the west. Plans are already drawn up for the establishment of 10,000 more of these cooperatives during the next year. Products shown at a recent exhibit of the work of the cooperatives held in Chungking included cotton cloth, soap, matches, chemical and mechanical products such as synthetic gasoline (one of the products China has had the most difficulty in acquiring), vaseline substitute, simple motors and parts, and munitions. Synthetic cotton manufactured by Shensi cooperative united is reported to be supplying

80 per cent of the needs of the Chinese Red Cross. Another group of cooperatives in Hunan province is specializing in army uniforms and blankets.

University laboratories in Chengtu, to which three of China's Christian colleges have now been moved, are manufacturing laboratory supplies for the secondary schools of the province. They are making such things as fluid extract of gentian, and anatomical models of the human body.

New inventions are being made, the most recent one being a new spinning machine. The rich mine deposits of western China are being developed—gold, and tungsten and tin.

A new pharmacy factory has been established at Chengtu. Cotton mills, flour mills, match factories and machine shops are springing up daily according to reports from Chungking.

These facts are indicative of the new power in China. China is providing herself with the strength to continue her resistance against Japan for an indefinite length of time.

Prophecies of the outcome cannot be made. John Gunther, author of "Inside Asia," believes that it will be difficult for Japan to win. She has been sucked in further than she ever intended. P. C. Chang, member of the People's Political Council of China, now visiting in the United States, likens the struggle to the struggle of a fist being pushed into soft glue, rather than a fist against a fist. ". . . the glue will follow the fist," he says, "although the fist may feel very proud that it is going ahead. In other words, the glue is going to surround the fist. The farther you go in, the harder it is to get out."

Mr. Gunther, however, also believes that it will be difficult for China to drive Japan back into the sea.

To Americans the importance of the outcome of this war lies in the facts behind it of broken treaties and unhalted aggression. With each success of aggression in Europe and in Asia, the hope of a world which can live by peaceful treaty agreements fades. That Japan should be forced to lay down arms and turn to the conference table is an essential to a future peaceful world. And that she should do it without having tasted the brew of success by arms is another essential.

China is growing stronger, to be sure. But until the United States ceases to give aid to Japan, China cannot be expected to win the battle for future world peace.

Americans can do several things to show their belief in treaty agreements and peaceful settlement of conflicts. They can insist upon placing an embargo on Japan. They can carry on individual boycotts of Japanese goods. They can give succor to the wounded and to the refugees of China who are helpless victims of aggression.

Until America faces her own responsibility in the conflict, however, there may continue to be a "stalemate in the Far East," as John Gunther predicts. Despite China's growing strength, her task of resisting a Japan who is aided by the democracies is too great. If China is to win back her right to live as a peaceful nation, she must have the moral support of Americans.

(This article was written by Jean Lyon, who is a New York City newspaper woman, and a China born daughter of missionaries.)

MISSIONARY COLUMN

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QUARTERLY MEETING

There has been no need to change the date of this meeting, so we hope to see a representative gathering at Thomasville Community Church July 12 at 10 o'clock a. m.

All state officers who wish to make reports or present plans for the remainder of the year will be given the opportunity to do so.

If you have not elected three delegates in addition to the president and corresponding secretary of our Auxiliary, please do so in order that we may be able to transact whatever business is presented, in such a way as to get the best results.

Do not forget to notify Mrs. J. R. Sechrest, 3 Elliott Drive, Thomasville, if you wish to eat lunch at the church at 35c per plate.

MRS. R. M. ANDREWS, President.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—OUR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

While High Point College is the Educational Institution in our area to which our women are asked to contribute, our Theological Seminary belongs to each area. It has assisted in the training of preachers in most of our conferences. Eight of our General Conference officers and six of our Annual Conference presidents are graduates of our Seminary, to say nothing of the long list of men who are professors in colleges, or have other positions of leadership in our church. Eighteen of its graduates have gone as missionaries to foreign fields. Think, if you please, what the Seminary has meant in the history of our beloved church since 1882!

The work of the Seminary must go on, located as it is, only eight miles from the spot where Methodism had its origin, with no other Methodist Theological Seminary between Madison, N. J., and Durham, N. C., we can readily see the opportunity it will have for rendering incalculable service to the new Methodist Church; but it must be better equipped, if this service is to be rendered.

In the first place, it is not now an accredited Theological Seminary, because it had not until a week ago enough professors—another was recently elected. It has not as many volumes in its library, nor as large an endowment fund as is required before it can be accredited. You may ask why these things should make any difference in the standing of its graduates.

In the new Methodist Church the standard set for its preachers is much higher than formerly, and a young man would hesitate to graduate from a Seminary not accredited.

Ever since our women have been behind the whole program of our church, the Seminary has been calling to us for help. It seemed that High Point College needed all the help we could give, and we must not withhold anything from the College; but can we not make an extra effort and help our Seminary also? Many of you read the thrilling story in our last year's Guide Book of a man who was a barefoot North Carolina boy with a vision that made him live on the bare necessities of life that he might buy books in order to realize that vision. That boy has been giving his life to our Seminary for years. I have known him for thirty-one years, and I have never known a man who more unselfishly and devotedly has given his life to a cause he loves than has Dr. Forlines.

We have been proud to claim him as "ours," because he has belonged to our Conference until the law of the new Church required him to move his membership to the Maryland Conference. We never fully appreciate our blessings until we lose them. We have not appreciated him as we should. We would like to honor him. How shall we do so? By doing our best to help him realize his dream of a metter and more useful Institution for training men to preach the gospel and help bring the world to Christ.

This is the last year the women will be asked to be financially behind the whole program of our church. We have been given a broader vision of our church and shall not lose interest in Christian Education. Let us prove our real interest in it by responding to the appeal in the following letter, and at the same time prove our love for the man whom we delight to honor.

MRS. GEO. R. BROWN,
Secretary, Christian Education.

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Dear Mrs. Brown:

It has been suggested to me that the women of our Church might be glad to do something definite for the Westminster Theological Seminary, if they knew some of our definite needs. Acting upon that possibility, I am naming the following needs of the Seminary.

1. The Library is in constant need of funds for books and periodicals. Most of these range in price from $2.00 to $5.00.
2. We need about 100 classroom chairs and 40 dormitory chairs costing about $5.00 each.
3. We need 3 indirect lighting chandeliers for the chapel costing about $15.00 each.
4. We need about $250.00 for tables, chairs and other equipment for our recreation room.
5. We need a power lawn-mower costing about $150.00.

I am wondering if you will be good enough to see that this information is presented to your Branch and that as many as possible of the Auxiliaries be given a chance to help us. If you are not the one to whom this communication should be addressed, please see that it gets to the proper person.

C. E. FORLINES.

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"As doctors we must begin to think of promoting the cause of temperance. How often do we hear, when we are speaking of a certain man, 'A very bright man, but he drinks.' Of my classmates in college, so far as I know, none of those who drank steadily are now living, and of those who were addicts to even a very mild degree, from the time the addiction became manifest none progressed or maintained his position. One of the greatest surgeons in the world, talking to me, said he had never known a surgeon of the first rank who was in the habit of using alcoholic drinks."—Dr. W. J. Mayo.

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Does one have to drink to be popular? It all depends upon whom you want to be popular with.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Bess Chapel, W. L. Harkey, Pastor.—The Fourteenth District Rally was held at our church, April 29. The attendance was the largest of the last several meetings. The welcome was by Miss Blanche Houser; Rev. T. G. Madison responded. Rev. Thomas Swofford, of Polkville, brought the morning message. His subject was the Uniting Conference.

The afternoon brought us a male quartet from Brevard College. After the singing, there was a business session of reports and roll call of auxiliaries. We feel the day was well spent and enjoyed by all.

Second Sunday in May was annual homecoming day at our church. The attendance was large. In the morning a short Mother's Day program was given, followed by an address by Rev. B. Wilson, of Lowesville. His theme was the Influence of Mother and Home. In the afternoon Rev. D. M. Nifong of Cherryville spoke to us.

Second Sunday morning, in the absence of our pastor, Rev. Ferman Wright filled the pulpit. The message was very inspiring. His topic was Finding God Through Nature.

Our pastor attended Summer Conference at High Point College. He is not enjoying good health at present. Pray for him.

The June meeting of our auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. Karr Beam, with Mrs. Beam and Mrs. John Heavner hostesses. The July meeting will be at the home of Mrs. B. L. Heavner.

The Mission Band met last week with Miss Martha Jane Harrelson.

Yesterday morning a Children's Day program was given at the church. The little ones did their parts well. The directors were: music, Miss Blanche Houser; speaking, Mrs. Beverly Heavner.

Prof. Ward D. Milan, of Lincolnton, is conducting singing classes at the church each Thursday evening.

MRS. B. L. HEAVNER.

Weaverville, W. C. Clark, Pastor.—The work of the Weaverville church is being carried on by its few faithful members until this fall, at which time the church will be closed and its members will unite with any church they may choose. This action was taken due to the loss of so many members moving from town, and because we could see no necessity of two Methodist churches in a town so small as ours. We voted to give the church properties to Jupiter and Clark's Chapel churches, the building to the Southern Methodist church for Sunday school rooms, to sell the lot and give the money to the High Point Children's Home.

Two weeks ago a committee from the other Methodist church attended services at our church and extended a cordial invitation for our members to feel free to merge with their congregation after we disband this fall. Our pastor, Rev. W. C. Clark, expressed his belief that all our members would remain Methodists. He said that the reason for joining the Methodist church was as strong today as it ever was, and that we should not feel that because we are closing our church we are being swallowed up by the larger Methodist church, but that we should feel we can make a vital contribution to the larger church.

Our Sunday school has suffered a great loss since Mr. L. R. Blackwelder and his family moved a few weeks ago. Mr. Blackwelder had served as superintendent of the Sunday school for several years, and Mrs. Blackwelder and the children took an active part in all church affairs. We feel that the Methodist church in West Asheville has gained by our loss.

The Sunday school unanimously elected Miss Maud Potter to act as superintendent until the church disbands this fall.

Our Christian Endeavor society and the Women's Auxiliary are carrying out their programs as usual, and the members are being as loyal as if our church were going on and on.

We feel that Methodist Union is going to prove a blessing to our little church and her members.

REPORTER.

Main Street Methodist Church, Albemarle, Rev. C. G. Isley, Pastor.—Our revival has just come to a close, with 14 new members. Our pulpit help was Rev. M. C. Henderson, who brought to us many inspiring sermons.

We were overjoyed to have 250 present for Sunday school on Sunday, June 18. We have been trying to reach the 200th mark, so we were very proud to have gone over that much.

Mrs. J. E. Gantt's and Rev. Mr. Isley's classes had an attendance contest, and Mrs. Gantt's class won with 23 new members. The two classes enjoyed a fried chicken supper at Beaver's Lake on Saturday night.

The boys and girls from our church who are attending the Leadership Training School at High Point College this week are the following: Dona Gantt, Louise Shoe, Emma Harkey, Laura Van Hathcock, Frances Hatley, Bill Gantt, Charles Lowder, Bill Helms, and Bobby Lipe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Anderson have returned home from a trip to New York where they attended the World's Fair.

One of our Sunday school boys, Claye Austen, is a patient at W. N. C. Sanatorium, Black Mountain, N. C.

MRS. COLAN MAULDIN, Reporter.

Palestine, Flat Rock Charge.—Pastor Burgess filled his regular appointment at Palestine the third Sunday, the attendance being the largest during the year.

The revival meeting will be at our church the third Sunday in next month (July). Our pastor will have for his helper, Rev. J. B. Trogdon, one of our beloved former pastors. Many of our people are looking forward to his coming. Brother Trogdon is lovingly remembered by our people, and we are glad to have him come again.

Uncle "Dick" Sharrow was able to attend service Sunday for the first time in a long time. W. Tom Tucker, one of our members living in Madison, is able to be out again after being sick.

Little Charlie Tucker, the small and only son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Tucker, was hit by a car and knocked to the paved road in front of his home several days ago. The little fellow got lots of bruises and seems to be getting over it, although a narrow escape.

Mrs. Nannie Winfrey Mabe, the wife of Everett Mabe, was buried at Palestine Monday, June 19, age 44 years. She leaves her husband, six girls, and one son. They have our heartfelt sympathy, especially Alice, Mary, and Helen; six and seven years ago they were little girls in my Sunday school class. As they learned from the little picture cards then to know and love Jesus, I hope they are still trusting Him to help them bear the hardest burden they have ever been called on to bear, giving up mother.

GRACE R. TUCKER, Reporter.

Spring Church Circuit Auxiliary, Spring Church Charge. — With eighteen members present, the Spring Church Circuit Auxiliary met at Lebanon Church on Tuesday, May 13.

Several schemes were suggested as means of raising money. It was decided that a bazaar would be held at the next meeting of the organization. Members of each church volunteered to sell ice cream, the profits to be put in the treasury.

The furnishing of the parsonage was undertaken as a new project. Since the meeting new curtains and mattresses have been gotten. The building has recently been painted.

The program, gotten up by Mrs. W. W. Grant, Jr. consisted of a review of the study book "Punjab" by Virginia Grant and a review of "The Slums of New York" by Dorothy Cook. Instructive papers were read by Edith, Rebecca, and Mildred Grant.

Miss Katherine Crew, who has been a patient in St. Luke's Hospital in Richmond, has returned to her home. Mary Rose Crew is also much improved. Mrs. Will Massey and Mrs. Watt Jordan are in the hospital.

Spring Church is very fortunate in having Mrs. Miller from Roanoke Rapids as director of the choir. At the suggestion of Mr. Garlington, our pastor, the members of the choir have gotten vestments.

MRS. G. J. MITCHELL, Cor. Sec.

Efland, Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, Pastor.—For the past two weeks we have been privileged to have Brother J. F. Whitehead of Henderson bring us splendid revival messages. He came on the second Sunday and was with us for a ten-day meeting. During this time he aided our pastor and his coworker in the Vacation Church School each morning. As a result of these meetings fourteen members were added to our church and our church and community are much better for having spent these days studying and hearing the message of Brother Whitehead. During the church school a junior choir that has been in the making was further trained by Misses Maxine Efland, Eloise Efland and Grace Bivins. This choir promises to be a great help in our church. The commencement of the church school was on Friday evening and it was an evening full of inspiration and helpfulness to all. From the tiniest tot to the pastor each performer did splendidly and the teachers deserve much credit for their work during this school.

We would not forget the real climax of this church school. I'm sure the children and young people who went on the picnic to our Children's Home will not forget it soon. Even though the weather was hot it was a day to be remembered by all who went. Seeing the Home and the boys and girls for the first time and recreation at the municipal park made a very enjoyable day, with the picnic dinner at the Home.

As I write two of our promising young people are on their way to the Leadership Training School in High Point. The Sunday school is sending Miss Marjorie Bradley and Wayne Taylor is going also. We feel sure both of them will enjoy their work and get much from it that will help them as they work in the Sunday school and church in the future.

Our young people will meet on the second Sunday evening for the purpose of organizing a junior church. This was discussed in the church school and plans are in the making for this organization. With almost one half of our church members young people we feel this will be a worthwhile addition to our church.

Several of our members have been sick, some in the hospital recently, but we are glad to say they are improving now. We learned yesterday that Mr. and Mrs. Morris were right sick Saturday night but were better Sunday though he was unable to attend the Home Coming and Memorial Day he had planned for Hebron. We trust they will soon be out. Jerome Phillip has already endeared himself to all of us and we are glad he keeps well and is getting on fine.

REPORTER.

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Central Church, Asheboro.—L. F. Ross, general superintendent of the church school, has designated Sunday, July 16, as "Sunday School Boost Day." A Children's Day program is on schedule for the morning hour, July 2.

Dr. Taylor selected, as subjects for his dissertations on Sunday, "Young Man With Open Eyes," and "Good Things of the Gospel."

Jean Cox and Lucy Leigh Lowdermilk are representing Central church at the Training School at High Point College.

Mrs. Robert Lloyd and Mrs. Simeon Park entertained the Women's Bible class at the home of Mrs. Lloyd on Thursday evening.

Tom Houts, director of religious education, is proving successful in his new endeavor and the young people are displaying exceptional interest in their church projects.

The Workers' Fellowship Council has secured electric fans for the church auditorium.

The membership extends sympathy to the family of Mrs. J. N. Allred, who lost her brother, George Ferree, during the past week, his death occurring at his Florida home. Funeral and interment were in Asheboro. Dick Stone's brother, Richard Stone, passed away in a Richmond hospital last week, with the last rites being conducted in Thomasville.

Miss Maxine Cole entertained her Sunday school class, the first year juniors, on Wednesday afternoon, at her home on South Cox road.

Mrs. Lena Lamb Hughes is recovering from an extended illness at the Randolph hospital. Mrs. Eunice L. Haworth is gradually improving from her lengthy illness.

Mrs. George Hasty had as her guests last week her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Knight and Mrs. Jewel Lovell of Lanett, Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Moffitt and daughter, Jean, left Monday for their home at Fort Worth, Texas, after a month's visit with his mother, Mrs. O. H. Moffitt and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearlie Freeman, Miss Helen Brown, Rev. and Mrs. N. M. Harrison, of Central church, and Miss Sally McCain, of Charlotte (Randolph county) Methodist church, have recently been to New York and the fair. L. D. Burkhead, Jr., attended the New York Fair as representative from Randolph county. CLETA RICH.

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Pinnacle Charge, Mt. Zion Church, Rev. J. D. Morris, Pastor.—We are having a very busy time trying to reach our goal. We have organized a Christian Endeavor Society. We had our first social gathering at the home of Mr. W. E. Jones. We had our first devotional meeting last evening at our church. Officers elected were: president, Mr. George Jones; vice-president, Mr. Bryce Needham; secretary, Miss Nell Mickey; treasurer, Miss Lillian Hicks. We will appreciate your help at any time.

The Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Marvin Needham last Tuesday night, June 20. There were 24 members and three visitors present. A very interesting service was given with the president, Mrs. F. G. Fowler, presiding. After the program the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Everette Mikeds and Mrs. M. H. Needham, and Misses Nell Mickey and Velnia Needham, served delicious refreshments.

Our attendance for Sunday school yesterday was 81, collection $1.18. Let your presence fill the vacant spot next Sunday.

Our pastor delivered a very impressive sermon to us last night. He announced Rev. C. D. Ridge would be his help in conducting our revival meeting, beginning the third Sunday in July and continuing through the week. Rev. Ridge, we welcome you and promise our best.

There will be a lawn party at our church next Saturday night, July 1st, sponsored by the Missionary Society. The public is invited to come. Proceeds will go for the benefit of the church.

We invite you to attend our services at any time possible. May God be with you.

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Haw River Circuit.—Plans for the new church building for Friendship have been received from the architect. We are making haste slowly; but we expect to put on a campaign shortly for pledges for the building fund. And if all goes well, you may expect to hear the sound of the hammer and the saw late this fall—or thereabouts.

Song books for Fair Grove are being ordered this week, so we may have them for use during the meeting which begins there on the second Sunday in July.

When I was down at the Rural Church Institute at Duke University some days ago, I asked the architect to help me solve a problem in acoustics at Midway church. Ever since the new building was erected it has been difficult to hear in it. He told me what the trouble was, and suggested a possible remedy. I pased the word on to the brethren at Midway. They did what the architect suggested, and we tried it out yesterday. It appears to be a complete success, the folks indicating that they could hear without difficulty.

Some of the young ladies of the Midway Sunday school put on a pageant yesterday morning. It was splendidly done. One of our good women said, "These young ladies are going to preach for you this morning." They not only preached for me; they preached to me. I am grateful to them for a very fine message. And the offering for missions was good, exceptionally so. After the basket lunch, Rev. E. Lester Ballard gave us a good sermon. So it was a good day all day long. We were glad to have Brother Gillespie, former pastor of a group of Baptist churches near Midway, and Brother Ashburn, a former pastor of Midway, with us in the services of the day.

Mrs. Herbert Hopkins has been training the choir at Friendship, with a choir practice every Thursday night, either at her home or at the church. It is wonderful what she has been able to do with the group. They have given us some special numbers that would do credit to some city churches I know.

Our special meeting is in process at Midway this week. Sunday we will begin at Mizpah with Brother Ballard doing the preaching. C. W. BATES, Pastor.

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Davidson Charge. — Grandma Frank, now past ninety years, continues rather feeble. She is the mother of Rev. J. W. Frank of Japan. Her home is with her other son, W. A. Frank, of Lineberry Church.

The parsonage and Lineberry Church are to have electric lights before much longer, we hope. Money is being raised to pay for wiring.

The charge, I think, is making fair progress, we hope to make a better showing by the end of the year.

WILLIAM H. NEESE.

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Shiloh, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor.—As usual the reports from our work are encouraging. All departments and organizations seem to be doing a good work. Our attendance is very good, and we hope for even better.

Sunday, June 18 was observed as Children's Home Day at Shiloh. It seems that every member of the Sunday school cooperated to make a good contribution. Our attendance was 274. Each class answered roll call Sunday, June 11, by his age and June 18, each answered with the amount being contributed. Final counts totaled $85.43. We are sure that this was given freely. Shiloh is classified in group 2 as Dr. Dixon suggested by membership—between 300 and 400. We are the proud owner of a group picture of the Children's Home Family which was presented one of our members when the offering was presented June 22. We treasure this very highly and hope that it shall inspire us to be more mindful of the needs of our Children's Home, and more willing to give it the support that it deserves.

Our monthly prayer service was conducted Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by the boys Intermediate Class of which Mr. Ira Koonts is teacher. Every class member that was present took an active part. The attendance was 93.

Our mid-week prayer services are being continued and, it seems, are becoming more interesting. Our attendance last week was 40. Our pastor led the service and used the first chapter of Acts for study and meditation. This book will be studied, using a chapter each week. We believe that this special study will help to prepare us for our revival which is very rapidly approaching; and we are hoping that Christian people will continue to pray for us.

Our reporter, Mrs. Kyle Sink, was unable to report this week on account of illness, but we are hoping for her a speedy recovery. At her request I have tried to give this report. Watch for her reports later.

MABEL BERRIER.

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College Street, Littleton Charge, Rev. D. D. Broome, Pastor.—We have just come to the close of another good revival meeting. It began on the third Sunday in this month of June and lasted through until Friday night. Rev. Bill Howard of the Halifax charge was our helper. And did he preach some good sermons! I should say so! Everyone was well brought out and inspiring, and full of inspiration and spirituality. We hope many hearts were warmed, and much good accomplished throughout the meeting. Communion services were held on Sunday morning and practically all the congregation partook.

We are thankful for the large number from the other churches in town that took part in our revival. We hope they will come again soon.

Our Sunday school is moving along nicely, and we are looking forward to have more to attend, since we have quite a large number of people moved in our town recently, with the C. C. C. Camp, that's been established here. Let's hope that everyone will take more interest in the work of the Lord, for the uplifting of His Kingdom.

We were indeed glad to have Rev. Mr. Madison and family with us last week. They took supper at the parsonage and attended services on Wednesday night. We hope they will come back real soon.

The Auxiliary met with Mrs. W. L. Perkinson the last meeting. Not as many were present as we had hoped for, but some plans were discussed, and we had a call meeting later at the church.

Weaver's Chapel Church has sent a delegate to the Leadership Training School this time. Miss Alice Mae Whitby was elected and Miss Mae Shearin accompanied her.

We are very sorry to not have Mr. Tasker Williams with us. He has a job in Richmond, but we will be looking forward to his visits home.

ANNIE PERKINSON, Reporter.

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First Church, Charlotte, Rev. T. E. Strickland, Pastor.—The First M. P. Church voted to change the name to Central Avenue Methodist Church after the conference in Kansas City. We have announced the change of name and have also changed our bulletin board on the front of the church. The Methodist leaders have shown a great deal of interest in our church by helping to organize the various groups for the women in missionary work.

We have been very fortunate the last two weeks to have had two very fine young ministers in our midst and visiting in our homes. Rev. Odell Brown, Duke University evangelist, has just completed a two week revival service. We were very fortunate in getting Mr. Brown for the services and he certainly delivered some very fine sermons. During the revival several souls were reborn and about twenty-two new members added to our church roll. We feel that in spite of the hot weather the meeting did our church a great deal of good. Our prayers follow Mr. Brown as he goes to Cleveland, N. C., where he will hold a ten-day meeting.

We are very proud of our regular pastor, who having completed his course at High Point College, was graduated with honors. To you, Mr. Strickland, we express our congratulations.

Our Sunday school attendance has held its own for the summer months. The contest that was held helped the attendance and the spirit of our school. Friday night, June 9th, the losing side gave the winning side a picnic supper in Cordella Park. Everyone had a swell time with plent of good things to eat.

The ladies of the church have reorganized their Auxiliary under the supervision of the Methodist leaders. Mrs. L. W. Garmon was elected president of this society.

Several of the delegates from the C. E. Convention, which was held in High Point, have returned to say that it was the best convention they had ever attended. We are very fortunate in having the newly elected editor of the Tar Heel Bulletin in our own membership, Miss Margurite Helms. Miss Helms has done a fine work with the juniors of our church and also of Mecklenburg County in the C. E. work.

HELEN McCALL, Reporter.

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Brower's Chapel, Richland Charge, Rev. C. L. Grant, Pastor.—We had such a fine day at Brower's Sunday that I felt it just must be published. First we had the largest attendance at Sunday school that we have had in some time. Then also we had a larger number of visitors than usual. Among the visitors were Mr. O. R. Ferree of Louisiana and Mrs. Penn Henley and her daughter, Ruth, of Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. Ferree is a former resident of the Brower community but has been away for forty-four years. This was his first visit back here. Mr. Ferree made a very interesting and inspiring talk about his childhood days here and recalled many memories.

Mrs. Henley and her daughter had never been here before, but Mr. Henley was a former resident. It was indeed a pleasure to have them with us .

Rev. Grant brought us a very impressive message at the 11:00 o'clock service, using for his topic, "Examine Ye Yourselves." The service closed with the observance of communion.

During the service we were very happy to welcome four new members into our church by letter. These new members are Mrs. Clifford Brown, Mrs. C. L. Grant, Edward Grant and Olevia Grant.

The Christian Endeavor is going along nicely now. Our attendance has been fair and our programs very interesting. The C. E. decided several weeks ago to have the church rewired for lights and new globes bought. However, the Sunday school wanted to help with this so of course we would not deprive them of this opportunity.

All young people please note that the Christion Endeavor will meet Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the church instead of the usual hour.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will meet Thursday, July 6 with Mrs. W. A, Styers. All members are urged to attend. REPORTER.

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

J. M. Reynolds

On June 14, death claimed Mr. J. M. Reynolds. He was a native of Montgomery County, and was born in the Love Joy community January 23, 1864, being at the time of his death a little under 75 years and 5 months old. He was the third son of the late Jacob Reynolds and Margaret Cranford Reynolds of the Love Joy neighborhood.

Mr. Reynolds was a man of culture, being a teacher by profession. He was amiable and of a gracious and friendly manner, and was loved and esteemed by everyone.

Funeral services were conducted at Love Joy Church Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The body was carried to the church at 3 o'clock and lay in state until time for the service. Interment was made in Love Joy Cemetery beneath a blanket of lovely flowers.

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James S. Stafford

With sorrow we record the passing of Brother James S. Stafford, son of Nathan and Ellen Stafford. He died Tuesday, May 16, 1939, aged 81 years, 6 months, and 5 days. He was born and reared in the Bethel neighborhood. Was converted in early life and united with Bethel M. P. Church. He lived a faithful, active member till God called him home. For some years he was superintendent of the Sunday school, class leader, and was often teacher of the Adult Bible Class. He was a regular attendant of church services as long as he was able. About the year 1890 he was married to Elmira C. King. To this union were born three daughters, Nannie Belle died in infancy, Miss Jewel Stafford and Mrs. C. K. Bailey survive, also four sons, Messrs. William, George, Lonnie, and Frank Stafford. Eleven grandchildren and three great grandchildren also survive. He loved to teach his grandchildren about the Bible. His grandson, Ronald Bailey, used to tell Bible stories in Sunday school and say "Grandpa told me."

He is not dead, just gone home and his influence yet lives in the minds of those he helped to train for good citizens and useful Christian lives. A good boy, a good man. He lived for God. Of course he died right and has gone to reap the reward of the faithful. His wife preceded him in death

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Whereas, God in His infinite mercy and love saw fit to remove Brother Stafford from all sorrow and care to a bright celestial home, therefore be it resolved,

That we bow in humble submission to His will realizing that He doeth all things well.

That, we, the members of Bethel Missionary Society, extend to our dear sister members, Miss Jewel, Mrs. Bailey, and Mrs. Lou Stafford. Also all members of the bereaved family, our sincere sympathy and commend them to our loving Father's care, who looks down in tender mercy on His sorrowing children here.

That we try to emulate his splendid Christian example and be ever ready to work where God calls.

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the M. P. Herald for publication, one to the bereaved family and one spread on the minutes of our society.

Mrs. J. M. Foust,
Miss Marcia Foust,
Miss Bessie Holmes,
Mrs. R. W. Lindley.

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Mrs. Lucy Owen Bowen

Knowing that our Heavenly Father does all things well, we, the members of the Auxiliary of Shoals Methodist Protestant Church mourn the passing of one of our members, Mrs. Lucy Owen Bowen on March 25, 1939.

We sorrow not as those who have no hope for we know that our loss is her eternal gain. She was one of the charter members of our Auxiliary. She was a true member and faithful to all activities of her church when health permitted and will be sadly missed.

When unable to attend she helped financially.

Therefore be it resolved:

First, that we extend to the bereaved companion and children our deepest sympathy praying God's blessings to rest upon them.

Second, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family, the Missionary Record, the Methodist Protestant Herald and that a copy be recorded in the minutes of our Auxiliary.

MRS. O. F. HAUSER, President.
MRS. J. P. OWEN, Treasurer.
MRS. ROY HUNT, Secretary.

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Mrs. Robert Cook

On June the 23rd, funeral service for Mrs. Robert Cook was conducted by the writer at Pleasant Grove Church, where the deceased had been a member for many years. She is survived by her companion, one daughter, five sons and one half sister.

Mrs. Cook was a good woman, loved and held in the highest esteem, by all who knew her.

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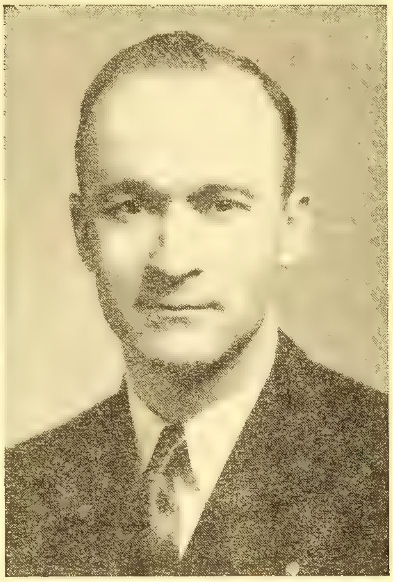

REV. F. L. GIBBS SPEAKS

June 11th Rev. Mr. Gibbs, Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education of the Former Methodist Protestant Church, who is one of the speakers at the Leadership Training School, High Point College, this week, gave the baccalaureate sermon at Waynesburg College, Waynesburg, Pa., on "More Optimism Needed."

The Washington Observer, Washington, Pa. made the following editorial comment on the sermon:

His statement will meet with complete agreement from many persons who have studied the present plight of the nation.

After listing the many times that Christ said "Be of good cheer," the prominent minister said "this positive note is needed today."

Psychologists are agreed that there is, in the individual, an innate spiritual power capable of tremendous accomplishments, but that it needs a spirit of faith and confidence to function. The same is true of a nation.

Yet today, as the speaker pointed out, the general attitude is one of fear, discouragement and defeat. In such a situation, the inner power of the American people will not exert force. An optimistic and positive leadership is needed.

Nothing to bring about the needed spirit of courageous optimism has been accomplished by the failures of the elaborate and costly experiments undertaken by the American government in recent years. That is bad enough. But present-day public leaders, instead of admitting that their experiments have failed and then resorting to measures that have been proved to be sound by long experience, give the impression that the problems facing America are beyond solution.

The result is a spirit of defeatism that is stagnating, and a strange development in America which should be the most optimistic of nations.

Moral and optimistic leadership is the great need in America today. Many of our ills would be cured and greater prosperity and a more pronounced feeling of security would quickly develop if it prevailed.

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Liquor produces euphoria, or a sense of well-being, but it is not well-being itself. It is rather day dreams, air castles, rainbows.

MARRIED

Cash-Elkins

In a ceremony marked by charm and beauty, Miss Bertie Goodman Cash became the bride of Charles Hendricks Elkins, of Liberty, Friday afternoon, June 16, at the First Baptist church of Shelby. Rev. John A. Hamrick, cousin of the bride, and Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the church, officiated. The vows were spoken at 4:30 o'clock before a candle-lit altar of white flowers and greenery.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, John W. Cash, and had her cousin, Mrs. Michael Kokoska, of Charlotte, as matron of honor and Miss Cornelia Sparks as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Gordon Bason, of Greensboro, and Mrs. Charles Hubbard, of Shelby. Flower girls were Martha Elizabeth Cash and Betty Lynn Kendrick. Robert L. Elkins, Jr., of Liberty, attended his brother as best man. Ushers were George Elkins, of Liberty, Gordon Bason, of Greensboro, Dr. Allen Cash, of Winston-Salem, and Henry Cash, of Athens, Tenn.

Wedding music was by Mrs. H. S. Plaster, organist, Harrill Hamrick, violinist, Horace Easom and Glenn Robertson, vocalists. Mr. Easom sang "I Love You Truly" and the two sang "The Sweetest Story Ever Told" as a duet.

The bride wore a gown of white net over satin fashioned with ruffles of dainty lace and a short train. The long sleeves were puffed at the shoulders and fitted over the wrist. A finger-tip veil was caught at the rear with a spray of orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses and valley lilies.

The matron of honor wore pink net over taffeta and the maid of honor blue net over taffeta, the dresses fashioned identically with full skirts and puff sleeves. The bridesmaids were in green and lavender net over taffeta and the flower girls had miniatures of theirs in blue and yellow. All carried colonial bouquets of mixed summer flowers tied to match their costumes.

The bride's mother wore a dress of navy triple sheer and a corsage of gardenias. Mrs. Robert L. Elkins, of Liberty, mother of the bridegroom, was in dusty pink sheer and also had gardenias.

The bridal couple left for a northern trip and after June 25 will be at home at Liberty. The bride traveled in a dress of navy and

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white triple crepe with navy and white accessories and a corsage of white roses.

The bride, whose family moved to Shelby from Boiling Springs, attended Asheville Normal college, Asheville, and Limestone college, Gaffney, S. C., and summer schools of Woman's college and the Chapel Hill units of the University of North Carolina. For three years she has been on the faculty of the Liberty high school.

Mr. Elkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Elkins, of Liberty, attended the University of North Carolina, and for five years has been connected with the Smith Motor company in Liberty.

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McAdams-Justice

On Friday evening, June 9, at 6 o'clock, Mr. William McAdams, of the Hebron community, and Miss Mozelle Justice, of Swepsonville, were united in marriage at the home of the groom near Mebane. Rev. C. P. Morris, pastor of the groom officiated, using the ring ceremony. The vows were spoken in the presence of a small group of relatives and friends. Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for a brief honeymoon trip. We wish for them a happy and successful journey on the matrimonial sea of life.

C. P. Morris.

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Hamilton-Jennings

In an impressive country wedding at Love Joy Methodist Church, June 10, at eight o'clock, Miss Janie Gatha Hamilton of Troy became the bride of Otho Jennings of Marthaville, Louisiana. Rev. E. P. Hamilton, brother of the bride, officiated.

The vows were spoken beneath an ivy-covered arch immediately in front of the chancel. Two septagon candelabra flanked the arch, single candleholders illuminated the piano. The background consisted of pines and garden flowers. White bows with streamers graced the ends of each pew.

Mrs. Robertson Douglas accompanied by Glenn Connar of High Point rendered the music. Rev. Frank Dennard was soloist.

Ushers were Roy Thomas, Lonnie Russell, Elton Saunders and Joseph Beaman of Troy, and Robertson Douglass and Walter Vuncannon of Trinity. Charlie Thomas was the best man.

The bridesmaids were Misses Edna Hunsucker, Byrle Gentry, Ruth Vuncannon, Myrtle Hodges of High Point, and Margaret Wood, Ella Jane Hamilton of Troy. Miss Catherine Phillips of Asheboro was maid of honor. Flower girls were Goldie Lee Saunders of High Point and Oleen Hamilton, sister of the bride, of Troy. Trail bearers were little Misses Sarah Frances Hamilton and Betty Sue Saunders. The rainbow color scheme was carried out throughout the ceremony.

The bride's gown was of white satin, floor length and long sleeves. Her veil was of silk illusion bordered with chantilly lace. It was held in place by a coronet cap of lace and a tiara embroidered with tiny seed pearls. She was given in marriage by her father.

The bride is the older daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Hamilton. She has been a member of Love Joy Church since early girlhood. She received her education at Troy high school and the college of Liberal Arts of God's Bible School.

Mr. Jennings is a minister in the Congregational Methodist Church and has been active in the ministry since 1930. He received his Th.B. and A.B. degrees from God's Bible School this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Jennings are spending the summer in revival meetings in Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas.

We wish for this couple much success and happiness in the future.

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Of holiness? of Christ's return?
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God help us then to love it more!

THE ONLY THING

Billy Sunday used to tell the story of a traveling salesman who was playing cards on a railroad train with fellow drummers. One of the men offered him whiskey which he refused. "What! You on the water wagon?" said the drinker, laughing at him. "Yes," replied the abstaining salesman. "For years I have taken from five to ten drinks a day, but I was at home in Chicago not long ago and I dropped into a pawn shop operated by a friend. While I was in there a young fellow with ashen cheeks and a wild look on his face came in, threw down a small package and said, "Give me ten cents." The pawn broker opened the package and it contained a pair of baby shoes. "No," he said. "Take them," said the young man. "I want ten cents." "No," repated the pawn broker, "take them home. Your baby will need them." "She won't need them. She's dead, and I want a drink," said the young man. It has been said that liquor is the only thing that will make a man pawn his baby's shoes, and it comes very near being true.

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THE LAW OF GROWTH

"There are no sudden changes in nature; all is gradual and elegantly varied. There is no being which has not either above or beneath it some that resemble it in certain characters, and differ from it in others. From a plant to man the transition from one species to another is almost insensible. The polypus links the vegetable to the animal. The flying squirrel unites the birds to the quadruped. The ape bears affinity to the quadruped and the man. By what degrees does nature raise herself up to man? How will she rectify this head that is always inclined to the earth? How change these paws into flexible arms? What method will she make use of to transform these crooked feet into supple and skillful hands? The ape is this rough draft of man; an imperfect representation which nevertheless bears a resemblance to him, and is the last creature that serves to display the admirable progression of the works of God! There is a prodigious number of continued links between the most perfect man and the ape."—John Wesley, "Philosophy," Volume IV.

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"The idea that the liquor business creates something economically is on a par with the idea of the undertaker who complained that the pure milk committee in his town had ruined his trade in baby funerals."—Dr. Irving Fisher.

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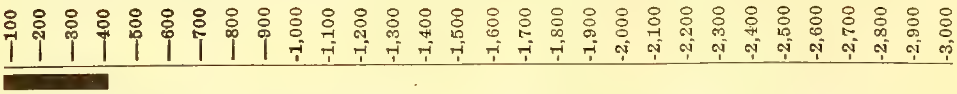

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REYNOLDS REUNION

The Honorable I. C. Moser, Attorney at Law, Asheboro, N. C. has been procured to deliver the principal address at the tenth annual Reynolds Reunion to be held at Tabernacle Church on the Greensboro-Sanford highway on July 4th, according to information from T. B. Reynolds, Julian, N. C., program chairman.

A telegram has been received from Senator Robert R. Reynolds of Washington, D. C. accepting an invitation to have part on the program.

The morning activities will consist of different activities in the church followed by a picnic dinner in the church grove. The afternoon will be devoted to outdoor sports and entertainment. J. Vaughn Boone, a recent graduate of High Point College, who is widely known throughout the state as a ventriloquist, will appear on the afternoon program. The Johnson Family from Burlington, N. C. will also appear on the program.

The Reynolds Reunion Association has been in existence for a number of years, holding its annual meetings at the Tabernacle Church and consists of members of the Reynolds family and their relatives in this state as well as in several other states.

According to T. B. Reynolds this year's Reunion will be one of the largest and most interesting gatherings ever held by this clan.

The Program Committee consists of T. B. Reynolds, Chairman, Mrs. Floyd Reynolds, Arville Reynolds and Garland Coble. The Arrangements Committee members are C. O. Reynolds, Chairman, Solem Reynolds and E. V. Reynolds. The officers of the Reynolds Reunion Association are Rufus W. Reynolds, President, Rev. G. L. Reynolds, Danville, Va., Vice-President, Purvis Neece, Treasurer, and Ollie Mae Reynolds, Secretary.

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NOTICE

A Children's Day program will be presented July 16, 1939, at Weaver's Chapel church. The program will begin at 11 o'clock. A picnic lunch will be served on the grounds at 12:30. Afternoon services will be delivered at 2:30 o'clock by Pastor D. D. Broome.

Everyone is invited to attend. Come and bring a lunch.

MRS. P. J. SHEARIN.

Methodist Protestant Herald.

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Life as a Stewardship

The conception of life as a stewardship seems to enter very slowly into the conscience of man. That something in the natural man which makes him feel that his life is his very own; that his time belongs entirely to him to do with it as he pleases; that his talents are more of a biological inheritance than a gift of God; and that the wealth which he accumulates is his own to keep and to use for his own gratification, is by no means easy to eradicate.

Because our Lord knew how selfishness dulls man's eyes to the truth; because He knew how greed freezes the sensibilities into glacial hardness in the very presence of dire need; because Jesus knew how cupidity restrains man's hand from giving, wherever He saw men under the spell of greed He condemned it most severely. How wonderfully He taught the duty and the privilege of the stewardship of life in such parables as the Good Samaritan, the talents and the pounds, the story of Dives and Lazarus, the Rich Young Ruler and the General Judgment. These and other sayings of our Lord describe most graphically the destroying effect of selfishness upon the life of man. And yet these enduring lessons teaching the duty and the privilege of sharing, of giving ungrudgingly, too often fail to enter the soul of the professed follower of Jesus Christ. Many who appear to have mastered the theology of the Bible as it was formulated by the great scholars of a thousand years ago, fail to grasp the ethic of Jesus. They stand still before such sayings as "It is more blessed to give than to receive," that forgiveness knows no bounds, and that men should give without expecting to receive, for the Son of man came not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give His life a ransom. Our Lord's conception of life is that men should give to those in need regardless of color line or of previous condition or of their present attitude. Not hate for hate; not blow for blow; not gift for gift. But love for hate, forgiveness for unprovoked wrongs. To give freely, cheerfully, because we have received freely, and because only by maintaining such an attitude can we find and keep the things of our Lord. "For if he know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

THE MID-YEAR MEETING

Since President Pritchard is indisposed at this time the editor of the HERALD is passing on to our readers certain things about the Mid-Year meeting at the Presbyterian Church, Thomasville, next Wednesday, July 12th.

The meeting is called for 10:00 a. m. and will have both morning and afternoon programs. Lunch will be served by the ladies of Community Church at the price of thirty-five cents per plate; it will be served in the Community Church dining room. It would be well for all who expect to be present to notify Mrs. J. Clyde Auman at once, if you desire to enjoy the lunch with others who will be there. Bishop Straughn, who was expecting to be present, has cancelled his engagement. Dr. Forlines, president of Westminster Theological Seminary, is to be present. Dr. F. W. Paschall has been asked to preach at 12 noon, just before lunch. The afternoon program will doubtless begin at 1:30 p. m. Several matters of vital interest to our church will be discussed then. The Special Committee on the M. P. HERALD will possibly make a report and there may be a panel discussion of the need of keeping the HERALD going until Conference meets, etc.

This meeting is one of more than usual interest because of the near approach of the last annual conference session the North Carolina Methodist Church will ever hold, and too, because the Quarterly Meeting of the N. C. Woman's Work will be held at the same time in Community Church.

We regret the illness of our President which deprives him of the pleasure of filling his page this week and we hope he will soon be in his usual good health. And now let all of us plan to be at Thomasville, Wednesday, July 12th.

R. M. ANDREWS.

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR JULY 12

Quarterly Branch Meeting of Women's Work
Thomasville Community Church

Theme: *Thy Kingdom Come.*

10:00 A. M.—Devotions .... Mrs. E. O. Peeler.

Reports from Conventions:

Acts of Worship .... Mrs. James T. Bowman.

Home Mission Emphases ...... Mrs. James M. Millikan.

Foreign Mission Emphases .... Mrs. George C. Halton.

Woman's Place in the New Church .... Mrs. William C. Hammer.

Special Music .... Mrs. J. H. Allred.

11:00 A. M.—Address .... Mrs. J. N. Hauss, of former M. E. Church, South.

11:30 A. M.—Educational Emphases at Conventions Mrs. D. S. Coltrane.

11:45 A. M.—Our Responsibility to Westminster Theological Seminary.

Lunch.

1:30 P. M.—Hymn and Prayer.

Reports and Plans of Officers.

Business.

Minutes.

Adjournment.

1939 SUMMER CONFERENCE SCHOOLS MEETING WITH MUCH SUCCESS

The following schools have already had their meetings. Reports of these will appear in other parts of the paper: Missouri, Texas, Florida, Iowa-Missouri, Indiana Boy's Camp, West Virginia, Indiana, Illinois (first and second weeks), and North Carolina.

The following schools are in session this week: Alabama, Fort Smith-Oklahoma.

The schools already held for this summer have met with much success and have made excellent reports. The following gives the dates, places, and dean in charge for the schools meeting in July:

July 8-14—Pittsburgh, Kiski, Saltsburg, Penna., Dean H. H. Price.

July 10-15—Fort Smith-Oklahoma, Massard Church, Dean W. C. Mathes.

July 10-15—Arkansas, (north), Rector, Arkansas, Dean D. G. Hindman.

July 10-16—Georgia, Decatur, Ga., Dean C. E. Brantley.

July 10-16—Indiana Girl's Camp, Marion, Ind., Mrs. James Simmonds.

July 10-16—Onondaga, Lakeview Camp, Lycoming, N. Y., Dean G. C. Weaver.

July 17-22—Mississippi, Clara, Miss., Miss Bettie Ridgway, Dean.

July 17-22—Fort Smith-Oklahoma, Prague, Okla., Dean W. C. Mathes.

July 17-22—South Carolina, Dunn Chapel, Columbia, S. C., Dean E. L. Ballard.

July 17-22—Tennessee, Unionville, Tenn., Dean M. A. Williams.

July 24-29—Virginia, Love's Memorial Church, Greenville, Tenn., Dean E. L. Ballard.

July 24-29—Fort Smith-Oklahoma, New Hope Church, Dean W. C. Mathes.

July 24-30—Maryland, Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md., Dean L. E. Werner.

More than likely this summer will be the last series under the present auspices due to adjustments being made to meet the requirements of Methodist Union. This work has reached our entire denomination and should make a large contribution toward the success of the New Methodist Church.

We appreciate the interest and cooperation of all who are sharing in these enterprises.

F. L. GIBBS, *Field Secretary.*

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Whoever makes this present existence—its ease and pleasure—his supreme object, shall lose the higher, the only enduring life; but who ever is determined for Christ's dear sake, to ignore the lower life, will find the higher life—which includes all of the lower worth having, and infinitely more. —*Amos R. Wells.*

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Men are disturbed not by things, but by the views which they take of things. Thus death is nothing terrible, but the terror consists in our notion of death; that is terrible.—*Epictetus.*

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A Message In Verse

"Let us plant our feet on the highway
Along with broken men.
And the bitter breath of the tempest
Let us find again and again.

"The cry of their blasted dreaming,
The taste of their failure's brine,
While the mice of hunger are knawing
At vitals of brain and spine.

"Let us plant our feet on the highway,
Along with broken men
Who are marching across the ages,
Over and over again.

"For never until we have fathomed
The anguish of flesh and soul,
Can we gather the titan power
To make humanity whole."
—*Lucian Trent.*

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Payment On Subsidy

We are very grateful for these payments sent in since last issue. Treasurer J. H. Allen pays the full amount assumed by the Annual Conference; Mr.s Coy L. Kearns does the same for the North Carolina Branch, Woman's Work. Dr. Bethea sends five dollars for Asheville, Pastor Isley sends us ten for Bethany and Bethel Churches, Fairfield, Guilford Charge. We greatly appreciate these contributions.

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''Take from us, O God, all pride and vanity, boasting and forwardness; and give us the true courage that shows itself by gentleness; the true wisdom that shows itself by simplicity; and the true power that shows itself by modesty.''—*From a prayer by Charles Kingsley.*

I recently came across the old story of a nobleman giving a Bible to a celebrated actress, telling her there was a treasure in it. She thought he mean religion and since she did not want religion, she laid the Bible aside without even opening it. She died in abject poverty; the party who bought the Bible found in it a 500 pound note.

Church people who do not support the programs their own leaders put on soon have occasion to wonder why all the services of their Church have a diminishing attendance upon them.

''A horse can't pull while kicking. This fact I merely mention.
And he can't kick while pulling, which is my chief contention.''

Those systems and policies which are propagated by the sword must be perpetuated by it also. ''He that taketh the sword shall perish by it.''

The difference between Pentecost and Calvary is the spirit which motivated the participants there.

''Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.''

We were glad to have a visit from President Forlines. He is visiting some Churches and pastors in the interest of a larger endowment for the Seminary. Brother Garlington was his pilot. We hope the response will be gratifying. The North Carolina Conference most assuredly owes a great debt to the Seminary for the many well equipped leaders it has sent to its Churches.

We have been greatly pleased by letters received recently expressing the appreciation of the writers for the Herald. They tell us they do not want to miss a single copy—do not see how they can get on without its weekly visit. It certainly refreshes the editor to know how some of his readers feel.

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METHODIST UNIFICATION RALLY

There will be held in the Main Street Methodist (Former M. E. Church, South) Church in Kernersville a Methodist Unification Rally Sunday, July 9, at 8 p. m. The two Methodist churches in Kernersville, (Former M. P. and M. E., South) will unite in this observance of the Methodist Union and members and friends of all Methodist churches in the area of Kernersville have been invited to attend the service.

The speaker for the Rally will be Dr. G. I. Humphreys, president of High Point College. The program for the occasion will provide special musical selections by the combined choirs of the two churches. The two pastors of the Kernersville churches, Rev. E. L. Kirk and the writer, extend a cordial invitation to all Methodists and friends of the Methodist church to attend the service.

C. B. Way.

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QUARTERLY CONFERENCE, KERNERSVILLE-SOUTH WINSTON CHARGE

The third quarterly conference of the Kernersville-South Winston charge will be held in the Kernersville church Saturday, July 15, at 2:30 p. m. Besides routine business, the votes for delegate to the next annual conference will be tabulated and the result of the election announced. All official members are urged to attend, and all others interested in the work are invited to be present.

C. B. Way, *Pastor.*

Sunday School Lesson

By O. L. EASTER

JEROBOAM: A MAN WITH A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, July 9

Lesson Text—I Kings 11:26-31, 37-40.

Golden Text—In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he will direct thy paths.—Proverbs 3:6.

We turn from Solomon, the man who began well, to Jeroboam, a man with a great opportunity. Solomon was offered his crown of rulership because of the favor of his father David had found in the Lord's sight and he asked therefore for ability to rule the people. This pleased the Lord and gave assent to the virtues of Solomon to be king in his own right even though he was at first chosen for his father David's sake. Jeroboam came to his kingship in a different manner. Instead of having to pray for qualities to enable him to rule the people Jeroboam was chosen by God in the beginning because of the qualities he possessed to rule his people. Here is a success story that fits into our American pattern—where a humble individual of no standing by rank is able to build for himself a place in the sun by his own "brain and brawn." Somehow this process wins the highest applause in the human heart. We cheer our loudest at the sight of men overcoming their obstacles and winning the goal. Abraham Lincoln was a great president as shown by his official acts themselves but much of the luster of his name was put there by the contrast of the dark cloud of handicap and hardship of his youth which he so nobly overcome. It can be further said, I think, that man wins the highest applause of God himself by this process. This is seen in the case of Jeroboam and likewise runs thread-like through the stories of the Bible. Job is perhaps the classic example. God gloried in the qualities of the fortunate Job but it was when He allowed the plague of Satan to descend upon him which stripped him of all he had that God was able to applaud the loudest at his life. God further vindicates this when we see Him letting Jesus be born in a stable before becoming the King of Kings. Aeschylus touches upon this fact when he said: "To the man who strives earnestly, God also lends a helping hand."

So it was with young Jeroboam as he worked earnestly at the building of Millo; his workmanship and personality won the applause of the king and he made him one of his leaders in spite of his obscure birth of one of Solomon's servants. Likewise, he won the favor of God by these same qualities who subsequently gave him his great opportunity. Now God gives all men opportunities. That is the sole purpose of our existence upon this earth, and the success or failure of our lives is judged by the way we treat our opportunities. Thus in just being a man with an opportunity Jeroboam was not distinctive, but rather in being a man with a *great* opportunity. We all have our talents of God but God does allow that among us some have as high as ten while others have only one. The justice of God in this discrimination of opportunities or talents lies of course in the degree of returns expected from each, and we are not concerned with that at all. The significant quest of this particular case is to see how this Jeroboam, who received a greater opportunity than the average, made use of it.

As we have already intimated in the figure of the talents, if Jeroboam received ten talents and then hid them in God's sight he would have stood condemned just the same as the one talent man, but these would be a difference in degree in its effect among his fellowmen. In the case of the latter only one talent of result would be affected but with the former ten. As we go further in the life of Jeroboam we learn that he did sin the sin of the one talent man by failing to take the advantage of his great opportunity to rule Israel according to the ways of God, and thus we see the larger extent of his sin in this phase of him: "The sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebot, *who made Israel to sin.* If some Hebrew of a one-talent caliber should have sinned he would have been just as guility before God but without power to rule Israel he would not have cause "Israel to sin." Every ruler today should look well to the sin of Jeroboam. The sins of nations are in most cases the sins of their rulers. We are informed on every side today that the common man of every land is crying for peace, and if that be true, we need pray for the Jeroboams in power who are walking in the same paths that shall cause the people to sin.

> "And yet it was never in my soul
> To play so ill a part:
> But evil is wrought by want of thought
> As well as by want of heart."
> —*Hood Lady's Dream.*

In spite of his great qualities and the great opportunity they won for him the failure of Jeroboam's life rested in that little key phrase that we shall see running throughout our study of the lives of Israel's leaders: "If thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee," saith God. Jeroboam did not hearken and God did not direct his paths and that spells failure for any life.

> "If thou canst plan a noble deed,
> And never flag till it succeed,
> Though in the strife thy heart should bleed.
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> "If thou canst bear the averted face,
> The gibe, or treacherous embrace,
> Of those who run the self-same race.
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> "Whatever obstacles control.
> Thine hour will come, go on, true soul
> Thou'lt win the prize, thou'lt reach the goal."
> —*Selected.*

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Those who in the spirit of the ancient Haman built up a gallows from which to swing their enemies are still the ones to be the first to try out how effectively the trap can spring.

SECRETS OF SUCCESSFUL CHRISTIANITY

By BRUCE L. MIDDAUGH

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.—John 15:8.

Christianity is the world's greatest successful failure. It is always successful, while always failing. Never has there been a time when all went well for Christianity. From the day when its Founder and Lord bowed His head in death upon the cross, it has met one failure after another. John Knox, whom history regards as one of those rare persons who are able to sway a whole generation, wrote toward the end of his life: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit and put an end, at Thy good pleasure, to this my miserable life, for justice and truth are not to be found amongst the sons of men.—John Knox, with deliberate mind, to his God." Many choice souls have died in the conviction that they had utterly failed, even though out of their failure came ultimate success.

There is growing up a generation that is inclined to discount the Bible to the vanishing point because it seems to promise results that do not happen. Young people are saying there is no such thing as conversion, because they have never seen it take place. Older people read the Sermon on the Mount, with its description of a love for others which makes one glad to serve, to sacrifice, and to suffer without thought of self, and they say, "It is all very beautiful, but of course not to be taken seriously." We are skeptical of the promises of the Bible, because we believe they cannot be made good, while at the same time we despise the practices and methods recommended, on the ground that we can get along quite well without them. For instance, someone will say it is absurd to talk of being free from worry (unless you "have a sunny disposition"), for it can't be done; but if it is suggested that the path to such freedom lies through regular private prayer, he shies away on the ground that prayer is no longer necessary for a modern-minded man.

We live in a state of spiritual poverty, feeling ourselves unable to cope with the world, either within or without. Wickedness reigns in high places, and all we can do is to deplore it with a shake of the head, or resort to a cynical "Life is like that." Our own personalities are puzzles to us, and we find ourselves slaves to habits that harm, or subject to discouragement and boredom, or adrfit on the sea of life with no idea of a purpose or a goal. But all the while there are secrets of successful Christian living which are secrets because they are so familiar, open to anyone who will look, but forever hidden from those who will not see. We do everything with them except put them into operation. What are they?

First, successful Christianity depends on ruthlessly discarding impediments. In Paul's fine phrase, "let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us." In most lives there are definite hindrances which could be thrown out, and must be thrown out if success is to be won. A surprisingly large number of people can, if you pin them down, tell immediately what is the real impediment that hinders them. They go on struggling under the handicap because nobody ever does pin them down and make them face it. A young man, in his fight for purity, hopelessly handicaps himself by the type of cheap literature he habitually admits to his mind. A girl, in her search for real friends, carries about with her the terrible impediment of a gossipy tongue. Jesus met a young man loaded with the handicap of wealth, who came thinking he was sincere in his quest for life, but who turned regretfully away when Jesus put his finger on the impediment: "Young man, you care too much for wealth and convenience. Get rid of your property, and then you will be able to come and follow me." Successful Christianity depends first on actually renouncing known sins that handicap us.

Second, it depends on the actual use of prayer. This is old stuff, a family heirloom if you please, which we allow to gather dust because nothing traditional can possibly be of value. Jesus didn't trouble to tell people they *should* pray. He said, "*When* thou prayest . . . ," knowing full well that no prayerless person would have the spiritual endurance to remain very long in His band of followers. The man who drifts with the crowd thinks he can get along without prayer, and perhaps he can so long as he is content to be like everybody else. But let him have some convictions of his own, and really attempt to be Christian in this unchristian world, and he will find prayer an absolute necessity. Even those who do not care whether they are Christians or not, and never use prayer, are finding that the exigencies of life itself are compelling them to turn somewhere for help. "In the fell clutch of circumstance" they turn to drink or drugs. Some wallow in self-pity, or daydreams. Others, too honest to seek in amusements and dissipations an escape from the difficulties of life, struggle on as best they can in their own way, conscious of the inadequacy of their resources but bravely doing the best their own strength will allow, becoming more discouraged and disillusioned as life goes on.

Why do they do this? Some of them because they have never been told what prayer can do, or never have had an opportunity to learn; but others because they have been told too often, and have had too many opportunities. Prayer has been handed down to them from time immemorial, an heirloom whose familiarity has bred contempt.

There are those who say they do not pray because they do not know how, or because they have this or that difficulty with prayer. But no one need remain in such a state who really wants to learn effective prayer. Two pathways are open: practice and study. We learn to pray by praying. Without any outside guidance at all except the Bible, humble folks have repeatedly taught themselves to pray. More, there is an abundant and increasing literature on making prayer count, much of it available in public libraries, church bookshelves, and other places accessible to the public.

Third, success depends on a continuing and increasing companionship with Jesus of Nazareth. He Himself put it this way: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, . . ." How well we know that it is personalities that help us most. Some people by their very presence strengthen our good impulses and increase our faith in right. Often the mere thought of a great and good friend will hold us steady and give us strength to win. How much more is this true of "the Noblest Personality"! The most rewarding use we can make of the Bible is to use it to bring ourselves imaginatively again and again into the presence of the matchless personality of Jesus, so that He lives again in our minds, and we in Him. "If my words abide in you . . ."—what a prescription for shaky Christians! Some of the giants of the past and of the present have read and reread the words of Jesus until their minds were filled with them, and His words did really "abide" in them continually. Every situation that comes up reminds such a person of something Jesus said, and he finds that the word Jesus spoke is still spirit and life. About three years ago a newspaper story told of an experiment conducted by a New York judge in the case of a thirteen-year-old delinquent boy. His case was discharged after seven months of consideration, during which the judge gave the boy four great books to read and review. The judge's final comment was this: "This boy is a splendid youngster. Some day I hope to see him made a member of the bar, or maybe follow in the footsteps of his relative, wearing the cloth of his church; maybe in the footsteps of his father, an engineer. I do know that, no matter what profession he chooses, he will excel in it. I wish you, my son, joy and all possible success." Subsequently, the New York Public Library compiled a list of forty-three books to serve in the handling of juvenile delinquency, the list to be modified on the basis of actual experience with the books in Children's Court cases. If this sort of result can come from books by Cooper, Defoe, Dickens, Hugo, Scott, Stevenson, and such men, how much more may we expect of the little books by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which tell of the words and character of Jesus of Nazareth!

Finally, he that would be great among you must be the servant of all, and "he that loseth his life shall find it." The path to successful Christianity never lies in the direction of the quiet cultivation of one's own soul apart from the world. We have known this too a long time, but we still do not believe it. One finds life, and one finds success, as one loses oneself in service to others. No unusual talents nor prominent position is necessary. The place of beginning is next door. The materials with which you work are hours and minutes of your own day, spent in the interests of others instead of your own convenience; the materials are the dimes and dollars that you divert from your own use to the relief of another individual, or to the support of a great cause. What counts is that you begin to sacrifice for the sake of serving—success will follow as inevitably as dawn follows dark.

Years ago in New York City a publisher was visited by a young man with a bag full of manuscripts, but the publisher was busy with a host of urgent affairs, and could not be bothered. So he sent the young man away, suggesting that he come back later. In that two minutes he lost a fortune, for the young man's name was Rudyard Kipling, and he did not "come back later." The publisher's chance had been there for the taking. So is yours.—*Zion's Herald.*

METHODISM FACES THE WORLD

"Are We Able?"

By W. G. CRAM

The title of this article is properly stated if we are to discuss the influence and authority of the Methodist fraternity in the world of today. We cannot reverse the statement and say that the world faces Methodism. Methodism in its international aspects may be a force with which the world must eventually reckon, but, if so, it will be only upon the basis of an aggressive and cumulative policy of proclaiming its partnership with God—a partnership whose sole objective is to declare God's plans for the redemption of the world.

The world in its corporate capacity is not making overtures to Methodism. It is not faced that way. No resolutions or appeals or petitions are being handed to the leaders of the Methodist Church by national, economic, or humanitarian groups asking for help. The multitudes outside of the Methodist Church and outside of other Christian orders are making no appeals to God for aid and succor, much less to the church. Rather, the world of thought and action that represents these multitudes looks to the emphases of a secularism, which is largely godless, for its improvements. It places reliance and hope in strange and bizarre forms of government, sustained by armed forces, instead of giving energy to the bringing in of the rule of God. It depends upon the use of its man-power to emphasize its national and sectional division. It proceeds on the theory that its parts are greater than the whole, which is an exaggerated nationalism.

Methodism, being in and of the world and facing its delirium of confusion, must make a declaration of its purposes, interpret its policies, proclaim its essential genius, and give irrefutable and sound reasons for its existence and continued maintenance. This must and can be done only upon the glorious fact that it is founded upon the character and promises of God through Christ Jesus. It must declare that its wealth is discovered in the assessment of its spiritual values and not in material accumulations; that its source of authority is disclosed in the commandments and power of God and not in the philosophies and vagaries of the mind of man, and that its chief aim is to bring men and the social orders in which they live to the recognition of God as the great Reconstructor of souls and orders of living. If this is done in words of love and compelling exhortation, the peoples of the earth will be tied into the great succession of immortality.

Facing the world, today, as united Methodism certainly is, we ask the serious question "Are we able?" Our ability rests upon the proper understanding and application of the doctrine of spiritual relativity announced in mathematical terms centuries ago, namely, "One shall chase a thousand, and two shall put ten thousand to flight." Caculating safely and for easy results, we estimate that the hosts of Methodists in the world number nearly ten million souls. Against the multitudes of the world, this ten million has not the slightest chance to resolve any of its difficulties projected upon the basis of matching wits against wits, or human skills and energy against human skills and energy. This would be proceeding upon the common idea of man's strength against man's strength. But by applying the higher but understandable theory of spiritual mathematics to the problem, ten million Methodists should be able to chase the illusions and false philosophies and superstitions of fifty billion people.

I must confess that this is a sort of dizzy contemplation and no doubt reminds the reader of some of the dramatic scenes in "Green Pastures," but we know that figures do not fabricate and that the doctrine of spiritual relativity has been demonstrated here and there in the past, as the records of history in the development of the kingdom of God on earth have revealed. All of this is to say that, if Methodism takes seriously enough its mission and deploys its forces guided by divine strategies, there is no limit to what it may accomplish as its faces the world with its racial inhibitions and inequalities, with its turmoils and unrest, and with its warped and diseased souls.

To fulfil the purposes of God, in the calling of Methodism to union and to a new program of world evangelization, the genuineness of union with its power of accumulated energies and cooperation must be employed to the full. "United we stand, divided we fall" will find its exemplification in how Methodism plans to go about the business of saving the world. Union with competing agencies and with conflicting and diverse interests contending for supremacy within its organized set-up is no union at all. Union with divisions is an orgy of bureaucratic dominance. Union with cooperation merges the machineries and agencies of operations into the smoothness of a consonant whole. Traditions and personalities and past achievements and regulations and societies and boards and ministries and types of services must give way to a new order. To make this a certain and unmistakable fact, the old orders must decrease that the new adventure in union may have its chance to grow. This will give us for the coming day an effective church—a church that will speak with a voice of authority, that will move in unison, and that will make the world to know that, here and now, we are one, girded for a mighty conquest.

Methodism, in the United States and in other lands where it is established, by the processes of union now being consummated, seems to have come to face the world for such a time as this. The "time as this" is a confused world order in which are found a renaissance of pagan philosophies, the shutting of doors once open to the church and to the missionary, unprecedented unemployment in a world of plenty of work to do, hunger in the midst of abundant harvest, gambling and crime and extortion and ruthless wars and aggressions. This dark picture, we clearly see in somber outlines. It seems to have been painted in blacks and blues and sepias, by drunken artists. Methodism must endeavor to repaint the picture in luminous colors, resplendent with the glories of God.

Methodism has nothing to fear as its approaches the world into this great adventure of unification. There must be give and take. The world conditions demand a united movement of all Christian forces. We cannot escape this. With this demand goes the corollary that the missionary agencies of the new Methodist Church must speak the words of our common salvation to America and the rest of the world, with one great voice so that its sound may be like the sound of many waters.—*Zion's Herald.*

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OUR SEMINARY AND US

At the North Carolina Conference of 1938 and at Woman's Convention of 1939, Dr. C. E. Forlines, president of Westminster Theological Seminary, was given opportunity to speak. On both occasion he presented some of the needs of our Seminary.

He told us that the immediate need of the Seminary is four thousand books for the library, to add to the eight thousand on hand, and make the required twelve thousand volumes necessary for this phase of accrediting the Seminary.

Since the personal library of Dr. Forlines, consisting of four thousand volumes has been at the disposal of Seminary students for many years they have suffered no lack on this score. But the accrediting agencies will not count these toward the necessary number unless Dr. Forlines gives them to the Seminary. Would it seem to you just, that one man should give his whole library to the Seminary rather than that four thousand people should each give one book, ranging in price from $2 to $5 per volume?

Although this fact has not been stated to the public, the theological journals and periodicals used in the library at the Seminary ever since he has been there, have been purchased out of Dr. Forlines' private funds, because he considered it necessary for ministerial students to keep abreast of the times in their field—and there were no other funds available for this purpose.

From the time Dr. Forlines graduated from the Seminary in 1901 until Methodist Union has placed him in the conference in which he now serves, he has been an honored member of our North Carolina Annual Conference, giving unstintedly of his time and energy to activities here, when called upon, although he was a teacher in the Seminary all these years, and its president for the past four years.

In a jocular mood he said at our 1938 Annual Conference, "I've been a member of this conference, training your men for the ministry for years, and you have never paid my salary, but you are now paying the salary of a member of this conference who is a missionary to India." Some of us realized that we ought to take him seriously, and do something to remedy our seeming partiality in the distribution of our funds.

I am sure we North Carolinians have not meant to be selfish, but if we would see ourselves as others see us we have acted selfishly, in that eighty-four of our pastoral charges paid their full assessment for our own college at High Point, while only twenty-seven charges paid the full World Service apportionment, out of which our Seminary was to receive a proportionate part.

We have established and maintained a Student Loan Fund for our own college students, but have never extended the use of this fund to North Carolina students at the Seminary.

On the other hand the Seminary has put into the education of the twenty-one ministers of our Conference who have graduated there, and others who were there for a time but did not graduate, $6,500 more than these North Carolina men and other North Carolina contributors have put into the Seminary. This of course means that North Carolina has benefitted from scholarships furnished by people outside of North Carolina.

Does it not seem that we should begin to think in terms of scholarships for *others* at the Seminary!

The total income from invested scholarship funds, and other gifts for scholarships last year was $3,000. Figure for yourself how much was available for each of the forty-five Seminary students.

The great majority of ministerial students come from poor homes and have already exhausted their resources before they enter the Seminary. All worthy and needy students are aided. Two High Point College graduates now at the Seminary will have received a total of $600 when they graduate.

Most theological seminaries make no charge for tuition, in fact our own High Point College gives free tuition to ministerial students during their college life; but the Seminary has no non-ministerial student income upon which to draw, and its endowment is far too small as yet, to give free tuition to all. However, missionaries on furlough and Japanese and Chinese ministerial students at our Seminary are given free tuition.

Scholarships may be established with amounts varying from $1,000 to $5,000, only the income from which is used annually.

But there is a greater need even than scholarships, and that is *a permanent endowment.* It is always easier to get money to help a particular student any given year than to get money to be invested as endowment, only the income from which may be used on down through the years.

The less than $50,000 of productive endowment of our Seminary does not compare very favorably with the endowments of the neighboring seminaries with which we have to compete; for instance:

The Baptist Seminary at Philadelphia, Pa., has more than $2,000,000 endowment.

The Crozer Seminary (Baptist) at Chester, Pa., has more than $1,000,000 endowment.

The Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa., has more than $660,000 endowment.

The Reformed Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., has more than $730,000 endowment.

Union (Presbyterian) at Richmond, Va., has more than $1,600,000 endowment.

In the new Methodist Church there are nine theological seminaries and they will all be needed. There will be almost a million people for each of the nine seminaries to prepare ministers for.

The Presbyterian Church has twelve theological seminaries and only 2,000,000 members, but they are not turning out enough ministers for their churches, because they demand a better educated ministry.

The new Methodist Church has set a higher standard and will need better educated ministers.

Our Seminary at Westminster, Md. has a fine location, a fine constituency and a bright future. President Forlines has attended meetings of the presidents of all the Methodist seminaries and there is every indication that all the seminaries shall work for the whole church.

It is very important that our Seminary shall have the right start.

The question for us to settle is: Are we willing to make some sacrifices in order that we may help our Seminary off to a good start in the Methodist Church?

So may it be!

Mrs. R. M. Andrews, *President, N. C.*
Branch of Women's Work.

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DRUGGING THE CHINESE

This is a tale of ancient paganism brought down to date, a story of "blood and iron." From good authority we have at least an authentic summary of the devastation wrought by the Japanese in the sack of Nanking. Twelve thousand civilians, including many women, children, and aged men, were killed; nine tenths of them were murdered apart from military operations. An average of one member out of every five families was killed, injured, or taken away never to return. More than 30,000 military prisoners were mercilessly butchered, most of them tied in long lines and machine-gunned on the river bank. The most conservative estimate of the number of women who were raped by the Japanese is 8,000.

Twenty-four per cent of the buildings in the city were burned—more than 4,000 street numbers. An additional sixty-three per cent of Nanking's buildings were looted, primarily by soldiers of the Japanese army. These figures come from the Nanking International Relief Committee's survey, printed under the title "War Damage in the Nanking Area."

In a wide area of country, moreover, forty per cent of the farm buildings were burned, nearly half the implements and animals lost, and one resident in every seven families was killed.

"Blood and iron"! Nero is being outdone in these modern days of so-called civilization.

But even worse than the ruthless burning of property, the raping of women, and the murdering of innocent civilians by these war-drunk Japanese is the systematic and deliberate debauching of living men, women, and children by the widespread distribution of opium and heroin. The Japanese have set up in Nanking an "Opium Suppression Bureau," have enacted by-laws for the "regulation" of the traffic through licenses and for the proper conduct of retail stores and smoking dens. On the face of it, these provisions appear to represent an effort to cope with the evil and to bring it under control; but, under cover of all these high-sounding official "regulations," what is actually taking place is that the sale of opium is increasing in the city by leaps and bounds and the number of addicts is multiplying in a way that would horrify the whole world if the truth were known.

The city of Nanking in the years immediately preceding its fall to the Japanese had known neither a large consumption of opium nor its open sale in a way to attract the poor and ignorant. It is especially noteworthy that for five years the use of opium had been slight and that of heroin practically nil. Today, both these drugs are abundantly supplied by the public authorities or by persons who enjoy their favor and protection. Literally tens of thousands of persons have become addicts, and thousands are engaged in the business of distributing these narcotics.

What is the Japanese system? Nanking was divided into five districts, and each one was supposed to have an "Opium Supply Establishment" authorized to sell up to 750 ounces a day. In each district, according to the law, five retail stores and ten smoking dens might be set up. These dens were taxed according to the number of lamps employed—nine, $150; six, $100; three, $50. But recently the original regulations have been modified to allow ten stores and thirty dens in each of the five districts. The daily sales under official oversight are in principle limited to 6,000 ounces, which in our money are worth $66,000 on a wholesale basis, or approximately $2,000,000 a month. At this writing it is estimated that 50,000 persons in Nanking have become heroin addicts.

Commenting on the spread of this terrible drug evil under the so-called "Opium Suppression Bureau" and the various "regulations" of the Japanese Government pertaining to the traffic in narcotics in Nanking, an authority writes:

> To make cheap supplies universally available, and to increase their use by advertising and the building up of a vast public and private financial interest in the extension of sales, is a policy based either upon supidity or upon inhuman greed. Do either Chinese or Japanese interests require for the future a drugged people, short-lived and infecund, physically indolent and morally irresponsible? That is the kind of people who are being developed in the Nanking Area today by the Opium Suppression Bureau and by the heroin merchants of all types.

The Japanese, of course, would deny the charge that they are deliberately debauching the Chinese nation in order to subdue it, but Victor Hoo Chi-tsai, Chinese representative on the League of Nations Advisory Opium Committee, openly charged, a few weeks ago, that the Japanese were deliberately encouraging the opium habit in the regions of China now under their control, and Stuart Fuller, United States representative on the committee, at the same meeting said that the increase in addiction in the Japanese-controlled areas of China last year was so great that enormous quantities of Iranian opium had been imported. He added that the Mitsuvishi Company had received instructions from Tokyo to purchase more than 41,000 tons of opium from Iran to meet the demands in the Kuantung leased territory and that, in addition, nearly 240,000 tons were reported as being purchased this year by Manchoukuo. Mr. Fuller also stated that the Manchoukuo budget contemplated an increase of opium receipts from 71,045,200 yen in 1938 to 90,908,400 yen in 1939. These figures, he said, do not indicate that any serious effort is being made to eradicate the opium evil.—*Zion's Herald.*

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HOPE THAT TURNS THE TIDE

During the Sepoy rebellion in India, a large group of English men, women, and children fled to the garrison of Lucknow for protection against the bitter rage of those native Indian soldiers who had killed their officers, and were running amuck all over the country.

The Sepoys surrounded the town and settled down for a long seige. Day after day and week after week, the Britishers bore the unaccustomed heat of their confined quarters, the sickness and terror, and the slowly increasing danger from hunger and thirst, while they waited for reinforcements. They were confident in the hope that one of their messengers had gotten through with the news of their plight, but day after day and week after week passed by, without any sign of succor.

Things went from bad to worse in Lucknow. Death stalked in the midst. The carefully guarded food supplies gave out. But still the little garrison refused to surrender. After every reasonable hope was gone, they hoped on and held on, waiting for reinforcements and help.

In their company there was a young Scotswoman named Margaret. Early one morning she lifted her head and listened, her face shining with the glory of a great light. "Dinna ye hear it? Dinna ye hear it?" she cried. "The pipes o' Havelock sound!"

Nobody else heard the sound. Everybody thought the girl was delirious as so many others had become in that fever-stricken hole. And yet, with renewed hope, they took courage and waited eagerly to see if Margaret could be right. Nearer and nearer came the reinforcements. Louder and louder sounded the pipes, until, at last, all heard them—the bagpipes of Havelock's highlanders which only the keen, accustomed ear of Margaret had recognized at first. Their hope was rewarded, the garrison at Lucknow was saved.

Such is the sustaining, transforming power of hope, one of the three enduring gifts which God has granted to man. How often it has stemmed defeat and death and turned the tide of victory, all down the years! As long as men have hope, they have courage to fight on. When hope is gone, all else is dead.

It was a marvelous thing, then, which God did for the sons of Adam, back there in the beginning of the race, when he made the first promise of the Saviour which gave them hope. All down the years, that promise, many times renewed, sustained the Hebrew people and gave them courage to go on in their darkest hours. No matter how hard their lot, they look forward to the coming of the Promised One and found that hope turned the tide.—*Willie Jean Stewart.*

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We have got no government in Washington, and we have got no government in some of the states, because government has surrendered to mob violence.—*Senator Glass.*

A PLEASANT EXPERIENCE

On the morning of the thirteenth of June, Mrs. Bethea and I left Asheville for a trip across the state to Ocracoke. While it is nearly six hundred miles, that did not seem long compared with our journey across the continent this year when we went to California.

Stopping in Statesville that morning we picked up Brother and Mrs. Cowan, as they had come from the Pastor's Conference to visit among his people. We had a pleasant stop in Greensboro for lunch and there we were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kirkman and little daughter, Joan. We made Brinkleyville for the first night, our party driving up there between the parsonage with Brother Howard, my wife and I staying over with our daughter, Mrs. Wilcox. Wednesday morning we were up with the lark, eating breakfast in Rocky Mount. We reached Atlantic in time to catch the boat, Aleta, for Ocracoke. It was a fine day for a water trip and all the party were happy in making the voyage without any one getting sick.

Landing at five in the afternoon, we were glad to find that the neighbors, the good women of the church, had supper prepared at the parsonage, and from there we went to the church to begin the revival which followed.

The services were held in what was the M. E. Church, South. That is where they have their preaching services, while the Sunday school sessions are held in what was the M. E. Church.

The services were interesting from the beginning. Cottage prayer meetings had been held in advance, thus getting the folks ready for what followed. The attendance was good throughout the meeting, and it was a pleasure to preach to them. Practically all the folks from both churches are cooperating in the union that has taken place in these two churches. There are about six hundred people on the island and about half of them belong to this united church. I suppose all are familiar with the way it came about of getting a former Methodist Protestant pastor. The leaders in both churches thought that was the wise thing to do, and it has proven so; for Mr. and Mrs. Cowan are doing a fine work there. The folks speak so well of his preaching and the effective work his wife is doing among the women. Surely it is a fine example of what can be done with three denominations joining into one when they have a mind to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirkman proved to be good helpers in the meeting as they worked with the young people and Mrs. Kirkman added much in solo work with her splendid voice.

They have a fine Sunday school there with an attendance of nearly two hundred. And from these young people there were several professions. There were nineteen names given for church membership for the following Sunday, the meeting closing on Wednesday evening, June 24th.

This was a great experience, and we thank Brother Cowan and his people for giving us the privilege of working with them. It was a new thing to have the opportunity of helping to get two churches together as they are there.

Ocracoke Island is being called the Bermuda of the United States, and from what is being planned now to take that into the great National Park by the Federal Government, with fishing, bathing and many other attractions, it bids fair to be a place where many more visitors than are now going will be found in al lseasons of the year; and the people are as hospitable as can be found anywhere, and it was a great pleasure to visit in their homes, many of which were as fine as any homes to be found on the mainland.

One place in particular where we took a meal had everything nautical. You could go in no part of this spacious home without seeing something that reminded one of the sea.

God bless the pastor and leaders in this great work down there, for we feel as they work together for the advancement of the Kingdom of God with the advancement they are making in a material way, much will be accomplished of which North Carolina will be proud in the days that are to come.

Thank you again, Brother Cowan, for this invitation.

N. G. Bethea.

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C. P. Morris, *Pastor.*

OUR STORY PAGE

MASCOT OF BOULDER DAM, RETIRED

By GRACE BERNARD

"Nig" is not a friendly dog, nor is he especially handsome. He's old and half blind, and if he ever meant to be a German Shepherd, his chances were spoiled when some unthinking person cropped his black ears short. Still, Nig maintains a dignity and aloofness unusual to a dog on the loose. For nowhere in Boulder City is there anyone who claims to own this strange old fellow.

Nig shuns all tourists, and any amiable overtures or offering of food at the hands of an "outsider" leaves him totally unmoved. But between him and the few remaining government workers around Boulder City, there seems to be a kinship—a feeling of fraternity.

What connection had Nig to that army of workers who erected the most massive piece of engineering in our modern times—the great Boulder Dam? What part could a mere dog have played in the erecting of that 726-foot steel and concrete barrier across Black Canyon, which impounds the waters of the great Colorado River, some thirty miles southeast of Las Vegas, Nevada?

Each day this veteran dog waits by a stop sign where the main highways leads to Boulder Dam, seven miles away. He looks up expectantly at any government worker passing by, and sometimes those clipped ears of his flicker slightly before he settles back in a resigned attitude.

A gleaming inscription on his collar reads, "Boulder Dam Mascot," and we guess that his job as companion and friend to hundreds of workers is now done. There are just a few of the khaki clad boys left to handle the visitors.

One of them gave us Nig's story.

"We met Nig about the time construction of Boulder Dam began, around in June, 1931. Some say that his master was killed while doing dangerous preparatory work for the Dam, but anyway here was this big black dog at the corner one morning, just begging to be taken along on the truck. We took him up to the Dam site, and all that day he looked and sniffed around as though looking for someone.

"We tried to make friends with him, but he wasn't ready for that just yet.

"Next morning, here he was again right at this stop sign, and we never could turn him down after that.

"Finally, it seemed like Nig realized that there was work to be done, and he stopped his moping and began to notice what was going on. He got interested in what the boys were doing, and all workers won his respect.

"Someone got the idea of packing his lunch, and he'd carry it in his mouth and put it away where the fellows put theirs. Then he'd get it out when it was time to eat, just like the rest of us.

"We soon made him our mascot, and chipped in to buy this collar for him. He deserved the name of mascot if ever a dog did, for he was on the job all of the time. He'd check out with one crew and ride back into Boulder City. Then he'd hop on the truck there with the fresh crew and check in again at the Dam. He made every shift.

"Nig thought he had to supervise each phase of the construction work. He'd even ride the lifts and never bat an eye when they swung up hundreds of feet.

Nig's former co-worker rubbed the dog's black head musingly. "You're through now, old fella. But don't think that a one of us will ever forget you"

Turning to me, he brought Nig's story up to date.

"Nig's not allowed up at the Dam anymore, with all the tourists around. Besides he's too old to hop on and off of trucks. Se we've sort of pensioned him off around here. He sleeps and eats in the back of the poolroom, and never wanders very far away from this last pick-up station. Too bad, Nig, old mascot, but we all become obsolete some day."

The proud dog continued to look off into space, and we were left to guess at his thoughts. He seemed to realize that he was "on the bench" for keeps now, but how could he know that we shall always remember him as a symbol of fortitude in a great land of endeavor and accomplishment? —*Our Dumb Animals.*

"DUKE" LIKES OLD HOME

By ERNEST E. VERNON

A coal-black Great Dane puppy, "Duke," owned by the Range West Kennels at Oldham, S. D., was recently taken to his new home at Schuyler, Nebraska, but memories of his old home in South Dakota were too vivid in his dog mind.

He leaped through a window and in five and one-half days he had covered more than 300 miles and was back in his former home in Oldham, averaging more than fifty miles a day. He was hale and hearty on his return but a bit thirsty, for he drank a gallon and a half of water but refused to eat before having a long sleep.

Although he was taken by automobile through Sioux Falls, Souix City, Omaha and Lincoln to Schuyler, he evidently passed around these cities on his return trip, for no one seems to have seen him pass through them.

Duke, whose full name is Duke von Reimthursen, is only 20 months old and weighed 176 pounds. He lost about 15 pounds on his return trip. He stands 33½ inches tall at his shoulders. Duke's father weighs 200 ponds. His mother is one of the finest Great Danes in the northwest and has won many prizes at dog shows in the country.—*Our Dumb Animals.*

The professor was trying to demonstrate a simple experiment in the generating of steam. "What have I in my hand?" he asked. "A tin can," came the answer in concert. "Very true—is the can an animate or an inanimate object?" "Inanimate." "Exactly. Now, can any boy or girl tell me how with this can it is possible to generate a surprising amount of speed and power almost beyond control?" One little fellow raised his right hand. "Tie it to a dog's tail." —*Border Cities Star.*

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LOOKING BACKWARD, THINKING FORWARD TO OUR IDEAS ABOUT JESUS

Talk No. 3

By MRS. FRED G. HOLLOWAY

A child's conception of Jesus is much more adequate for its religious development than a child's conception of God.

This is true because Jesus came in human form as a little baby. All babies are sweet, and all normal children love babies. So that, in the little Lord Jesus who laid His sweet head on the hay of the manger, is found an understandable object of love for little ones.

Further, the boyhood of Jesus, that is, the little factual knowledge that we have of it, seems to be an adequately inspiring idea of what a truly good child should be like. No child, of whom I have ever heard, has regarded Jesus as "goody-good," no matter how much He may have been held up as an ideally good boy.

Jesus' kindness and helpfulnes as a man endear Him to all, including children and youths.

But as I said in regard to our conception of God, ideas that are attractive when held by children may be insufficient in adults. So that grown-up Christians who conceive of Jesus ONLY as a lovely baby, an obedient boy, and a tender and helpful man, have, to say the least, a totally inadequate idea of the real Jesus.

We need, therefore, to look backward, to our own conception of Jesus, and then think forward toward making it more adequate for our adult needs.

First, we need to think carefully on the fact that Jesus is our most complete and perfect revelation of God.

Second, while Jesus reveals God's kindness, mercy and love, He just as clearly reveals God's keen sense of justice, love of truth, and displeasure at hypocrisy. We should not expect to find these latter ideas about Jesus as we look back into our childhood, but we need to think forward very purposefully indeed if they are not included in our present portrait of Him.

Exactly what do we mean by the Christian revelation? With the help of the dictionary I made a definition for myself which, at least, suits my need, viz., "the Christian revelation is the act of disclosing AND discovering the truth pertaining to God through Christ and His religion." I like especially about this definition the fact that revelation is partly a DISCLOSING on God's side, and partly a DISCOVERY by man. The truth about God and eternal things is revealed in many ways, some of which we mentioned in our last talk; but the truth is most clearly disclosed and discovered through Christ and His Way of life.

As in other revelations of God, the revelation of Christ is only to those with eyes to see. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." But not all received Him, nor have they yet. However, the revelation of God through Christ is not yet done, nor will it be, until He has been perfectly revealed to all His children everywhere.

I have heard expressed the theory that we need another revelation of God in this hectic world of today; that God ought again send His likeness among men to save them from their sins. To me this seems a foolish idea. And I found an excellent refutation for it in Dr. Roberts' book (previously mentioned), although the thought I shall quote is not used in the book in connection with the idea I have mentioned. Dr. Roberts says: "One of our difficulties in dealing with the gospel story is that we have sentimentalized it; and have forgotten that it is tragedy. If it be true that the Word became flesh, then we have to accept the fact that deity was born into this world in obscurity, lived in lowliness and poverty, and died in defeat. He came unto His own and His own received Him not. He was a stranger in His own creation. He had no place to lay His head in a world where foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests. He was homeless in the world He had made. In the kind of world men had made of it, for Him there was no standing room, no resting place, save in the homes of a few simple, devout folks. Nowhere in that civilization was there a place into which He fitted. In church and state He was an outsider; and at the end was treated as an enemy. Even among the rebels of this time He was not welcome. There was no society in which He was not an anomaly; and even they who knew and loved Him best did not understand Him. If He came to this world today, to any part of it, the STORY WOULD BE THE SAME STORY." This last sentence, to my mind, sums up the paragraph in an excellent refutation of the idea that by a new revelation in the flesh God could save the world.

No, we must not expect a new revelation, but we must make the tragedy and triumph of Jesus' life real to ourselves by living it over and over. The incarnation is as real as it ever was through the Holy Spirit. And we still have the choice of crucifying Jesus anew, or of making His life and death the means of saving our world.

We must make the gospel as real to ourselves as it was to a group of Chinese to whom a missionary was reading the first chapter of Romans, in which Paul tells of the dreadful moral conditions of his day. As the missionary read, one of the hearers jumped to his feet crying, "He is reading about us!" In some such way we must make ourselves a part of the gospel story as we read it.

We have come back in these latter years from the Jesus of theology to the Jesus of history. And it was time that we should. As one writer says, "It is always possible to lose a definite Jesus in a nebulous Christ."

But we can swing back too far the other way. We do not want to make Him only "a dear young preacher of Galilee," as Lewis Browne calls him; only knowing him after the flesh. As St. Paul says, "We must know him after the Spirit," too. God, through His spirit can alone give us the eyes to see Jesus —to see Him for all that God means Him to be to us.

To be able to say, "I believe Jesus is the Word made Flesh" is indeed something. But to be able to say, "I KNOW, within myself, however dimly, of what that statement means," is much, much more.

There is a difference between saying formally, "I believe," and in being able to say, "I really believe with all my heart." To illustrate this, I recall hearing the incident of a superintendent of a church school and his wife, whose only child had died a week before Easter. And yet, on Easter Sunday they were in their accustomed places in the church school; their faces grave, yet shining with a faith that was unquenchable. After the session a little boy walking home with his mother said suddenly, 'Mother, do we believe the Easter story?"

"Why, yes," she replied.

"But I mean, do we believe the part about dying and then living again?"

"Yes," she said again, "of course, we all believe it."

"But I don't mean THAT way," he persisted, "I mean do we REALLY believe it, like Mr. and Mrs. S—— do?"

How do we acquire this perception of the revelation of God through Jesus? Go to the Jesus of the gospels and LIVE with Him there.

Not long ago, I heard a Christian educator say that if parents and teachers would thoughtfully and imaginatively read the Sermon on the Mount every day, they would be able to transform the lives of the children committed to their care. And I believe that if Christians everywhere read the gospels thoughtfully and imaginatively every day the transformation in their own lives would be sufficient to transform the world, even in these troubled days.

Dr. Roberts says: "When you read them" (the gospels) "imaginatively and in a mood of devotion, something happens to your mind —a kind of penetration takes place—and one may fairly say in Paul's phrase that one is acquiring the mind of Christ. Which is another way of defining the supreme wisdom by which we recognize the eternal Word in Jesus. Jesus becomes for that man the mirror of God."

Far, far away in Bethlehem,
And years are long and dim
Since Mary held the Holy Child
And angels sang to Him.
But still to hearts where love and faith
Make room for Christ in them,
He comes again, the child from God,
To find His Bethlehem.

Beyond the sea in Galilee
And ways which Jesus trod,
And hidden there are those high hills
Where He communed with God:
Yet on the plains of common life
Through all the world of men,
The voice that once said, "Follow me,"
Speaks to our hearts again.

Gethsemane and Calvary
And death and bitter loss,
Are these but echoes drifting down
From a forgotten cross?
Nay, Lord, for all our living sins
The cross is lifted up,
And as of old we hear Thee say,
"Can ye too drink my cup?"

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

"RECREATION FOR ENRICHMENT"

Topic for July 9, 1939

By REV. RAYMOND W. WHITE

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, July 3—A wrestler spiritually rewarded. Gen. 32:24-30.

Tuesday, July 4—Godliness above bodily exercise. I Tim. 4:8.

Wednesday, July 5—Self-control, a Christian requisite. 1 Cor. 9:24-27.

Thursday, July 6—Separateness imperative to godliness. II Cor. 6:14-18.

Friday, July 7— The fight of faith. I Tim. 6:11-16.

Saturday, July 8—Jesus, the Example and the Goal. Heb. 12:1-2.

The Text: Col. 1:9-18; 3:17.

To the Leader

This topic is the first of a series of three on the general topic, "The Christian and His Leisure Time." These topics provide for more than a listing of possible amusements for young people. Beginning with a community survey, and using comparisons and standards of measurement based on positive effects, each Christian should come to grips with his own leisure-time program. This should lead to particular development in at least two fields, the church and the home.

This meeting should provide for an evaluation of the facilities for making use of leisure time in the community, noting those which have growth in character as an end and those which exist for financial or institutional profit. Discuss the many types of recreation which build up the participants and point out their disadvantages.

Questions for the Open Forum

1. What is the Christian's idea of recreation?
2. Of what value is recreation?
3. What do you consider wholesome recreation?
4. What do you mean by the enrichment of a life?
5. What factors contribute to the enrichment of one's life?
6. In what ways, if any, does recreation enrich a life?
7. What character traits should recreation foster?
8. What vital Christian standard should we apply to amusements?
9. What amusements are obviously un-Christian?
10. What outdoor study has helped you? How?
11. In what modern amusements would Jesus indulge?
12. What recreation does our society sponsor?

The Poet

I believe in the fellow that lives on the square,
That plays the game straight and tries to be fair,
That keeps himself clean in body and mind,
That does a good turn and seeks to be kind.
I strive to be like that as near as I can,
For Jesus, I think, was that kind of a man!
—Author unknown.

Little Gems

Innocent recreation will help me, but any pleasure impairing my moral and spiritual energy is wrong and should be avoided.—Prof. J. Agar Beet.

Cultivate health instead of treating disease, said Ruskin. Diseases are nearly one hundred per cent preventable.—H. M. Walters.

The man that does not study some phase of nature, botany, geology, and so on, is missing much joy in life.—James Marron.

The great danger is not that the Endeavorer will choose the bad as opposed to the good, but that he will be satisfied with the average instead of the best.—Carlton M. Sherwood.

Play a little, pray a little, be a little glad;
Rest a little, jest a little, if the heart be sad;
Spend a little, send a little to another door;
Give a little, live a little, love a little more.
—Anon.

A Work-Chart

The following chart may prove to be very interesting and profitable for the meeting. In the chart we find two columns. The first column represents rules for recreation, and the second column represents desired character traits. The first and second column are not matched. The first is in order but the second is to be matched to the first.

1. Working together	:	Skill.
2. Common interest	:	Self-respect.
3. Steadiness of mind	:	Fellowship.
4. Ardently attached	:	Balance.
5. Masterful technique	:	Fondness.
6. Considering others	:	Honesty
7. Regard character	:	Wholesomeness.
8. Good morals	:	Co-operation.
9. According to rules	:	Unselfishness.

Answers: Working Together equals Cooperation; Common Interest equals Fellowship; Steadiness of Mind equals Balance; Ardently Attached equals Fondness; Masterful Technique equals Skill; Considering Others equals Unselfishness; Regard Character equals Self-respect; Good Morals equals Wholesomeness; According to Rules equals Honesty. (Suggested by the C. E. Quarterly.)

Aims of Recreation for Character Development

1. Substitute participation for "looking on."
2. Substitute amateur recreation for commercial.
3. Substitute neighborhood recreation for centralized.
4. Substitute organized recreation for unorganized leisure.
5. Harmonize recreation with health, safety and economy.
6. Provide the greatest possible variety of recreational opportunities so that every one has a chance to do many new things.

—Suggested by The National Recreation Association.

Tests for Good Recreation

1. Is it recreational?
2. Is it social?
3. Is it educational?
4. Is it spiritual?
5. Is it practical?

—Lynn Rohrbough in "Handy."

Enrichment of Life Through Hobbies

1. Doing things—activity to exercise mind and body.
2. Making things—not so active, but developing an artistry.
3. Acquiring things—collecting curios with a wealth of tradition and history behind them.
4. Learning things—studying and exploring.

—Earnest Elmo Calkins, in "Care and Feeding of Hobby Horses."

Our Task: "Some day, when religious people take religion seriously, we shall have a society in which the production of amusements as well as the production of goods shall be on the principle of use rather than gain. When that time comes we shall have more fun than we do now. Until then we can look about us and search out those who are trying to provide us with amusements that build up and do not destroy, and we can relax with them."—Literary Digest.

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HOME-COMING AND MEMORIAL SERVICE AT CHESTNUT RIDGE

On Sunday, July 9, there will be an all-day home-coming and memorial service at Chestnut Ridge Methodist church (formerly Methodist Protestant church) located in the heart of Orange county, four miles south of Efland. Rev. J. D. Williams, D.D., of High Point, formerly of Orange county, will be the memorial service speaker at 11 o'clock. The afternoon service will be in the nature of a home-coming, and the speaker will be Rev. S. F. Nicks, of Cedar Grove. Many of the former pastors are expected to be back for the occasion, as well as non-resident members, former members who have moved out of the community, and friends. It is expected that at least several thousand people will be present.

Chestnut Ridge church is one of the oldest churches in Orange county, and for more than 100 years has been serving the surrounding community. The present building was erected in 1907 and is the third to be erected on the same site. In former years, camp meetings were held, with preaching under a large arbor. People came from all over the county to camp and join in the services. In 1881 the church entertained the N. C. Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. Many of the leading ministers in the conference have gone out from this church to become preachers in the conference, and one, Rev. J. F. Minnis, is now serving as a missionary in India. The church now has 319 members, many of whom are scattered over the state and do not get back but about once a year. A great concourse of people throughout the state and other states have relatives and friends in the large church cemetery.

Rev. C. P. Morris, the present pastor, will preside over the service, which will begin at 11 o'clock. Rev. Sidney Crumpton, of the Duke University School of Religion, will also be present and will teach in a one-week Bible school, beginning the following Monday morning.

The public is cordially invited to come and bring their dinner and enjoy the day together. CICERO H. JONES.

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FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Yarborough's Chapel, Yarborough's Charge.—Our church activities are moving along nicely. The attendance at Sunday school and church is increasing. Our pastor has filled all of his appointments since my last report with a new and more interesting message each time.

There has been a marked attendance in our young people's meeting also. Our programs have been interesting and are looked forward to each week by the young people. We have a social each quarter which is enjoyed by everyone.

We gave a Children's Day program the fourth Sunday night in June; it was a wonderful program, each child seemed so eager to do his humble part.

Our summer revival will begin the fifth Sunday in July. We pray that much will be accomplished for the advancement of God's Kingdom at this time, and we also ask for the prayers of you good Christian people.

Our third quarterly conference will be held the first Sunday in July at Tabernacle church (on Cross Anchor charge) where home-coming day will also be observed.

We ask an interest in the prayers of all those who want to see the Lord's work prosper; even as you shall ever be remembered in ours.

LUCILLE GOSSETT, Reporter.

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Christ Methodist Church, Henderson, Rev. T. J. Whitehead, Pastor, July 3.—It seems good to be back in old North Carolina, although it has been a pleasure to do the helpful things in another state.

The last Sunday in June was a red letter day for our church and Sunday school because it was the annual Children's Day. We are justly proud of our children and congratulate them and their faithful and efficient teachers who made it possible for them to present a most pleasing, interesting, and helpful program. In the absence of our pastor the 11 o'clock hour was given over to the children. A large number of friends were present to enjoy the program.

The evening worship was a fellowship service in which the members and friends of the Presbyterian, First Methodist, and Christ churches united. The service was held at the First Presbyterian church, with Rev. Mr. Whitehead bringing the message.

The first of the union services for the summer was held at the First Baptist church Sunday evening, and this service took the nature of a welcome to the new minister of that church, Rev. E. Norfleet Gardner, who preached the sermon.

The Philathea class sponsored a Chinese Checker party recently. Miss Agues Harris and Mr. Charles F. Tankersley, Jr., have been chosen as delegates to the Philathea-Baraca convention which will be held in Richmond, Va., July 12-16.

The Philathea class and Circle No. 4 will hold a joint meeting Thursday evening at the King's Daughters park. A picnic supper will be served.

The Auxiliary, the Circles, and Girls' Mission club have been meeting regularly with a splendid attendance.

Rev. and Mrs. Whitehead and a group of our young people spent last week at High Point College, where they attended the 18th annual Leadership School for the young people of the former Methodist Protestant conference, statewide in its scope. Rev. Mr. Whitehead is president of the Conference Council.

Mr. R. G. Kittrell taught the men's Bible class last Sunday.

Quite a number of our boys and girls attended the World's Fair recently, and with the Henderson High School Band participated in the exercises of North Carolina Day. C. L. Finch, Jr., and Billy Hight are members of the band.

We are glad to have with us for the summer so many of our young friends who have been attending college and teaching in this and other states.

Our pastor reminded us Sunday that the annual conference would be held October 18, and there was much to be done between now and then.

ANNIE C. LASHLEY.

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Canaan-Denton-Mt. Ebal—On the second Sunday of June the annual home-coming service at Canaan was observed. Quite a number of those who had once worshiped here but now live elsewhere returned for the day. Among these were Rev. Atlas Ridge and family, and Rev. C. E. Ridge and family. Special music was furnished by the Ridge brothers, C. E. and Ira, and the Central Carolina quartet of Asheboro. This is an annual affair with this church and is always one of great pleasure and profit. We always look forward to the home-coming service. Dinner is always served in picnic style, and these Canaan people certainly know how to prepare a great dinner, and then they know how to enjoy the eating thereof.

The Denton church has just closed its Vacation Bible School which was really an achievement. The attendance was fine, running from 60 to 65 each day. The children all took great interest in the work. They learned much about the Bible and did some very interesting work in the industrial line. Mrs. Arthur Lanier was the principal of the school and deserves much credit for its success. There were ten teachcers and helpers, and each of them deserves credit for doing fine work.

The Mt. Ebal church building has recently been recovered and a new brick flue built. This church, because of certain conditions, has been so depleted that regular services are no longer held, but there are those who so love the church and its rich history that they are determined that it shall be cared for and so kept that when there are special occasions there will be a place, comfortable and attractive. Mt. Ebal church has meant a great deal to this community.

A class of Oxford orphans gave a concert in our town on Saturday night, June 17, and attended our church on the next day. They rendered some beautiful numbers which added very much to our worship service.

Mr. and Mrs. James Massey of Bristol, Tenn., worshiped with us on last Sunday. This fine young couple were recently married in the Denton church in one of the most beautiful marriage services ever in our midst. The decorations were beautiful and the house was crowded. They immediately went to Bristol where Mr. Massey is in business. Mr. Massey is the son of Mr. J. J. Massey of Pleasant Hill, N. C. Mrs. Massey is the daughter of Mrs. Wade Hill of Denton. They are both graduates of High Point College, and are most excellent young people. We wish for them a long and happy journey through life.

GEO. L. CURRY.

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Fountain Place, Burlington, Rev. R. E. L. Moser, Pastor, July 3.—Sunday, June 18, was Children's Day at Fountain Place. The children of the Sunday school gave a very interesting program. Mrs. Dewey Hargrove, Miss Deloris Nicholson, and Mrs. Aubrey Amick trained the children.

The Ladies' Auxiliary held its June meeting with Miss Emma Baldwin with a large number attending. Mrs. Dewey Hargrove conducted the devotions, and Mrs. M. P. Nicholson gave interesting news of the mission fields gleaned from the Missionary Record. In recent months the Woman's Auxiliary has had increased attendance, and of course this means greater interest.

The Junior Christian Endeavor society under the leadership of Mrs. Aubrey Amick is having interesting prayer meetings. Each Sunday night after the regular program the superintendent tells a Bible story, the series having begun with the story of the Creation. In this way the Juniors hope to go through the Bible.

On Sunday, June 25, the Senior Christian Endeavor society held a devotional service at the county jail. Miss Deloris Nicholson, society president, was leader for this service. A good number of the Christian Endeavor members attended this meeting. This society too is doing good work.

Three of our young people, Misses Ruby Greeson, Maxine Nicholson, and Bessie Fo-

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gleman, attended the Leadership Education School at High Point last week. They expect to give the church a report of this school soon.

Our pastor brings us a splendid message each Sunday morning. We regret to report the illness of Pastor Moser's father and hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Egbert Greeson has been in the local hosptial for about two weeks following a serious operation. Her condition is much improved and she expects to return to her home in a few days.

A number of Fountain Place members attended a recent Methodist Rally held at Front Street Methodist church, Burlington.

MRS. A. V. AMICK, Reporter.

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Mountain Valley, Democrat Charge, W. C. Clark, Pastor.—As I have not sent a report from Mountain Valley lately, I will try to make a short report.

As the church building has been torn down and moved in the last year, we have organized Sunday school and are having a good attendance. People of all denominations seem to be taking an interest, and things appear to be moving along nicely; although it seems our pastor has just about forsaken us since conference, as he has only preached five times.

We ask the prayers of all the Christians that we may continue to build and grow in our church.

REPORTER.

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Bethany Church, Randolph Charge, Rev. H. L. Isley, Pastor.—The Children's Day program was well attended Sunday night.

The annual revival meeting will start the third Sunday in July. Rev. Mr. Shelton, pastor of Saint Paul church in Greensboro, will be the pulpit help. There will be an all-day service on Sunday and services of afternoons and nights throughout the week. Everyone is cordially invited to come and worship with us.

We were glad to see Mr. D. T. Gaster back at Sunday school Sunday, after being absent for a few Sundays on account of poor health. For 30 years Mr. Gaster was superintendent of our Sunday school.

Miss Lois Caudle and Miss Alese Julian returned to their homes Saturday after spending the week at the Leadership Training School in High Point.

The Helpers' class held their June meeting at the home of Mrs. Carl Redmond June 24. They will meet this month with Miss Gladys Pugh the fifth Saturday in July.

The Christian Endeavor society elected the following new officers: Richard Garner, president; Lois Caudle, secretary, and Doris Wood, assistant secretary and treasurer. Miss Ruby Johnson will be in charge of Sunday night's program.

Mrs. Clarence Baldwin is much improved after an illness of several months, and was able to attend preaching services Sunday.

DORIS WOOD, Reporter.

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Cedar Falls S. S., Richland	11.60
China Grove S. S.	3.81
Clark's Chapel S. S., Weaverville	1.00
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Belmont S. S., Mt. Hermon	10.00
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Rehoboth, Granville	10.00
Central S. S. Asheboro	40.00
Mt. Pleasant, North Davidson	1.50

Anniversary Offerings

Bessemer City	$ 6.00
Bethesda S. S., Halifax	2.00
Mrs. B. K. Taylor, Lineberry, Davidson	1.00
Misses Della and Nettie Taylor, Pine Hill, Davidson	1.00
Hickory Ridge, Forsyth	6.00
Mrs. T. F. Humphreys, Bethany, Flat Rock	1.00
Hope, Siler City	10.00
Asheville	4.00
Shady Grove, near Greensboro, sent by Rev. W. F. Ashburn	5.00
Total this week	$ 36.00
Previously reported	1,187.28
Total	$1,223.28

Clothing and Other Gifts

David McCollum, Reidsville, 2 pair white pants.

Mrs. E. S. Welborne, Mt. Pleasant, North Davidson, 2,000 collard plants and 500 tomato plants.

Mrs. Mabel W. Russell, High Point, 4 ice pans for refrigerator.

We are thankful to all who have contributed in any way to the above report, and we are thankful to all who joined in the effort to make the anniversary day a success, and the anniversary gift a worth-while one. The offering for the day is a great help in meeting present day obligations. We thank you.

Many did not respond at all with an offering. We are still hoping they will.

Four months from now conference will be over and all of us will be working under new conditions. Please help us to meet the annual conference with all current bills paid.

The dear Lord bless and prosper all of you in material things, and especially in all your services for Him.

Yours in His service.
A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

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THE POET

Once when my heart was passion-free
  To learn of things divine,
The soul of nature suddenly
  Outpoured itself in mine.

I held the secrets of the deep,
  And of the heavens above;
I know the harmonies of sleep,
  The mysteries of love.

And for a moment's interval
  The earth, the sky, the sea—
My soul encompassed, each and all,
  As now they compass me.

To one in all, to all in one—
  Since Love the work began—
Life's ever widening circles run,
  Revealing God and man.

—John Banister Tabb.

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ACCIDENTAL DEATHS

Last year one person died of accidental injuries every 5 minutes—a total of 111,000 deaths. Accidents in the home caused the greatest number of fatalities, 39,000; autos were second, with 37,500.

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Success in Business

Success or failure in business is caused more by mental attitude than by mental capacity.—Walter Dill Scott.

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A man's wife may agree with him when he says, "I have enough insurance"; but widowhood often changes her mind.

Hot Weather is Here—
Beware of Biliousness!

Have you ever noticed that in very hot weather your organs of digestion and elimination seem to become torpid or lazy? Your food sours, forms gas, causes belching, heartburn, and a feeling of restlessness and irritability. Perhaps you may have sick headache, nausea and dizziness or blind spells on suddenly rising. Your tongue may be coated, your complexion bilious and your bowel actions sluggish or insufficient.

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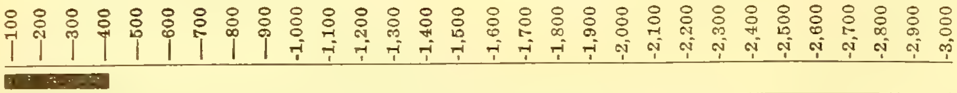

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Spring Church	35	7¾	....
Tabernacle	40	12	2.10
Thomasville, Community	18	5¼	....
Thomasville, First	25	9½	*5.00
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Oh life that seems so long ago
And yet is ever new,
The fellowship of love with Thee
Through all the years is true.
Oh Master over death and time,
Reveal Thyself, we pray,
And, as before, amongst Thine own
So dwell with us today.

—"The Continuing Christ," by
W. R. Bowie.

HOME-COMING DAY

Chestnut Ride, Orange charge, will observe home-coming and memorial day Sunday, July 9, 1939. The morning service will begin at 11 o'clock, followed by picnic lunch on the grounds. Following lunch, memorial service will be held for Rev. D. W. Thompson, a Methodist minister, who is buried in the church cemetery. The public is cordially invited to come and bring a basket.

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The Second Phase of Methodist Unification

Notwithstanding the success of the Uniting Conference where the plans for unification were set up and the spirit of cooperation of the delegates was so manifestly fine, let us not conclude that the churches are all united as the tumult and the shouting dies; for it is now time for the local leaders and pastors to perform their tasks, beginning where the delegates at the Uniting Conference concluded.

The local churches are to be merged in several communities; new circuit boundaries are to be formed where this is done so that the pastors shall have adequate support and the churches have adequate pastoral supply. Several of our boards and institutions are to be coordinated, and the method of the maintenance of the Children's Home is to be agreed upon; the M. P. Herald with its interests is to be taken care of. And that these tasks are by no means lilliputian those who perform them will discover. Those who accomplish this second phase of Methodist unification therefore, will surely need infinite patience, great wisdom, the diplomacy of mighty statesmen and the abounding grace of God.

We doubt the wisdom of much agitation by anyone. But a frank discussion of the situations as they now are and of what they may be ought ever to be in order. Let us ever remember that we Methodist Protestants are not being absorbed by one or two churches larger than ours. It is a union of Methodism that still faces us. And in this union the forms in many instances are not yet set. While we shall be guided by certain general principles, the techniques by which these changes shall be determined must be agreed upon by the participants. We most assuredly will often find it difficult to merge two local Methodist Churches, not because they should not be merged, but rather because of the attitudes of the members of the churches and the pastoral supply which they shall require when the mergers are completed. It may be some time before we forget that we came out of the M. P. Church, and forget the policies and methods employed by that Church, and it may require more readjustment than some shall be ready to make in the first deal. We greatly fear what may result from an impatient leadership in either group. The Conference authorities are trying to preserve the conference standing of the pastors—that none be demoted. So it is noised abroad that former M. P. Churches may expect former M. P. preachers from the approaching conference. However we have heard it stated that this plan will simply continue the suspense now in the minds of many and may create unrest instead of satisfaction. There is a feeling in the minds of some former M. P. pastors that the sooner there be a general inter-change of pastors of the former M. E., M. E. South and M. P. Churches, the more speedily will union progress. The objection urged against this, and the only objection we have heard, is because the salaries paid by former M. E. and M. P. Churches are so much lower than those paid by the M. E. Churches South, it would be tantamount to demoting those pastors assigned to churches where the salaries are lower. Therefore, it is urged that more time be given so that the churches paying lower salaries may be lifted into higher brackets. There is also the destiny of the Children's Home at High Point yet to be determined. Some there be who would discontinue it; doing it gradually, of course. Others want to see it continued under the care of the Methodist Church. What shall be done with the M. P. Herald and how it shall be done, is yet to be decided, etc. No, we are by no means fully united, therefore let us be patient, prayerful, perservering and always participating with those who seek the final consummation so splendidly begun.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Not Able To Write Last Week

What seemed to be a severe case of summer flu, attacking me rather suddenly on Monday of last week kept me from writing my weekly letter to the HERALD and prevented my attendance at two Trustees meeting, that of the Children's Home and of High Point College and kept me from going to State Street on Wednesday night as well as cancelling my appointments on the Mt. Pleasant charge for Sunday. But I am hoping these unpleasant experiences are about over and that from now on I may not be hindered.

Our Mid-Year Meeting

It is now too late for me to give any further publicity concerning our Mid-Year Meeting at Thomasville tomorrow to reach our people before the meeting convenes and too early to tell anything about what happened at the meeting. I will say, however, that Bishop James H. Straughn was invited to attend but had another engagement for that time and could not accept. We are hoping, however, to have Bishop Straughn in North Carolina to help us handle some of our problems before very long.

What Has Been Done Financially

In order that we might know just what we had done financially this year I wrote Treasurer Allen for certain information and here are the facts. They speak for themselves: Amount raised for World Service, $8.563.16; amount raised on Annual Conference Expenses, $1,058.04; amount raised for High Point College, $444.64; amount raised for Church Extension, $250.90; amount raised for Delegates' Expenses to Uniting Conference, $1,342.91. Those who will study these figures will observe that in some things we have done better than usual and in others poorer than usual. On World Service and Delegates' Expenses we made a fairly good showing and especially so on the latter, while in the case of the other interests there remains much to be done.

A Sunday Morning At Randleman

Sunday morning, July 2, was spent with Mt. Lebanon Church at Randleman, Rev. C. L. Spencer, pastor. This was my first time to preach to this congregation since I was elected president of the conference although I had held a quarterly conference there last year. This is one of our more mature churches. It is situated on top of a rather high hill across Deep River from the main part of the city. Those going to this church from the direction of Greensboro find the going comparatively easy but those going from Randleman proper have a right good climb to get to the church. The congregations here are not large but there are some very faithful ones in this church. Recently some Sunday school rooms have been made in the basement of the church and this adds considerably to the usefulness of the plant. The building is kept in good repair and shrubbery has been planted on the grounds in recent years which adds considerably to the attractiveness of the place. This is Brother Spencer's second year with this people and he seems to be doing his part well. Mrs. Spencer also is a good worker and the two do good team work. It was a pleasure to be with them in the morning service and in the parsonage at the noon hour. The parsonage is a reasonably good building with modern conveniences. The pastor's family is carefully looked after by the women of the church from time to time.

Appointments

Sunday, July 16th, 11:00 a. m. Clark's Chapel on the Weaverville Charge; 8:00 p. m. Asheville.

Sunday, July 23, 11:00 a. m. Concord, Quarterly Conference in the afternoon. J. E. PRITCHARD.

TO METHODIST VISITORS

The ability of New York to absorb the hundreds of thousands who are expected to crowd the metropolis during July and August remains open to some question, according to experts on such matters. And because of that fact the famed Actors' Church—Union Methodist—has added still another function to its unique list of services.

The church, of which the Rev. C. Everett Wagner is minister, has long been a focal point for visitors, due to its situation in the Times Square area. Now the information bureau has expanded its activities to render aid in finding accommodations of any sort, and in making reservations for visitors. The reservations may be made in hotels, private homes, rooming houses or church club residences, upon deposit of one day's rent in advance. In hotels, rates will vary between $2.50 and $3.50 per person, while homes and rooming houses will average $1.50 per person.

The church, located on the edge of the Great White Way, is continuing its regular information service as to trips about the city, economies in sightseeing and eating places, and shopping advice. Its World's Fair experts have accumulated a mass of data concerning the big show, and are ready to serve any visitor with all possible information.

Inquiries or reservations should be addressed to the Union Methodist Church at 229 West 48th Street, New York.

MORBUS SABBATICUS OR SUNDAY SICKNESS

1. The symptoms vary, but it interferes with the appetite.
2. It never lasts more than twenty-four hours.
3. No physician is ever called.
4. It is likely to prove fatal in the end—to the soul.
5. It is becoming fearfully prevalent, and is destroying thousands every years.

The attack comes on suddenly on Sunday; no symptoms are felt on Saturday night; the patient sleeps well; eats a hearty breakfast, but about church time the attack comes on and continues until services are over for the morning. Then the patient feels easy and eats a hearty dinner. In the afternoon he is able to take a walk or read the Sunday papers; he eats a hearty supper, but about church time he has another attack and stays at home. He retires early, sleeps well and wakes up Monday morning refreshed and able to go to work and does not have any symptoms of the disease until the following Sunday.

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A Message In Verse

"Thou hast sent the trackless winds
Loose upon their way;
Thou has reared a colored wall
'Twixt the night and day.

Thou hast made the flowers to bloom
And the stars to shine,
Hid rare gems of richest ore
In the tunnelled mine.

But chief of all Thy wondrous works,
Supreme of all Thy plan,
Thou has put an upward reach
In the heart of man."

—*Harry Kemp.*

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Be slow to fall into friendship, but when thou art in, continue firm and constant.—*Socrates.*

God is glorified not by our groans, but our thanksgivings; and all good thoughts and good action claim a natural alliance with good cheer.—*Bishop Whipple.*

I have sowed many a seed that fell on stony ground and was devoured by the birds but I have held in my arms enough golden sheaves to make me forever believe in the struggle and to make me keep on fighting.—*Dr. J. M. Rowland.*

We appreciate the prompt payments of subsidies. It is by such cooperation as this that the HERALD is able to run. Do not forget that the date on the label of your HERALD is our reminder of the expiration of your paper.

Dr. N. G. Bethea goes on the air again at Asheville, Monday, July 17 to Friday, July 21st.

They are very unwise who neglect their church, who permit other interests to come between them and daily prayer. For "It is not by might nor by power but by My Spirit, saith the Lord." The frustrated hopes which cast their shadows before us and darken our way are to find their rejuvenation by the Spirit of God. The absentee from the worship service loses his sense of the presence of the Lord and soon finds himself among the doubters of the reality of religion.

These are very busy days for many pastors. The revival season is getting underway in the rural church; the Daily Vacation Bible school is being held in both the rural and urban community, activities in which the pastor must take the lead. But when was it that a zealous pastor did not have much more on his hands to do than it looked like an ordinary mortal could do?

We were about to decide that such species of fraud as circulating letters claiming to have been written by our Lord and imposing upon those who failed to copy and send on to another some clamity as punishments for that failure was at an end, but not so. This week's mail brought one such. Superstition dies hard because ignorance its mother is not easy to destroy. Any Christian who knows his Bible and reads such letters can sense at once that our Lord would never have written a letter of this type, neither would He have imposed upon the reader the task of transcribing the thing that it might be sent to another.

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Listening To God

Among the facts which stand out in the Bible too plain to be overlooked is that God speaks His mind to His own. The records of these occasions when the Lord spoke to me appear as though they were regarded as mere commonplaces at the times they occurred. Adam did not seem at all surprised that God spoke to him, nor Noah, nor Enoch, nor Abraham, nor Moses, nor Isaiah and others. The content of the message many times surprised them or made them unhappy, but there appears to have been a feeling that God could and would speak to men. And so the writer of songs have used this practice of Jehovah to impress upon us that we should be ready to listen, a thing it is not always easy to do. How impressively these lines remind us of the need for listening:

"Lord, speak to me that I may speak
In living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children lost and lone.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things Thou dost impart;
And wing my words that they may reach
The hidden depth of many a heart."

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SOME MUSTS

This is the day of "must" legislation and in keeping with the times, here are a few "musts" from the preacher:

He must distinguish between prejudice and principle.
He must not accept remuneration without work.
He must not mistake motion for progress.
He must not mistake knowledge for character.
He must distinguish between faith and superstition.
He must not professionalize, but humanize his ministry.
He must not encourage worship without sacrifice.
He must not mistake emotionalism for spirituality.
He must not mistake soliloquy for prayer.
He must not confuse presumption and faith.
He must be a voice and not an echo.—*C. B. Miller* in *Alabama Baptist.*

WHERE ARE THE "COMMON PEOPLE"?

By GEORGE Q. FENN

Pastor, Chandler, Oklahoma

It is recorded of the Master that "the common people heard Him gladly." It has been recorded of the people called Methodists that "the common people flock to their meetings," but that can hardly be current history.

While attendance in many churches has been declining, there has been a large increase in the number of people who attend the services of the so-called "off-brand," or smaller, and newer groups, which we describe as "fanatic," "erratic," "extremely emotional" and "holy roller." The present writer is unwilling to accept any superficial explanation or invented alibi as the reason for these conditions. There must be some real explanation of this situation.

I stood at the vestibule entrance of a well equipped, modern church building and counted 122 junior and intermediate pupils leaving at the close of the Sunday school period. When asked why they did not remain for the worship service, they said: "Why should we? We've already been to church," and the fact that we had actually created a competitor for the regular services of the church stared me in the face.

We chanced to camp one night in a village where members of one of the smaller sects were conducting a revival in a tabernacle. We improved the opportunity to listen, on the outside, for there was no room inside. The preacher did not speak exceptionally good English, but the people seemed absorbed in what he said. When the altar call was made, there was a generous response, not accompanied by any unusual demonstation of an emotional nature. On another occasion four "off-brand" groups were visited in one day and evening, in each of which very plain language was used by the speaker, and there were some rather extreme emotional demonstrations.

Self-discipline and control seem to be results of higher learning, while persons denied the privileges of education are moved to action almost wholly by their emotions. Very few preachers in the older denominations, at the present time, pay much attention to the emotional appeal while, among those groups which have been making marked gains, much is made of it.

One Sunday mornnig the writer was preaching in a neatly built brick church, to a congregation of people above the average in intellectual attainments. They were as wholesome and kind-hearted folk as we have had the privilege of meeting. They would have been glad to welcome a stranger if they had had a chance, but one stepped inside, halted near the door, looked the congregation over, looked at his own clothing which was clean and neat, though cheap, turned and walked out. A few days later when this man was invited to return he replied, "I thought the folks here wouldn't be so well dressed that they would make me ashamed of my clothes, but I found I was mistaken, and, since I was wearing the best clothing I had, I don't think I will come back." The next week he was seen entering heartily into the services at "The Tabernacle," made of rough lumber, attended by people who, for the most part, had no clothes to wear except those which they wore at their work.

Shall we tell our people not to wear their good clothes to church? Maybe not, but one thing is sure, from bishops to house servants, we will have to dress less expensively if we expect the needy of our communities to attend our services. How do I know? I've been told so dozens of times by people who used to attend our services, but who can't afford good clothes any more. It won't do any good to say, "Anything good enough for school is good enough for church." They don't think so.

Again, and having been the pastor when and where one of the most beautiful churches of my conference was built, I approach this matter with no small hesitation. We have in recent years built up a great architectural barrier between our churches and the common people.

I am well aware of the arguments, but, in the town where I am now pastor, as the older denominations have built finer churches, the people who are content with the plainer type build more, and the people attend them. People who are accustomed to live in plain, poorly built houses do not feel at home in a finely built brick or stone church, with art glass windows in the walls and plush carpets on the floors.

One prominent preacher of a well attended church, when asked why his denomination had so few really good church buildings replied, "We prefer to have plainer churches because it gives us more money to spend in evangelistic and missionary enterprises." Maybe there's a hint in that for other folk too.

But here's the situation which breaks my heart. Our Methodism went into a hill country and created a hunger for the gospel we were preaching, among the nearest to pure Anglo-Saxons on earth, and then went away from dozens of communities, leaving them hungry, but unfed. In nearly every such community the so-called "holy rollers" are the only people who are ministering to the religious needs of the people.

I am not now writing in a critical spirit, but in one of deepest humility, hoping that the use of these facts and conclusions may have some effect in the greater Methodism which is about to be, which will help us to lead people to Christ, train them in Christian service, and persuade them that the Sunday services of the church are not intended as occasions for dress parade, but rather as occasions for humble worship, that we may again follow the Wesleyan admonition that our places of worship shall be "decent and plain" rather than expensively ornate, and that there may be re-born in us such a passion for the lowly that we will be willing to use the difference in cost between expensive living, expensive dress, and expensive overbuilding of churches, in evangelistic and missionary enterprises in behalf of those who were in the Saviour's mind when He said, "And to the poor the gospel is preached."

Or, shall we turn wholly to the highly educated, and well-to-do?—*Pastor's Journal.*

Sunday School Lesson

By O. L. EASTER

REHOBOAM: A MAN WHO MADE A FOOLISH CHOICE

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, July 16

Lesson Text—I Kings 12:1-5; 12-17, 20.

Golden Text—"A man's pride shall bring him law."—Proverbs 29:23.

Shakespeare, who made it his purpose to know and reveal both the greatness and weakness of human lives, has this to say of the crisis of choice in one's life: "There is a tide in the affairs of men which taken at the flood, leads on to fortune." With our present study of Rehoboam we find him at this flood stage of his career: "And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to make him king." He faces the crest of the flood that offers to ride him to greatness and he vacillates for three days and thus lets the tide turn leaving him stranded upon the rocks of a foolish choice.

Rehoboam as the son of King Solomon had a promising background in making him a great king over Israel. It is true that his father had set forth a very bad example for his son to follow and the only advantage of his royal background was to be in the negative. That is, he could profit greatly by his father's mistakes if he would so choose. The people reasoned with him and pointed out to him that the presence of unrest in Israel was caused by the heavy yoke of his father's tyranny, and suggested that he reverse this condition by making the burden lighter. Thus they offered him success as a king, for they said, "Then we will serve thee." Torn between two powerful forces—a father's example and a nobler and higher ideal—Rehoboam stands in indecision for three days and throws open the gates of his heart to the advice of others in making his decision. Such a moment in any life is its greatest crisis, and its greatest privilege. God has so fixed his moral world that we must ultimately choose over destiny but gives us the chance to listen to the counsel of the "principalities and powers" of our spirits, so do we decide over fortune.

To every man there openeth
A way, and ways and a way,
And the high soul climbs the high way,
And the low soul gropes the low;
And in between, on the misty flats,
The rest drift to and fro.

But to every man there openeth
A high way and a low
And every man decideth
The one his soul shall go.
—*John Oxenham.*

The sad tragedy of Rehoboam's life was caused by his choosing the low road of his father. He had the privilege of seeing that Solomon's platform of government was unwise and self-damaging and had the opportunity to profit thereby. Mr. Romanes, who has specially studied the minds of animals, says that we may infer intelligence in an animal whenever we see it profit by its own experience. But it is the sign of a higher intelligence, the sign of human intelligence, that we are able to profit by the experience of others. Rehoboam then, left to the responsibility of using his powers of higher intelligence, went down in failure by ignoring the lessons of the past. This lesson is made pertinent by us in that the tendency of human nations still is to sin the sin of Rehoboam. History teems with warnings for man and nations and yet both are seen on every hand to be disregarding these solemn lessons. In the 49th chapter of the Book of Psalms David observes that the wicked know that "this their way is folly: yet their *posterity* approve their sayings." "Like sheep they are laid in the grave." This is painfully true of many lives. We seem to be able and anxious to profit by these lessons in our material history more readily than in our moral history. The secret of our marvelous scientific progress rest largely in our taking the known and by and through it discovering a bit more of the unknown. First, someone learns the principle of the wheel; then another builds a wagon on the principle of wheels. However, in the realm of moral progress man has been slow to utilize this procedure. Here with all our boasted "higher intelligence" we have often shown ourselves lower than the animals. Darwin tells us that animals learn from expereince, imitating the caution of each other, and no animal can be caught long in the same kind of trap. Some how in the realm of the spirit man is far less cautious. The devil keeps on using a few old smelly traps, reeking with the blood of ruined generations, and without hiding or changing them very much he is still making abundant hauls. God standing in the shadows hoping for a wise decision continues to lament: "I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel *doth not know,* my people *doth not consider.*"

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NO INTEREST

"I have no interest in missions," exclaimed a petulant young lady.

"No, dear," said her aunt, "you can hardly expect to."

"It is just like getting interest at the bank; you have to put in a little something first; and the more you put in —in time, or money, or prayer—the more the interest grows."

"But something you must put in, or you will never have any interest."—*Spirit of Missions.*

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Any doctrine on the subject of dying other than that of living well is the most insignificant and most empty of all labors of men.—*Steele.*

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Christianity has not failed. It is simply that nations have failed to try it. There would be no war in a God-directed world.—*Admiral Byrd.*

EXCERPTS FROM AN ADDRESS "FOR SUCH A DAY AS THIS"

By Rev. Jos. R. Sizoo

There is no form of government which so needs the leadership of the best as ours. In monarchy nobody needs intelligence except the king, and oftentimes the less the people know, the better for the king. In autocracy nobody needs intelligence except the sheriff or the executioner. In anarchy nobody has intelligence. But democracy is a form of government so high and so exalted that it requires a high level of intelligence to appreciate and a high standard of character to maintain. Yet many people suppose that democracy is the rule of the mediocre, a government which involves a leveling down process. Robert Ingersoll once said that a college is a place where pebbles are polished and diamonds are dimmed. I do not propose in this place to debate the correctness or error of that judgment, but I do know that in the current attitude toward democracy that same opinion all too often prevails. There are two kinds of democracy: There is a democracy of mud and there is a democracy of the stars. Ours is a democracy of the stars and it requires adventurous souls to maintain it. Unless we have the leadership of the best we are lost.

One of the grave perils of our generation is crowd-mindedness. An age that has gone in for mass production has come to the dreadful counterpart of mass thinking. We are content with the regimentation of ideas, cultivation of intellectual security, and the surrender of personality. Things have come to such a pass that it is no longer in good taste to advance an individual opinion. It is not patriotic. If you do not think with the majority, you are not a good citizen. The glamour of crowd-mindedness has us spellbound. We have learned to follow, not to think; to drift, not to swim. Everything is being standardized today, including thinking. Individual judgments are warped or obliterated by an avalanche of postcards, a wheelbarrow of telegrams, or the decree of a selfappointed Caesar. We are rubbing out the marks of selfdom. We are content to become passive copies of the current mind. We send up trial balloons to find out which way the wind is blowing and teach children accordingly. We want to know what public opinion is before we outline a course of instruction. The individual is terrorized by the majority and hypnotized by the state. We are afraid of the black mark of majority disapproval.

There is a sentence written of Jesus of Nazareth which always grips me. I cannot read it without a lump rising in my throat. It is this: "He dismissed the crowd." That is the hardest thing to do. We are unable today to live apart from crowd-mindedness. Public opinion haunts us like a vise and follows us like a shadow. Whether in the economic world there is room for regimentation I do not know, but in the realm of mind and spirit we cannot keep our selfrespect by goose-stepping. In a day of ready-to-wear clothing, predigested breakfast foods and philosophies, we need to remember that the first business of the teacher is the cultivation of the individual. The words of warning which Jesus raised to His disciples, "Come ye apart," have a strange significance for us. It is imperative to recall that before God gives a man a great task He always takes him away from the crowd. He sent Moses into the desert, Elijah into the Kedron, Jeremiah into the meadows of Anathoth, Amos to the plowed fields of Tekoa, Paul to Arabia, and Jesus to the wilderness.

It is time that we take fresh hold of the Magna Carta of Christianity's conception of personality. It is so easy to conform, but the test of civilization lies in its ability to create the individual and develop him as a person. A different world will never be a better world until that day comes.

> To thine own self be true,
> And it must follow, as the night the day,
> Thou canst not then be false to any man.

There is another contribution which education must make for such a day as this if a different world is to be a better world. The *second* objective of education is the integrating of the individual in a society. To personal initiative there must be added social responsibility. After all, *rugged* individualism must not degenerate into *ragged* individualism. It is all very well to talk about the philosophy of selfexpression; obey that impulse; let yourself go; but one is always thrown back upon the question, Have we a self worth expressing?

For this reason there is a word which holds increasing emphasis among us. Without that word we shall never come to a braver and better tomorrow. Without that word no cause in all the world is quite so hopeless as the cause of peace. It is the word *understanding*.

It is so easy to play the role of the Pharisee and, seeing a world bloody and broken lying by the wayside, to pass by on the other side. But you never solve problems by calling people names. We all accent different syllables. We are all mysteries to one another. One drop of dew, no matter how large, cannot hold all the glory of the morning sun. Because I have certain political, economic, and social convictions is no reason that other people should hold those same convictions. I may be right or they may be right. If I am right it is my duty to convert them, but I have no right to slander them or to shoot them. Among the Sioux Indians there prevailed in the days of the frontier a strange custom. If one of the tribe determined to travel for a little while in areas guarded by other tribes, always on the night before he left his camp the traveler would be required to sit with the chiefs of the Sioux tribe around a campfire and then before it fell back into gray ash he would be asked to arise and, silhoutted against the flames, would lift his prayer, "Great Spirit, help me never to judge another until I have walked two weeks in his moccasins." If only now and again in this world we could walk in one another's shoes, how much better would life be and how much more hopeful our tomorrow! The business of education is to create understanding.

Whatever else culture may do for you, always first it should make you sensitive to the needs of the world. To know all is to forgive all. Culture should always lead to compassion and the end of education is understanding. The purpose of knowledge is not to make one arrogant, but considerate; not calloused, but compassionate; not unconcerned, but understanding; not indifferent, but interested.

Bigotry and intolerance are always the inevitable earmarks of ignorance, while the first fruits of education are sympathy and understanding. Education may make you skeptical, but it can never make you cynical. A skeptic is a man who has lost faith in the power of truth. A cynic is a man who has lost faith in the power of virtue. A skeptic maintains it makes no difference what you believe, while a cynic affirms it makes no difference how you live. Education may make you skeptical, but never cynical. To know all is to forgive all. To talk about culture without compassion is like talking about a crooked-straight line.

There can be no true culture without the cultivation of selfreverence and selfrespect. Individuality must come to the fore. We must champion again the right of personal judgment and of personal initiative. Man is not a pawn in the lap of kings or a tool in the hands of political charlatans. Have you ever thought that to whatever God has given life, to that He has given individuality? There are millions of spring-tinted leaves in the forests of the hills about us, but every leaf differs from every other leaf in outline, texture, and color. A thousand stars shine out of a winter night sky, but every star differs from every other star in glory. So it is with personality. God casts each life into a different mold and when He has made that life, He breaks the mold. We are not born so much to conform as to bear witness to a fire that burns within us. Man is an individual inbreathed with purpose, endowed with genius, and enswathed with high adventure.

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SUCCESSFUL LEADERSHIP EDUCATION SCHOOL HELD

The eighteenth annual gathering of our young people was held at High Point College the last week in June, in the form of a Leadership Education School, with more than two hundred persons in attendance. The first of these youth gatherings was held under the direction of Rev. N. M. Harrison at Weaverville in 1921, and the one just closed under the leadership of Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, dean, may be the last.

All features of the gathering were up to the high standard of previous meetings. This is said with assurance since the writer has been in attendance, with one exception, to the last fifteen. In addition to the classes conducted in the First and Second Series courses, other features included discussion groups, morning addresses, evening programs, morning worship, free and directed recreation, a gala fellowship banquet, and personal conferences.

The morning worship services were very helpful—the message being brought out of the personal experience of the speaker on the general subject, ''The One Way In Which Christ Means Most To Me.'' The four morning speakers included Revs. J. Leo Pittard, Sidney R. Crumpton, Joseph F. Coble, and William M. Howard, Jr.

The morning addresses were built around the idea of youth adventures in ever widening fields of activity beginning with personal religion, and expanding through the church, society, into world affairs. The excellent messages on these topics were brought by Rev. T. J. Whitehead, Dr. J. E. Pritchard, Rev. J. Clay Madison, and Rabbi Fred I. Rypins, of Greensboro.

The time when young people really lay aside their timidity and begin to dig for reality comes when the discussion periods open. And did those young people enter into the discussions this year! For the first day the topic for discussion was ''Leisure Time and Recreation'' with Revs. J. T. Bowman and J. F. Coble as leaders. The following days Rev. Oscar L. Easter directed the exchange of ideas on ''Religious Problems of Youth,'' Rev. Jabus W. Braxton on ''Young Peoples' Relationships,'' and Rev. T. J. Whitehead the final day on ''Our Future Youth Program.''

The evening messages were stirring and educational. On Monday night Mr. Bowman and a group of young people from First Church, Thomasville, presented a very fine play. This was especially enjoyed. Then on Tuesday evening Rev. J. A. Vache, of Greensboro, delivered an excellent message to young people. Rev. W. E. Wisseman, also of Greensboro, brought a challenging message on Wednesday. Dr. F. L. Gibbs arrived Thursday and brought the message that night and directed the consecration and communion service Friday night. At the consecration service practically all our young people who had not already done so in previous meetings signed a life declaration card stating that they would, under God's guidance, not drift into life but choose their way.

Course credit awards this year were the highest for several years. Twenty-seven young people completed 54 credits in the First Series Courses, and 103 young people completed Second Series Courses. In addition to the credits received, twenty persons having qualified received the First Certificate of Progress, indicating that they had either attended two Leadership Education Schools or completed at least four First Series Courses, were actively engaged in their local church, and were practising some plan of private devotions. Those qualifying were Lula Pearson, Lillian Compton, Ralph Coltrane, Johnsie S. Curry, Mary Gene Falkner, Ethel L. Harrison, Florence Hightower, Lucy Lowdermilk, Virginia Massey, Waydene Morris, Carrie Tucker McFarland, Geraldine Rash, Wanona Rash, Melda Scarborough, Josephine Sykes, Philip Taylor, Glenna Teer, J. L. Trollinger, Annie Belle Wensil, and Sue Elaine White.

The banquet on Friday evening was a gala affair, presented in the likeness of a circus. The program opened with an ''animal'' parade and kept moving for most two hours with the five ring features, many of which were spontaneous and extemporary, adding zest and excitement to an already exciting evening. The banquet feature was planned and presented under the direction of Revs. J. W. Braxton, J. T. Bowman, and J. Elwood Carroll.

At the luncheon Tuesday the annual meeting of the Conference Council of Religious Education, under whose sponsorship the annual gathering is held, was conducted and officers for the coming year were chosen. All former officers were re-elected, which includes Rev. T. J. Whitehead, president, Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, vice-president, Rev. J. Clyde Auman, treasurer, and Mrs. E. Lester Ballard, secretary.

Other members of the Council as chosen by the Annual Conference include Rev. Jabus W. Braxton and Dr. P. E. Lindley.

Teachers in the courses offered included Revs. W. M. Howard, Jr., T. J. Whitehead, E. Lester Ballard, S. R. Crumpton, J. L. Trollinger, E. O. Peeler, Jabus W. Braxton, J. T. Bowman, Dr. T. M. Johnson, and Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll. Miss Elizabeth Booker ,of Greensboro, had charge of the books; Mrs. J. Millikan was counsellor for the young ladies, Mrs. C. L. Whitaker, dietician; J. Clyde Auman, business manager; Revs. J. T. Bowman, J. F. Coble, S. R. Crumpton, J. W .Braxton, counsellors for the young men and directors of recreation.

We are especially indebted to the Duke Endowment for sending us S. R. Crumpton, who took such an active and helpful part in the entire program. Plans for the future will be under the direction of the Board of Education of the Annual Conference of the new church.

A MINISTER'S INFLUENCE

By John R. Scotford, *New York City*

In the average parish the good pastor is remembered longer than the great preacher. His ministerial standing is a distinct asset to a man when he becomes pastor of a new church. Because he has been vouched for by his denomination, he is accorded a hearty welcome and finds awaiting him a group of people who wish to be his friends. Few newcomers enter a community with more prestige.

But the official position of a pastor is also a barrier between him and a host of people. He is regarded as one who has been "set apart." The popular supposition is that he is different from other men.

Occasionally a minister is tempted to rebel against the artificiality of many of his contacts. Jesus went about doing good without benefit of ecclesiastical standing, and thereby became the friend of publicans and sinners. Many a minister has wondered if he could not do more real good talking to the people in the market-place than preaching from a pulpit.

Unfortunately most of us lack the personal winsomeness of Jesus. Not many would give up their fishing to follow us. We may regard the institution of the church as a good deal of a nuisance, but it is through its organized life that we make most of our human contacts. One of the great justifications of the church is that it draws people together and thus exposes them to the personal influence of the minister. Many of us would have a hard time finding a following, if it were not for the religious organizations which we have inherited from our predecessors. But every minister wants to be something more than a cog—or a carburetor—in an ecclesiastical machine. What steps he will take to avoid such a fate depends upon the temperament and training of a man.

Titles are a dangerous commodity. One of the most inane salutations ever invented is that of "Reverend." It means little and is rarely used correctly. Strictly speaking, it is not a title but an adjective, which may be placed before a title. "Reverend Jones" is incorrect, and makes most intelligent ministers writhe. If people cannot be weaned from the "Rev.," teach them to make it "the Reverend Mr. Jones." "Rev." undoubtedly helps the postoffice to deliver mail correctly, but otherwise it is a hindrance and a nuisance. About once a year it is helpful to talk to the church school about the proper way to address a minister in the hope that the children will take the news home to their parents.

As for the title, "Doctor," that, too, is of questionable value. When a man of ample stature and ripe experience is called "Doctor," whether properly or improperly, it probably does no harm. But, for ministers who are either young or not naturally impressive, such a title sets up a hurdle which must be negotiated before real friendships can be established. There is much to be said for the custom of the army, the navy, and the more sophisticated college faculties of discarding titles in ordinary convesation in favor of plain "Mister." The minister's family might well set the congregation a good example in that respect.

The same principle applies to a minister's appeal. Clerical garb is an effective muffler of profanity, and it gets a minister certain advantages. For young men it is dangerous, as it tends to frighten people away. On the other hand, S. Parks Cadman wore clerical clothes with much gusto, and it hampered him not at all. Before deciding on a clerical outfit be certain that your personality completely overflows your clothes—which was the case with Cadman.

An air of much learning will always separate a minister from common folk. He can't know too much, but he should not talk as though he had swallowed the dictionary.

Curiously, the appearance of great piety will effectually separate a minister from the mass of men. Frank Buchman once said, "You may not like it, but it is really our sins that draw men together!" Most people are rather painfully conscious of their shortcomings. They know that they have made an abundance of mistakes and blunders. In the presence of a minister who seems to be quite saintly they feel just plain uncomfortable.

On the other hand it is not necessary for a pastor to simulate that sorry creature, the ministerial sport, just to prove that he is human. But he can so conduct himself that people will feel that he is facing the same problems which confront them.

A pastor needs to be careful lest the institution which he serves come to cloud his vision of life. It is very easy to live behind stained glass windows and see everything from an ecclesiastical angle. One becomes very busy about many thing, some of which do not really matter. Recently I heard of a prominent pastor who said to a parishioner seeking counsel, "I'll give you ten minutes." People quickly sense whether we are more concerned with the building of an institution or the helping of men and women. It is very easy to become priests and Levites when we see human need—and go by on the other side of the road.

Nothing helps a man to win the confidence of people like years of continued service in one church. When we come to a community as "the new minister," the emphasis is inevitably upon our ecclesiastical standing, but, if we stay around long enough, our ordination will be forgotten and we will be accepted for what we are. In times of trouble people tend to seek counsel of one whom they have known for a long time. Their lips open more readily for an old friend than for a stranger. One of the contradictions of church life is that the longer a minister remains with a church the poorer his statistical record is likely to become, but the greater is his personal influence in the community.

In our youth most of us ministers were more or less hampered by our ecclesiastical swaddling clothes. As a man matures his human characteristics usually become more prominent. His wife chastens him and his children educate him. He meets defeat. The mysteries of human experience are gradually revealed to him. The church ceases to be an end in itself and becomes a channel through which he can work with individual men and women. As his personality mellows, his influence grows.—*Pastor's Journal.*

WHEN PARENTS AND CHILDREN LIVE IN THE SAME HOUSE

By James D. Rankin, DD., LL.D.

Because parents and children live under the same roof it does not follow that they live in the same world. Too often parents are so engrossed in business and society and their children in school or play, that they live in different worlds. Each class thinks of its own interest and has little care for the other. There is no sadder sight than the wide gulf which this indifference to each other's interest, digs between parents and children. A happy home demands reciprocal accommodation to each other's tastes; both must surrender something of their desires, to the rights of the other. The evening hour is a critical one. Probably the parents wish quietness, the opportunity to converse over their interests or to read, while the children, home from the restraints of the school, want play, action, laughter. Alas, too often this type of home is the separating of the ways between parents and children. Too often this enforced quietness drives the children from the home to seek pleasure elsewhere. Dissect the human body and you find 450 muscles made for laughter. The finding is significant. God intended them to be used. They are flexible and work easily in youth, but like other things, muscles stiffen with age. This makes laughter more difficult for adults. It is very important that children shall find the play element met in the home. Screw down the safety valve and there will be an explosion. The writer knew a little girl overflowing with life, who in the evening was chasing her pet dog through the house. She was laughing in wild glee and the dog was expressing its joy by frequent barks. At length one of the older members exclaimed impatiently, "Marie, can't you be quiet for a single minute?" The child stopped for a moment, looked with wonder upon the older group, and exclaimed, "It can't be did." On the other hand parents and older members have their rights in the home, and these should be respected. But love and the future of children should bring a compromise. A little girl overflowing with life, said to her grandmother, "No other person ever entered my life as you have done. You take me to places where children like to go, and laugh with me. You join me in my 'make-believe' play. I would rather play with you than with any other person in the world." Then, with a mischievous laugh, she said, "You must have reached your second childhood, for you know what children like." A father pointed with pride to a handsome young soldier embarking for France, and said, "That is my son." After a moment his eyes filled with tears and he added, "I do not know my son, and I do not know how to get acquainted with him." A busy lawyer discovered that his boy was getting into bad company and drifting away from his home. He recognized the necessity for quick action, and said to those in his office, "I am going away for two weeks. I will leave no address for I do not want to be called back." Then he asked his boy to go with him on a fishing trip. For two weeks they were alone, they did their own cooking and slept together in their little tent. The father gained the boy's confidence and they discussed many problems of young life, and also the vision of a larger future. They caught some fish, but the father's great catch was his boy. He hooked him so tightly that the boy forsook his evil companions for the comradeship of his new "pal." The father in turn placed the boy above his business and had the joy of seeing him grow into fine Christian manhood. —*The United Presbyterian.*

NOT SIZE, BUT SPIRIT

"Open the gate, my boy," said the rider who headed the hunting party.

"I'm sorry, sir," answered the boy, "but my father sent me to say that you must not hunt on his grounds."

"Do you know who I am?" demanded the man gruffly.

"No, sir," answered the boy.

"I am the Duke of Wellington," came the dignified reply.

The boy took off his cap to the great man. But he did not open the gate. "The Duke of Wellington will not ask me to disobey my father's orders," he said quietly.

Slowly the man took off his hat and then smiled. "I honor the man or the boy who is faithful to his duty," he said, and with that he and his party rode away.

The spirit of one's deed is more important than the deed itself. The spirit of the thing reaches out and takes hold of the onlooker, and his own spirit responds. The greater the man, the more surely and the more quickly will he respond.

Not the size of the doer, nor the size of the deed, but the spirit that moves in both—this matters most. It is this that God sees, and this that determines character.—*Clifford W. Berg.*

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Let knowledge grow from more to more,
But more of reverence in us dwell;
That mind and soul, according well,
May make one music as before.
—*Tennyson.*

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I am the resurrection and the life, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.—*Jesus to the mourners at Bethany.*

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LOOKING FORWARD — THINKING BACKWARD TO OUR IDEAS ABOUT HIS CHURCH

Talk No. IV

By MRS. F. G. HOLLOWAY

As I look back on my own childhood there was only one church. That was the one to which I was sent. I was a Presbyterian!

The way things were done in my church were to me as inviolate as the way things were done in my home. There was a peculiar sanctity about them, and other ways seemed strange indeed. I do not believe my feelings in this regard were peculiar to a Presbyterian.

Of course there were certain values in this intense if narrow view. Habits of loyalty to church affiliation were established. My church and its services became very precious to me. For these things I owe a debt of gratitude to my parents who set the habits of my church-going, and to those within the church who helped to establish my life there.

But perhaps I owe a still greater debt of gratitude to the circumstances which took me from the Presbyterian to the Methodist Protestant Church. At first the ways of the latter seemed unusual, and a little odd. But the members of that church seemed devoted to their ways as I had been to mine. And apparently they were kindly Christian people too! So I conceded that they were probably headed in the right direction as well as the Presbyterians!

Still looking back, I am willing to admit today that I now believe the Methodists, as a church, were a little further ahead on that heavenly road than the Presbyterians! You see my conversion to Methodism has been complete!

I hope you will forgive this lengthy personal testimony. I have given it because I have felt that to a greater or less degree my view backward is that of all of you who were brought up in a day when denominationalism was stressed.

But now, if we take the right thought forward, it will not have to be our look backward which faces our children or theirs.

We can give them what is most desirable of our look back without the undesirable. We can give them the intensity of devotion without the narrowness. For surely, if we think forward, we realize that every sign of the times points to the fact that the days of denominations are numbered. Even the large denomination of Methodism of which our church is happily a part, will, I believe, gradually unite with other groups to eventually form the Christian Church. If we think forward clearly, we know that this is both necessary and right.

The Christian Church must be united, must be able to act as a unit, in order to effectively function in a world containing great bodies of anti-Christian forces.

This does not mean regimentation of churches and church groups, nor of individuals. It does not mean that each Christian must think and speak and act like every other Christian individual, except that each must have a truly Christian attitude toward the other and toward the world.

In essence we say something like this: As followers of Christ there is more to unite us than there is to divide us. Instead of being suspicious of each other's motives and methods, instead of arguing over non-essentials, instead of pulling against each other, and overlapping in our work, we will all unite, and cooperate to make God's Kingdom come in this world.

Look back again to 1891 to what Samuel Longfellow thought about the Christian Church when he wrote:

"One holy church of God appears
Through every age and race,
Unwasted by the lapse of years,
Unchanged by changing place.

From oldest time on farthest shores,
Beneath the pine or palm,
One unseen Presence she adores
With silence or with Psalm.

Her priests are all God's faithful sons
To serve the world raised up;
The pure in heart her baptized ones,
Love her communion cup.

The truth is her prophetic gift,
The soul her sacred page;
And feet on mercy's errands swift
Do make her pilgrimage.

Oh living church! Thine errand speed,
Fulfil Thy task sublime;
With bread of life earth's hunger feed,
Redeem the evil time."

How true, but when we look back, not a great many of us were trained to think in such broad terms. Had we been, the Kingdom of God might be nearer than it is today. But think ahead to what might come to pass if we were to live the spirit of that poem of almost fifty years ago.

I began this talk by looking back on my own life, and perhaps yours. Now, look back with me, most briefly of course, way, way back more than 1900 years to the beginning of our church. As we look back over that panorama, there is a noble view. There is exquisite beauty. Yes, and there is tragedy too, bigotry and sin—ugly spots we'd gladly take out, but we cannot. They are necessarily part of a backward look on the history of the church. It began way back there with Christ, our head. We follow down throuh the early Christian church, then the Roman church, and there stands Luther to mark the great dividing point. From that point denominations branch and branch until we come down to Methodism and then Methodist Protestantism and the Southern Methodism.

Now it is time to turn from a backward look and think ahead. A different direction we'll take. Forward through a process of uniting — Methodism, then other denominations — forward to recapture the unity and

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Previously reported	$1,222.28
Julian, Tabernacle	7.24
Hickory Grove, Guilford	10.68
Whitakers	12.25
Union, Halifax	1.25
Oak Grove, Cleveland	4.16
T. P. Hester, personal, Henderson	4.00
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A Friend, no address given	2.00
Total	$1,267.80

We are profoundly grateful to all of you for your constant care of those gathered here in this Home. May the dear Lord bless and prosper each of you.

Yours in His service,
A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

"BUILDING A CHURCH PROGRAM OF RECREATION"

Topic for July 16, 1939

By REV. RAYMOND W. WHITE

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, July 10 — A Spiritual Exercise. Jas. 4:7-10.

Tuesday, July 11 — Exhaustless Strength in Jehovah. Isa. 40:28-31.

Wednesday, July 12 — Right Evaluation of Conduct. Rom. 14:16-18.

Thursday, July 13 — Warning Against Shallow Pastimes. Eccl. 11:9.

Friday, July 14 — A Good Leader. I Cor. 10:32; 11:1.

Saturday, July 15 — A Worthy Prize. Phil. 3:13, 14.

The Text: I Cor. 12:1-14.

To the Leader

Remember this is the second of a series of three topics on the subject, "The Christian and His Leisure Time." Begin where you left off last week and end where you should begin next week. Provide a place in this discussion for the items of leadership, equipment, and finances, with emphasis on the fact that the time and money now being spent on commercial amusements, if given to a cooperative church enterprise, will solve many social problems. In building a program of recreation for the church, make sure it is free from the objections now applied against much of the secular and commercial recreation. Spend much time in discussion of an ideal program of recreation for your local church. Endeavor to make the suggestions practical and try to arouse interest in promoting some definite program of recreation in the local church. Ideas and ideals are fruitless until they are put in action.

Questions for the Open Forum

1. What Sunday recreation do you think is acceptable to Christ?

2. What amusements in your community are below the standards of Christianity?

3. What should be the Christian's attitude toward questionable amusements?

4. What suggestions can you make for improving the leisure time facilities in your community?

5. What is the program for recreation in our local church?

6. What program of recreation does our society sponsor?

7. What does our church need to promote an acceptable program of recreation?

(a) What are we able and willing to provide for an acceptable program?

8. Is a program of recreation necessary in the church? Explain.

9. What is your favorite indulgence? Its qualities?

10. What should be the objectives of a Christian program of recreation?

11. What program of recreation can our society promote?

12. What feature would you like to have in such a program?

Little Gems

A Christian's amusements must be blameless as well as ingenious, safe as well as rational, moral as well as intellectual. . . . They should not imitate the besetting sin against which he is struggling.—Hannah More.

The Sunday amusement "worship" and the automobile "worship" are two kindred religions that kill "spiritually" more of our young people who worship at their altars, and empty more churches and Sunday schools than perhaps any other religion except the movie "worship."—D. E. Lepley, in the Gospel Messenger.

Life is a great game. It takes all the grit, all the good cheer, all the hardihood, and all the determination that a boy or man can muster to play it right. It takes self-control, hard training, fair-mindedness, unselfishness. But it pays back good dividends in friendship, gratitude, honor, and happiness. The way you play your games is the way you will wage your battles. Master your appetite, control your temper, see a great goal, hit the line hard, never give up: that's the way to play the game.—Arthur W. Spalding.

Topic Hints

Our Fellowship: Christianity is a Christian fellowship. The supreme goal of this fellowship is the perfected spiritual life of each individual member resulting in a true spiritual community, the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. We find many people in this glorious race and among them we find individual differences. These many differences can be harmonized by a wholesome and all-inclusive program which will result in a well balanced mental, moral, spiritual, and physical growth. Among the many needs of a growing Christian, is the need of a wholesome program of recreation. Such a program strengthens the individual's life. and makes stronger the fellowship to which he has pledged allegiance.

Our Present Situation: Many of our modern amusements have been commercialized. Sponsors are not interested in the moral or spiritual welfare of the nation and her citizenship. Their only interest is a huge income from a meager investment. In recent years the law of the land has been on their side. One by one the laws which were made for our moral welfare have been repealed. Every hour in the day, the enemies of Christianity are endeavoring to legalize what they call sports regardless of their evil effects on the youth of our nation. Their cunning words and ways not only succeed in legalizing questionable "so - called sports," but persuade thoughtless and Christless people, young and old, that the sponsors are saintly and the sponsored is harmless. It remains for us to be strong in the Christian faith and refuse to patronize those things which bring shame on Jesus Christ, disgrace on our honest fore-fathers, and destruction on ourselves. We must not be tricked by the tricky.

Our Present Need: Our first need is a recreational program created and fostered by a Christian leadership. We can never depend on the world for such a program. We cannot always depend on church members without a spiritual board of governors for recreation which leads to spiritual growth. At present, it seems that the spiritually-minded church is the only safe and sound institution to which we can turn. Our second need is a willingness of our people to support a program of recreation provided by the church. We have seen many churches provided with excellent recreational facilities and have heard them begging for the interest and support of the membership. Dust covers their equipment because it has not been used by members who prefer amusements tainted with practices which the Word of God clearly denounces. We need a church with a recreational program and we need a church membership which will turn from the programs of the world and take part in the programs provided by the church.

Our Aim: W. Edward Raffety in "Church School Leadership" suggests ten aims for the recreational leader in the local church. They are as follows:

1. To set forward the health interest of children, young people, and adults.

2. To plan such recreations as will develop the minds as well as the bodies of all participants.

3. To satisfy the love of play, and the social instinct for fellowship under wholesome influences.

4. To insist on the maintenance at all times of high ethical standards in all games and all good time sociables.

5. To educate the church as a whole on the value of play in the development of an all-round program of religious education.

6. To keep his head and to use it to work out a well-articulated program of recreatonal activities for the whole church and school for the whole year.

7. To work definitely, persistently, and consistently for spiritual results with all age groups served.

8. To discover leaders and develop them through special classes and in supervised practice.

9. To keep in friendly, helpful relations with pastor, parents, church-school associates, and with recreational leaders in the community.

10. To give himself whole-heartedly, conscientiously to his task, seeking as his highest reward the Christ-controlled life for himself and others.

—From the Methodist Protestant-Recorder.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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fellowship of the early Christian Church. Forward, united, to come again into the presence of Christ, our Head.

For my part, I am infinitely grateful that my church is part of the uniting process. And if anyone had asked me to suggest a motto for these days of uniting, I think I should choose the statement made to his congregation by one of the most Christlike of our Methodist Protestant ministers. He said: "However we may have thought or felt about Methodist union, this union is now an accomplished fact. As I see it, the one thing now for us to do in relation to it, is to be sure that everything we say and everything we do is entirely and completely Christian."

Keep It Up!

If you want to succeed, begin right, then keep it up. . . . The failures in the world have been the quitters—those who began all right but did not hold out.—Harold Thorpe.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Kistler's Union, Cleveland Charge, Rev. T. G. Madison, Pastor, July 10.—Our church activities are moving along nicely. The attendance at Sunday school and church services is increasing. Our pastor has filled all of his appointments since my last report with the exception of one while he was attending the uniting conference at Kansas City.

The third quarterly conference was held at this church on Saturday, July 8, with good attendance.

The revival meeting will start at this church on the first Sunday in August. Rev. W. L. Harkey, pastor of Bess Chapel, will be the pulpit help. There will be morning and night services. Everyone is cordially invited to come and worship with us.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is meeting once each month, with the usual attendance and much interest being shown.

We ask an interest in the prayers of all those who want to see the Lord's work prosper, even as you shall ever be remembered in ours. REPORTER.

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Liberty Hill, Anderson Charge, Rev. T. M. Johnson, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointments Sunday, bringing two very helpful and touching messages. His subject was on worship and communicating with God.

The Children's Day program which was to be held last month was postponed on account of the new disease, "polio." There was a committee appointed for the older classes to plan and have the Children's Day program yet.

We were indeed glad to have Horace Watson of the Fairview church community to visit with us Sunday.

A wedding of much interest to our community was that of Miss Elaine Harrison and Mr. Mack Compton, both of Greer. The marriage was solemnized in June by Rev. T. M. Johnson at Easley, S. C. Miss Harrison is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Harrison. Mrs. Harrison will be remembered as Miss Jewell Burd of Macon, Ga. The bride is a graduate of the Duncan high school and for a number of years a member of Liberty Hill Methodist Protestant church and a very active worker in all the church work. Mr. Compton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Compton. He attended the Reidsville high school, a progressive farmer of this community, but now holds a position with the Pacific Mills of Lyman, S. C. The groom is also a member of our church and a very active worker in all Christian activities. He is the teacher of the young men's class. At present the young couple are making their home with the groom's parents.

Rev. T. M. Johnson was the Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Smith.

Our Sunday school has declined considerably since the infantile paralysis has been in our community. The children under 12 years of age were asked to keep away from other children. This has hurt our attendance greatly and we do pray that they can return back to Sunday school real soon to worship with us. Dr. Johnson mentioned Sunday for the parents to have home worship and prayer and that we should be more reverent now than before. We ask the prayers of all for our church, community and loved ones.

Misses Lula Pearson and Lillian Compton, with Dr. Johnson, returned from High Point, N. C., with a splendid report about the Bible Educational School that was held the last of June. Miss Compton gave an outline of what was carried out while there, and the name of speakers and their subjects. Miss Pearson gave a splendid and very interesting talk on the subject they took. Miss Compton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Compton, and is a great worker in our church. She is the president of the Willing Workers class. Miss Pearson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Pearson, and is the teacher of the Junior Sunday school class and the treasurer of the Sunday school. Both young ladies are among the outstanding workers of our church and are always ready to lend a helping hand. They both reported a nice trip while there. Dr. Johnson brought a splendid message on Worship after they reported about the trip.

The class meeting of the Willing Workers class will be held July 10 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. at the home of Mrs. Ruby Davis. A shower will be given for Mrs. Mack Compton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brannon visited T. J. Brannon and family Sunday.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. O. N. Poole has been sick. We ask the prayers of all for her and all others on the sick list.

Of much interest in this territory is that Mr. Sam Morris of Texas will be at Fairview church Monday morning at 10 o'clock to speak on Temperance. A large crowd is expected to hear Mr. Morris, as he is a man of God and is widely known all over the nation. He has broadcasted for some time over radio, but now is in field work for the Lord. May God bless him and his work while traveling and striving to help our nation against the liquor traffic.

There have been several in our church to receive certificates from the Board of Christian Education for attending the Bible school taught by Mr. Johnson a few weeks ago on the Old Testament, and the younger group by Mrs. Bennett Wilson. The young people who did not have the opportunity to take the course of the New Testament last year wish to take up the study soon. Dr. Johnson plans to teach the course soon if further notice is given. We trust they can take it, as it is a grand study for all and especially the younger class of our church.

We ask the prayers of all for our church and friends.

MRS. JOHN D. McCLIMON, Reporter.

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Shiloh Church, Randolph Charge, Rev. H. L. Isley, Pastor.—The third quarterly conference was held at Gray's Chapel, Sunday, July 9. It was announced at the meeting that Mr. Reggie Underwood of Gray's Chapel would be the delegate to conference from this charge.

The annual revival meeting will begin here at Shiloh the second Sunday in August. Rev. Mr. Strickland of Charlotte will assist in the meeting. We understand he is a very able messenger of the gospel. Let us all be very much in prayer for the coming revival, that we ourselves may be revived. and others may be saved.

Mrs. G. L. Whitaker is sick at her home in Julian.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Brown are planning to move into their new home this week.

Perhaps some of our people will be glad to learn of Mr. Joe Kennett being able to be out again . He is one of the oldest men of this community.

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Mt. Carmel Church, Rev. L. E. Mabry, Pastor.—We invite all friends and former pastors to be with us for memorial and homecoming, which will be the first Sunday in August. For the morning service Rev. Cicero Roach of Erlanger Baptist church will speak. in the afternoon and dedicate new pulpit Spencer Baptist church, will conduct the devotions. Dr. J. E. Pritchard will speak in the aternoon and dedicate new pulpit chairs, carpet, and altar fixtures.

This is the beginning of our revival meeting, which wlil continue for about a week following home-coming day. For these services Dr. F. W. Paschall will preach.

Again let us invite you to any or all these services.

BEAUTUS WAITMAN, Reporter.

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Weaver's Chapel, Littleton Charge, D. D. Broome, Pastor.—I haven't seen a report from our church in a long time, so I thought I would make a short report.

Our Sunday school is as good as usual, and we are going to have a Children's Day program Sunday, July 16, at 11 o'clock. There will be all-day services with dinner on the grounds; everybody is invited to come.

Two of our young people, Miss Alice Mae Whitby and Miss May Shearin, attended the Leadership Training School at High Point College this summer. They have already made a report at three of the churches on this charge, Hawkins Chapel, Vaughns, and Weaver's. They will get to the other churches soon. Our auxiliary will meet next Wednesday night with Miss Alice Mae Whitby. We are expecting all members to be present.

We are sorry to hear that one of our members, Miss Annie Laura King, is in Park View hospital at Rocky Mount. We hope she will soon be well.

ALICE MAE WHITBY,
Assistant Reporter.

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Hawkins Chapel Church, Littleton Charge, D. D. Broome, Pastor.—We are indeed sorry to learn through the Herald that our president, Dr. Pritchard, is ill. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Brother Broome filled his appointment the fourth Sunday evening with a message to the young people. Second Sunday morning his text was St. Matthew 7:7, "Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." Before starting the service, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Earl Harper were voted on to see who would be delegate to annual conference. They will be counted at the third quarterly conference, which will be held at Littleton church Saturday, August 5, at 2:30 o'clock. We were fortunate in having Miss Alice Mae Whitby and Miss Mae Shearin from Weaver's, who attended Leadership Training School at High Point, to worship with us and give us some very helpful thoughts of their trip.

Fourth Sunday evening Brother Broome will not preach for us as his meeting began at Chase City.

Second Sunday in August our meeting will begin with an all-day service.

The Ladies' Aid met with Miss Clara Hawkins for the last meeting. Mrs. Claude Hawkins and Miss Esther Hawkins had charge of the program. Clara's mother and sister, Mrs. C. F. Porter, served the refreshments. Our next meeting will meet with Mrs. Willie Grey Mitchell, July 13. Miss Margaret Pittard has charge of the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Collum are proud of a son, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Pepper, also.

Brother Broome and family, Mrs. M. J. Morris, Misses Alice Mae Whitby and Mae Shearin were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hayward Glasgow, Sunday.

MRS. CLAUDE HAWKINS, Reporter.

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Randolph Circuit.—Our third quarterly conference was held at Gray's Chapel last Sunday afternoon. Rev. R. E. L. Moser delivered an interesting, brief address on "The Laws of the Kingdom." The business was transacted in harmony. Reports from the different organizations were gratifying. It was found by comparing the vote that Brother R. H. Underwood is delegate-elect to the next annual conference.

The members of Gray's Chapel church voted last Sunday morning to build Sunday school rooms, not a single vote being cast in opposition. A building committee was appointed, consisting of Washington Brower, T. E. Routh, R. H. Underwood, R. E. Routh, and Roy Davis.

We are grateful to Messrs. C. C. and Tyson Hemphill, John Stout and Mrs. Ellen Brower for donations for the pantry.

It appears now that in a very short time each church will have all claims paid in full except pastor's salary.

H. L. ISLEY.

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Ann Street Methodist Church, Concord, Rev. E. O. Peeler, Pastor.—Our Vacation Bible School ran two weeks with a very good attendance, and the last Sunday in June the children gave us a beautiful program. It made our hearts thrill to see and hear the children in this splendid program. We are sure all of the teachers and helpers enjoyed working with their children. The hand work that was on display was pretty and the children were proud of their work. After the program our committee on getting a new name for our church called a membership meeting. Several names had been suggested to the committee, and a vote was taken which gave the name Ann Street Methodist church. We hope everyone is pleased with our new name. Last week our pastor and several of our young folk attended the Leadership Training School in High Point. Miss Melda Scarboro made a very good report in Sunday school. The B. and S. class sent Miss Melba to the school, the Young People's class sent Miss Lena Hatley, and Miss Analede Wensil also attended the school. We hope this training will mean lots in the future for these girls. Sunday was observance of the Lord's Supper and that is always a service that we enjoy so much.

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We were very happy to have some visitors with us for this service. Very happy to have Mrs. Pittman with us, Miss Margie Pittman's mother.

Our hearts are sad with Mrs. Lottie Brown Litaker and family, as her small grandson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brown, is seriously ill.

Next Sunday we are expecting Rev. Mr. Pritchard with us, and in the afternoon we will hold our quarterly conference. At the night service we are expecting Dr. Forlines with us. We are hoping to have a teacher's meeting this week; we have tried several times and can't get our teachers together, but we hope to have a real meeting this time. If there is anyone that ought to be interested in their work, next to the pastor, we think it ought to be the Sunday school teachers.

BERTHA EARNHARDT, Reporter.

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Flag Springs Church.—The Ladies' Aid society of Flag Springs church met with its president, Mrs. E. C. Cox, Friday night. Mrs. C. T. Luck had charge of devotions, using the theme "Our Father's Holy Name." Mrs. C. A. Lewallen read a poem.

Mrs. Cox presided over the business session, during which two new members were welcomed into the society. There were thirteen members, two visitors, and six honorary members present.

The collection, which amounted to $5.95, finishetd the payment of the $90 debt for painting the church.

During the social hour refreshments of ice cream and cakes were served by the hostess. The next meeting will be with Mrs. C. T. Luck. Mrs. C. A. Lewallen will have charge of devotions.

MRS. M. J. SPENCER, Reporter.

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Pine Grove Church, Kernersville-South Winston Charge, Rev. C. B. Way, Pastor.—It has been some time since sending a letter from our church, but the work has been going on as usual. The attendance at church and Sunday school is fair for the hot weather, but not as good as it could be. The attendance at Sunday school for the last few Sundays has been in the 60's and 70's.

Our annual special meeting, which we hope to be a revival, will begin next Sunday, July 16. Rev. W. L. Harkey, of Lincolnton, is to be the evangelist. We pray that our church will be revived and many souls be born into God's Kingdom at that time.

After being discontinued for about three years, Christian Endeavor was reorganized at our church on June 18. Miss Rachel Ingram is our new president. The meetings are held each Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, and although the attendance is not so large, it is growing from time to time. The members are wide awake and active, and doing a good work. Last Sunday a very good program was led by Miss Lucy Ingram. The topic used was, "What Jesus Said About Praying" and a series of prayers were made for our coming meeting. May God bless these fine young people in their work and may we never let Christian Endeavor go down again.

The Ladies' Aid will meet at the church on Saturday, July 15, at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Hugh Ingram is program leader for this meeting.

Kernersville's Fourth of July celebration was a big success this year, even if there were many refreshing showers of rain during the day. All the church stands made good profit by feeding the hungry crowds on that day. Our stand made about $120 above all expenses.

We invite all to the opening day of our meeting next Sunday; services at 11 o'clock and in the afterenoon, and dinner on the grounds: and to the services of the coming week. We ask the prayers of all for the success of the meeting.

MRS. RALPH FULP, Reporter.

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Canaan Church, North Davidson Charge, Rev. O. B. Williams, Pastor.—It is a pleasure to report that we are moving along nicely in our Sunday school and church work. The attendance and interest are growing.

The young ladies' and young men's classes entered a contest at the beginning of the quarter in a drive to increase the enrollment and interest of the two classes which we hope will be a great success.

Our Sunday school and community enjoyed a nice loan party given by the Ladies' Aid society of our church.

Our revival will begin Sunday, July 23, with the Children's Day program in the morning and preaching in the afternoon. Rev. W. L. Harkey, of Lincolnton, will help in the revival with services in the afternoon and evening.

Pray for us that we may have a great revival and that many souls may be brought unto Christ and into the church.

ARLENE BERRIER, Reporter.

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Union Chapel, Mocksville, N. C., Rev. K. G. Holt, Pastor.—Miss Essie Mae Charles of West Columbia, S. C., is visiting relatives in this section. Miss Charles spends a while with us every summer, and is always welcomed. In the absence of our superintendent, Mr. R. L. Barker, Sunday, July 2, Miss Charles opened our Sunday school and made a very interesting talk to all present.

Rev. Mr. Holt filled his regular appointment at our church the second Sunday night. He announced that our revival meeting will begin the fifth Sunday in July and continue on through the week. Rev. J. T. Bowman of Thomasville will be the pulpit help. Every-

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one has a hearty welcome to join with us during our revival.

Work is being started toward underpinning our church. We hope this needed job will soon be finished.

Our Sunday school is still progressing. We hope to soon have more than ever on roll.

Saturday night, July 8, the Senior Girls' class entertained the Senior Boys' class at a delightful party. All the boys were present and seemed to enjoy the nice party given them by the girls.

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Roberta Charge, Rev. H. W. Bell, Pastor.— Regular services were held Sunday, July 2. Our Sunday school averages about 195 a Sunday. Everything is rolling along nicely. The men have finished covering the church. The ladies are flooring the church and painting the pews.

Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Bell, Mrs. Omea Penneger, and Mrs. Carl Williams attended the Children's Day program at the Children's Home, and enjoyed the day to the utmost.

The health of our community is at normal again.

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ALLIED YOUTH POST

Classes of both adults and young people, in planning for the teaching and discussion of National Temperance Sunday, October 29, can give a very practical touch to the subject by definitely promoting the Allied Youth movement. They are urged to secure a special packet filled with facts and teaching and discussion suggestions.

Nationally, Allied Youth is a federation of young people's groups that are engaged voluntarily in modern and active forms of alcohol education and of other phases of good citizenship and useful living. The national organization provides for its chartered Posts and for other interested groups in churches, church schools, communities, and institutions, detailed program and recreaton helps, such as will make alcohol education "come alive" in our day. National publications of the movement, which makes its headquarters in the National Education Association Building, Washington, D. C., include: "The Allied Youth," monthly magazine; "Alcoholfax Educational Service," a digest of alcohol education materials, surveys, and other data, for teachers, librarians, church leaders, youth workers, parents, and others; study pamphlets, five short plays, organization and program bulletins, etc.

Locally, an Allied Youth Post is typically organized in a public high school, where it influences and helps a real cross-section of the youth of the community. Membership is entirely voluntary, and active membership and the holding of office is restricted to abstaining young people. The entire program is built around this platform of Allied Youth: "We stand for the liberation through education of the individual and society from the handicaps of beverage alcohol."

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Allied Youth, Inc., National Education Association Building, Washington, D. C., has prepared a packet of materials containing materials that will open good discussion on the alcohol problem and also showing the details of Allied Youth organization and program actually in operation today in many communities.

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Alfred was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Self of Chatham county. He leaves a wife, the former Georgia Jones; a daughter, Mary Ellen; his father and mother; one sister, Mrs. M. C. Cook, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

He was a member of Sapling Ridge Methodist church. His personality won many friends and these remained steadfast and true. The news of his passing came as a profound shock. To his home to which he was greatly devoted, to his church which he loved, to Carolina Coach Company of which he was a part, his death represents a great loss which they feel most keenly.

His pastor, Dr. George R. Brown, was in charge of the funeral, with the Revs. Isley, Burgess, and R. R. Gordon assisting. A crowd of sorrowing friends attended the funeral and there were many beautiful flowers.

MRS. T. M. CLARK.

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Mrs. A. G. Campbell

On June 19, 1939, in a hospital at Siler City, where she had gone for treatment that her impaired health might be restored, the angels came within those hospital walls and bore the immortal soul of Mrs. Lucy Crutchfield Campbell, aged 60 years, on wings of love to the God Who gave it.

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Mrs. Campbell was an earnest Christian and loyal member of Sapling Ridge M. P. church. She was intensely interested in everything that concerned the upbuilding of the Kingdom of Christ. Her life was rich, beautiful, strong, and inspiring to others. The influence of her exemplary life as a Christian, as a mother, grandmother, and friend to all will live on and on.

Our hearts go out in sympathy to those near and dear to her, and we commend them to the One Who alone is able to comfort.

Funeral service was held at Sapling Ridge church on June 21 at 11 o'clock by her pastor, assisted by Rev. H. L. Isley. The Woman's Auxiliary had charge of the flowers. Pallbearers were I. E. Self, M. H. Woody, D. B. Woody, H. K. Webster, John Glenn and Ruby Stone. Burial took place in the church cemetery.

We, the members of Sapling Ridge Auxiliary, recommend that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Missionary Record, M. P. Herald, the Chatham News, and the family.

MRS. WADE PERRY,
MRS. EPPS CLARK,
MRS. LA VERNE WOODY,
Committee.

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Rev. James William Self

Rev. James William Self was born in Cleveland county on December 29, 1870. He departed this life on July 1, 1939; aged 68 years, 6 months and 2 days.

At the age of 15 he was converted and united with Mount Moriah church, Cleveland charge.

On April 18, 1895, he was united in marriage with Miss Iona Hoyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hoyle of Cleveland county. To this union were born seven children, three of whom died in infancy.

In 1896 he and his wife moved to Caroleen, Rutherford county, where they became charter members of the Methodist Protestant church. While there he began preaching. As a local preacher he assisted Rev. J. H. Moton and Dr. N. G. Bethea in their work.

Realizing his need for a better education, he moved to Yadkin College in the fall of 1900 and entered school there. It was while he was in school there that he was assigned to the Uwharrie circuit in 1902.

Brother Self served the following charges: 1902, Uwharrie; 1904, West Lexington; 1905, 1906, 1907, Uwharrie circuit. In 1907 he lost his wife and an infant child by death. At his own request he was left without an appointment in 1908 and 1909, He served Caroleen in 1910; 1911, Mecklenburg; 1912, Pageland; 1913, 1914, Mocksville; 1915, Gibsonville; 1916, North Davidson; 1917, 1918, Lincolnton.

He was married a second time in 1909 to Miss Priscilla Snider of Denton. To this union were born five children.

He was ordained an Elder in the Methodist Protestant Church in 1912. Since he retired from the ministry he has been located at Cherryville, N. C.

His funeral was conducted from Mount Moriah church on July 3 by Rev. C. E. Ridge and Rev. T. G. Madison.

T. G. MADISON.

MARRIED

Lackey-Royster

Beauty and dignity characterized the wedding ceremony held at 5 o'clock in the afternoon of June 13, in Friendship Methodist church in Fallston, in which Miss Nathalie Lackey became the bride of Wyte D. Royster. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. D. Reid, of Greensboro, grandfather of the bride, and the Rev. R .L. Hethcox, pastor of the church, assisted with the service.

Church decorations consisted of cedars, regal lilies, large baskets of Queen Anne's lace, tinted blue and pink, and cathedral tapers in branched candelabra.

Before the ceremony a program of wedding music was presented by Miss Mary Frances Warlick, painist, and Miss Elizabeth Lee, vocalist. As opening numbers Miss Warlick played "The Sweetest Story Ever Told" and "Because," by D'Hardelot. Miss Lee sang "O Promise Me" by DeKoven, and "Sweethearts" by Irving Berlin. During the ceremony Miss Warlick played "I Love You Truly," by Carrie Jacobs Bond. The traditional wedding marches were used. The Bridal Chorus from "Lohengrin" by Wagner being played as processional and the Wedding March from "Midsummer Night's Dream" by Mendelssohn as recessional.

Miss Warlick wore light green lace. Miss Lee was dresed in orchid, embroidered organza, and both wore shoulder sprays of gardenias.

Miss Imogene Lackey attended her sister as maid of honor, and her bridesmaids were: Mrs. Wayne Harris, of Asheboro, also a sister, Mrs. W. J. Wortman of Morganton, sister of the bridegroom, Mrs. A. A. Lackey, and Mrs. W. J. Lackey. Little Misses Coy and Ellen Peeler, cousins of the bride, were junior bridesmaids, and Billy Wortman of Morganton and Dale Lackey were pages.

The maid of honor wore an imported lace dress of delphinium blue, fashioned on the same lines as the bride's dress, and carried an arm bouquet of pink and blue double larkspur, tied with pink satin ribbon. The bridesmaids' dresses were of Versailles pink imported lace, made princess style with flaired skirts, and they carried arm bouquets of blue and pink double larkspur, tied with blue satin ribbon. The junior bridesmaids wore pink net frocks with ruffled skirts and carried nosegays of mixed flowers. All the bride's attendants wore hats of shirred net, topped with forget-me-nots in shades to match their dresses. The pages wore white trousers with blue flannel coats.

W. J. Wortman, of Morganton, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, served as best man. Groomsmen were Dr. Walter Lackey, Dr. Austin Lackey, D. S. Hamrick, and Ralph Royster.

The bride came to the altar on the arm of her father, John Robert Lackey, by whom she was given in marriage. She was exceptionally pretty in her wedding gown of white French lace made over white bridal satin. Her dress featured the sweetheart neckline, long pointed sleeves, and circular train, and her veil of illusion fell from a coronet of seed pearls. She carried an arm bouquet of white sweetheart roses and valley lilies.

Mrs. G. S. Royster, mother of the bridegroom, wore dusty rose lace and a shoulder corsage of gardenias and valley lilies.

Immediately following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Royster left for a motor trip, and after their return they will be at home in Fallston. For traveling Mrs. Royster donned a sports model frock of ice green, with which she wore white accessories and a shoulder bouquet of gardenias.

The bride, daughter of J. R. Lackey and the late Buna Reid Lackey, of Fallston, was graduated from High Point College in High Point, and since her graduation has been a teacher in the Fallston high school.

The bridegroom, only son of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Royster, of Fallston, received his education at the University of North Carolina, and is now connected with the Stamey Company of Fallston.

Out of town guests attending the wedding, in addition to those in the wedding party, were: Mrs. C. R. Reid and Bobbie Reid of Greensboro, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Putnam, Jimmie and Hugh Putnam of Lincolnton, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Wortman, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wortman, Mrs. M. E. Wortman, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Johnston, and Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Cornwell, all of Morganton.

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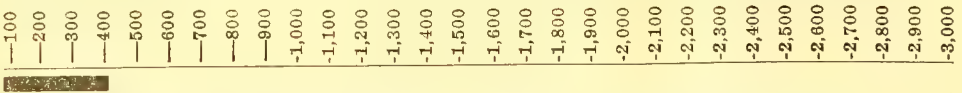

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NEW LAW FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH

This article is an editorial by Dr. Hartman, editor of the *Zion's Herald*. It is so timely and in many respects well done that we are giving it first position, in this issue of the M. P. HERALD. We all should acquaint ourselves with the laws which govern the new church we find ourselves in at the earliest possible moment. —EDITOR.

Upon the success or failure of the new legislation of The Methodist Church as it is applied in the 42,726 local churches scattered all over the world will largely depend the future of the merger consummated at Kansas City last May. Here—in the local church—will be found the acid test of unification. Bishops are important, boards and commissions are important, institutions are important, church papers are important, but the efficiency of the general organization is directly dependent upon its local units. No chain is stronger than its weakest link. We are in the habit of saying that "the pastor is the key man" in all this work of the church and the kingdom of God. The statement is undoubtedly true. True also is the assertion that upon the local Methodist Church depends the power, influence and achievement of Methodism in general. That this fact was recognized by the delegates at the Uniting Conference is borne out by their deep interest in and close attention to the legislation bearing upon local church organization and activities.

In this field nothing done at Kansas City was more encouraging and prophetic of the growth and progress of Methodism than the whole-hearted recognition of the part youth is to play in the future of the church. In an article, "Youth in the New Methodism," which appears in the June number of the *National Council Newsletter*, published by the National Council of Methodist Youth at 740 Rush Street, Chicago, will be found an excellent summary of the legislation enacted by the Uniting Conference as it affects the young people of the church. Every young man and woman in United Methodism should write for a copy of this *Newsletter* and study the new set-up for youth.

As the Quarterly Conference is the center of authority in the local church, we are naturally interested first of all in the provisions affecting its organization and powers. In the discussion of the report on this subject at Kansas City, efforts to modify the report in such a way as to make it conform to Methodist Protestant legislation were made with partial success by representatives of that church. But in the last analysis the report was adopted without much change. The district superintendent or a minister (elder) appointed by him is the presiding officer of the Quarterly Conference, which is composed, generally speaking, of those leaders who have heretofore been included in the Quarterly Conferences of the three churches. A first and fourth Quarterly Conference are ordered to be held on each charge every year; the second and third are discretionary with the district superintendent. The Quarterly Conference is to elect the stewards, on nomination of the pastor, or on nomination of a committee of which the pastor is to be the chairman, as the Quarterly Conference may direct. There is another provision whereby stewards may be elected by the church membership without confirmation of the Quarterly Conference. Church officers likewise may be elected by the Quarterly Conference or by a vote of the church membership. One lay delegate and one reserve to the Annual Conference may be elected "annually or quadrennally," as the Annual Conference may determine, either by the Quarterly Conference or by the Annual Meeting of the church, composed of all church members, if the Quarterly Conference so directs.

Provision also is made for a "Church Conference," which may act on such matters as are referred to it by the Quarterly Conference and may review the work of the church and adopt plans for its promotion subject to Disciplinary provisoins.

There is to be an Official Board, as in the former Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Protestant Church. In charges where there is a "Board of Stewards," as the executive body in the local church of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was known, that body will constitute the official board.

"Report No. 7" of the Committee on Education, which was adopted by the Uniting Conference, gives an excellent set-up for the general promotion of religious education in the local church, including "Sunday church schools, week-day church schools, vacation church schools, leadership educational agenies." In another report, No. 12, of this same committee, specific instructions are given concerning the organization and program of the church school. A "Church Board of Education," composed of the pastor, the church school superintendent, the director of Christian education, the three assistant superintendents, one representative each of the women's societies, the Board of Stewards, and other agencies in the church, and not less than two or more than four young people elected by the young people, is provided in the new legislation. This entire report, by the way, will repay a thorough reading by all persons interested in lifting the religious educational standards not only for children and youth but also for adults.

Since the adjournment of the Uniting Conference, the question "What has become of the Epworth League?" has frequently been asked. The answer will be found in a report of the Committee on Education. The young people of the three churches themselves at Kansas City made certain recommendations after long discussions which, broadly speaking, were adopted by the committee and later by the Conference as a whole. There is to be a "Youth Division" in the educational set-up in the local church which will include, roughly, all persons between the ages of twelve and twenty-three. This division may be subdivided into departments. Two alternative plans are offered for this division and its departments, one providing for a unified organization, the other for two or more correlated organizations which may carry on the activities outlined for the Youth Division. It is clear from the foregoing provisions that local churches have a choice of a unified or a correlated program for

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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Bishop Straughn Here Next Monday

A letter from Bishop James H. Straughn of Baltimore informs me that he is to be at Lake Junaluska next Sunday and that he can stop over in High Point for a meeting Monday. Therefore I am asking our ministers and any laymen who can do so to meet at our First Church in High Point next Monday morning, July 24th at 11:00 o'clock. I have asked Bishop Straughn to tell us at the morning hour how the union is being put into operation throughout the various annual conferences. And then in the afternoon I am asking the Bishop to hold a family conference with us and discuss with us problems which vitally effect the ministers as they enter into the new church. This meeting is being held at our First Church partly because it is close to the restaurants for the lunch hour. Not knowing how many will be present I could not ask any organization to furnish lunch. Let just as many of our people as can, be present Monday. There are many problems coming up as a result of merging the conferences and the local churches which our people are interested in. Now is a good time to talk it over. Those who arrive at the meeting late and do not find us in the auditorium will go to one of the Sunday school rooms. It all depends on the number present as to what part of the of the church will be used.

A Committee Appointed

At the mid-year meeting last week I was asked to appoint a committee to boost the raising of the Church Extension, Annual Conference Debt and Superannuates. Inasmuch as only two other interests remain which have not been in some campaign this year I am adding Annual Conference Expenses and the High Point College Assessment. The committee appointed last week has been enlarged and now consists of Dr. S. W. Taylor, Rev. G. L. Curry, Rev. T. J. Whitehead, Mrs. D. S. Coltrane, Mr. A. J. Koonce and Mr. L. F. Ross.

A. C. Expenses Far Short

Those who will look at the paragraph in my letter last week dealing with the amount raised so far this year will see that comparatively little has been raised on A. C. Expenses. This is due in part to the fact that at the time designated for the raising of this fund the whole church was in the midst of the Appreciation Year Campaign and we encouraged churches to finish that campaign and to raise the appreciation year fund but have not yet raised A. C. Expenses. But I cannot believe that these churches mean to neglect this fund permanently.

The Mid-Year Meeting

It is not possible for me to review the entire day of the mid-year meeting last week but I will say that the most serious discussion of the day was on the question of the METHODIST PROTESTANT HERALD. The overwhelming sentiment seemed to be that it must be kept going until conference if possible. At that time it is generally agreed that it will have to be merged with some other paper. But the most of those present seemed to feel that it ought to go on until the work of the conference is completed. This can only be possible by the ministers and laymen working for the paper just like they will be supposed to work for the new paper after the papers are merged. What we do in the next few weeks will determine this matter.

A Sunday In the Mountains

Last Sunday was spent with our churches in the Western part of the state, the morning appointment being at Mt. Zion on the Weaverville charge, Rev. W. C. Clark, pastor, and the evening appointment being at our church in Asheville, Dr. N. G. Bethea being pastor.

This was my first visit to Mt. Zion and I was pleased with what I saw. This church is located some eight miles or more northwest of Weaverville. An all-weather gravel road leads right by the church building which is located on a knoll. Only a couple of miles away is a good consolidated school. The Sunday school was in session when we arrived and there seemed to be considerable interest manifested. A splendid congregation was present for the morning services and it was a pleasure to preach to them. One thing which is helping this church is the presence of the school faculty, some of whom are being used as teachers in the Sunday school. Now that our church in Weaverville has voted to merge with the former M. E. South church this fall there is somewhat of a problem to know what is best to do with the five rural churches. It occurrs to me that if some young man could be sent to these churches who would live in the community with the people he might do good work. This phase of the work is being given serious consideration. This is Brother Clark's third year, I believe, among these people but he has decided not to take work next year so it is necessary to find some other supply if we keep the charge together.

The congregation in the Asheville church Sunday evening was not large but was very much interested. It is said that the morning congregations are exceptionally good these days but as at most of places it is difficult to get many people out for an evening service. Dr. Bethea, the pastor, is one of our hardest workers and always gets things done. He has received a goodly number into the church this year and has the finances of the church well in hand. The HERALD quota has been raised and the last ones are to go in immediately. This is setting the pace for some of our larger churches. It was a great pleasure to preach to this congregation. In addition to other friends of other days there were present those two faithful servants, Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Williams, who have rendered such outstanding service to the city of Asheville for more than twenty-five years.

Appointments

Sunday, July 23, 11 a. m. Concord; quarterly conference in afternoon.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

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The President's insistence upon an unsound court remedy, when the time was ripe for a sound remedy, has left us with no remedy at all.—*Raymond Moley.*

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A Message In Verse

Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide;
In the strife of Truth with Falsehood, for the good or evil side,
Some great cause, God's new Messiah, offering each the bloom or blight,
Parts the goats upon the left hand and the sheep upon the right,
And the choice goes by forever 'twixt that darkness and that light.

For humanity sweeps onward: where today the martyr stands,
On the morrow crouches Judas with the silver in his hands;
Far in front the cross stands ready and the crackling fagots burn,
While the hooting mob of yesterday in silent awe return
To glean up the scattered ashes into History's golden urn.

—*James Russell Lowell.*

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One of our leading pastors writes when sending a goodly list of subscriptions: "I came home from the Thomasville meeting convinced that it is the pastors' job to get the Herald out of the red, and went out and found these subscriptions." The editor believes that the same conviction and equal effort on the part of other pastors would have as happy results.

Those who have sent in their dollars for the Herald will doubtless get six months subscription to a good church paper, receiving the *Advocate* for the unexpired period of the subscription to the Herald. Your interest will be taken care of by the Special Herald Committee.

It is not three months until annual conference and we want to receive several hundred three months subscriptions to keep us out of the "red" during this period. Fifty cents for now until annual conference meets. Will not both pastor and Herald agents get busy now.

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Bishop Straughn's Visit

President Pritchard announces in his letter this week that Bishop Straughn is to spend a part of or all of next Monday with us in a meeting at High Point. We presume that all who can get to High Point will take advantage of this opportunity to hear our Bishop; especially since he has been appointed by the board of bishops to assist all former M. P. conferences to close up the work of these conferences this year.

We hope that all of our readers will read carefully the article on the front page this week. The author of it is well informed upon the affairs of the Methodist Church, the editor of one of the leading papers, *Zion's Herald,* in the Methodist Church, was a delegate to the Uniting Conference and has served on important committees and is conversant with the details of the plans to merge the three Methodist Churches. Until the *Disciple,* which is off the press in September is in our hands, we do well to give careful attention to such articles for our guidance.

The Thomasville Meeting

There was considerable discussion of the M. P. Herald by the brethren at this meeting. Many voiced their sense of the importance of the Herald in closing up the work of the conference, among them were Rev. J. E. Carroll, Chairman of the Special Herald Committee, Dr. A. G. Dixon, Superintendent of the Children's Home, Mrs. J. T. Bowman, speaking for the N. C. Branch of the Woman's Work, and President Pritchard. It was the opinion that the Herald MUST go on until the annual conference meets October 18th.

The editor has tried to maintain as nearly as possible, a neutral position in this matter. It is not a personal matter with him as to what is done with this paper, i. e. he is not concerned about the effect it has upon his status as editor. It entails much labor each week to get this paper to our subscribers. And all this year your editor has been pastor of a church and endeavoring to be faithful to that church as pastor while he has tried as hard to be faithful to the subscribers to the Herald.

Most of our readers, we presume, are unacquainted with the time taking details this or any other such paper imposes upon one to fill sixteen pages every week. Many members of the church do not read any printed page and an uncounted number have yet to see a copy of the Herald. Some pastors even are not among the readers of this paper; of course, all such are absolutely unaware of the task imposed upon the editor to publish this paper fifty times a year.

But that we might avoid the appearance of seeking the position as editor, we have refrained from taking part in the discussion except as questions are asked. And we want to reaffirm a statement made at Thomasville that these pastors now so indifferent to the circulation of their annual conference organ will be expected *to do something* to extend the circulation of the *N. C. Christian Advocate* next year.

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Special Orphanage Committee

Tuesday of this week a Special Committee appointed by the board of trustees of our Children's Home met with like committees from the Winston-Salem and Raleigh orphanages. It was called to get a better understanding of the status of each institution. The meeting was largely informal in fact finding, and a friendly attitude was exhibited by those present. The Committee is to meet at a later date to make recommendation at the approaching annual conference session. It is expected that arrangements will be made at that time to set up a plan or plans by which our Children's Home will continue to operate next year.

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The often unwise fervor of crusaders may carry a dominant majority over into oppression.—*Chief Justice Hughes.*

MINISTER AND LAYMAN LOOK AT EACH OTHER

A Debate for the Promotion of a Better Understanding

Layman—LEWIS G. WESTGATE

What does a layman look for in his pastor? Speaking for one layman I would say:

1. Friendliness, an interest in folk. All kind of folk—saints and sinners, young and old, bores and cranks—for themselves. This develops insight, tact and good taste; makes for helpfulness.

2. One who is lost in his job. No climber or schemer. Ambitious? Yes, not for promotion, but to do a good job. Any advancement must come unsought, as the natural result of work well done.

3. One who lives on the higher levels, cultural, intellectual, religious; and who makes those he touches want to do the same.

4. A sense of humor. Not necessarily a wise-cracker, but one who is alert to the incongruities of daily life, who has a sense of proportion, and an amused and, generally, tolerant awareness of its violation. He will not take himself too seriously, nor the old ladies (of both sexes) who exclaim "wonderful sermon." This caution will keep him from assuming too easily the "thus-saith-the-Lord" attitude. Yet he must never be so light-hearted as to fail to see the tragedy of life.

5. Intellectual honesty and courage. Knowing how difficult it is to come by the truth, our pastor still seeks it, and stands by his insight even if it be unpopular. He will be tolerant of the differing insights of others, but not tolerant of intolerance.

6. As to preaching, we are satisfied if he has something to say which stirs thought, provokes heart-searching and renews courage, says it in the fewest possible words, and quits.

The great issues of life can be stated in simple language—witness the prophets and the gospels. We would, of course, prefer a liberal to a conservative, but if economics, science, or philosophy are brought in, we want the preacher to know what he is talking about. We attend a church where a good number of college professors are in the audience, but we have a hunch that what is good for the carpenter and the widow is good enough for the professor. If we want scholarship, we can always go to the library. Of course a preacher should be a scholar in his own field, and an intelligent interpreter if he enters other fields.

7. We should want him to have an ever growing familiarity with the best thought an action of the past, and to be the possessor of an open mind, always expecting new light to break. I do not see how the minister can apply the Christian message to the present age without knowing both the message and the age. This means a good understanding of business, and of current trends of thought, and also of the recent historic past from which they have emerged. He should have enough philosophy, psychology (including abnormal psychology!) and science to keep him from making a fool of himself. And he should know and know well a few of the world's great writers, especially English authors.

I find I am demandnig more of my pastor than I am of myself. We ask much; what do we give? Usually a low salary, on which we expect him to be generous to all good causes, to get necessary books, and to send his children to college; apparently also to save enough for old age. Of course it is understood that we hire the wife's services too! We criticize him, usually behind his back, for numerous minor matters. After middle life he is commonly sent to "less desirable" appointments, and when he is too old to work we turn him out like a spent horse on a pitiable retiring allowance.

A young man asks, "Shall I go into the ministry?" I say, "Yes, if you can 'take it.' It is a great calling, with large opportunities for unselfish service. But go into it with your eyes open to what it involves.

"You and your family will likely find it hard going financially, especially toward the end.

"You will have to be your own self-starter, furnish your own driving power. It is easy to think that being busy is working. Often it is but an excuse for not working. You must remain a student to the end; keep growing. 'The times have been that, when the brains were out the man would die, and there an end.' Others than Banquo have passed the dead line without dying.

"You will have active opposition from some if you are rash enough to apply Jesus' gospel of love to the present social situation. Forget 'I came not to send peace but a sword,' and preach 'the good old gospel' that hurts no vested interests.

"If you have an open mind you will be seeking new truth, perhaps finding it. But you are supposed to have been properly indoctrinated in the theological school. New wineskins for new wine was all right in Jesus' day, but it won't go with some of the worshippers of the old wineskins, not today. You will be criticized.

"And even in the church organization you will find politics. It was the genial Charles M. Stuart of Garrett, who, returning from a session of his Annual Conference, after an election of delegates to General Conference, said he had to take a bath to get rid of the ecclesiastical dirt.

"In the ministry you will have to fight for your intellectual and moral integrity and freedom; but if you are any good you will not wish to be carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease. Most youngsters like a fight for something that is worth while, and if you are of that kind you will find the ministry an invigorating calling. The ministry gives a man a philosophy, a (very modest) meal ticket, the most helpful of human contacts and an audience for preaching an ideal of life not measured by standards that drag men down."

Minister—ARTHUR R. HOVERLAND

The grass always looks greener and more luscious on the other side of the fence. People who have no children to raise seem most confident about how to raise children. I suppose that most laymen, if they freely spoke what was in their minds, would frequently say something like this:

"Now if I were the minister, I should . . ." You, being a layman, may finish that sentence for yourself.

And the minister, if he spoke out freely, would also have something to say on the subject: "Now if I were the layman . . ."

As a general rule, the minister does not feel disposed to make any personal criticism of the layman. If the church member does not attend the church worship, and most of the time he doesn't, the minister does not take that as a personal insult. If he is any good at all, he knows better than that. Nor does he take it as a personal affront if the member refuses to contribute to the support of the church, teach a class, or help in the ushering.

Now it may be true that the layman's lack of cooperation has an origin closely related to the personality of the minister. He may, for some reason or other, have taken a dislike to him. But the layman should not absent himself from the church merely because he doesn't like the minister. Nor should he withdraw his support if the preacher should, either inadvertently or deliberately, say something with which he disagrees. If all laymen did that, every church would be completely empty within a very short time. No preacher can preach a half dozen sermons without at some point expressing an opinion with which you will disagree.

After all, there are a lot of things about the church that the minister doesn't like either. Probably he is dissatisfied with more things than any one else in the church. If anyone is entitled to withdraw support because he can't have his own way, it is the minister. Yet he supports the church about as liberally as the average layman. But regardless of the reason for the lack of cooperation on the part of the church member, the minister is concerned, not because his personal pride is hurt, but because he is personally interested in that layman. And he realizes that a church member who is failing in his obligation is losing one of the very best opportunities that he has in this world. That layman himself suffers most through any defection on his part in his relation to his church.

And not only does the individual lose something that is priceless when he departs from an active relationship to his church. The world also loses. The church loses. The hope of God's kingdom on earth loses. Insofar as the church is necesary to establish justice and righteousness on this earth, insofar as the church is the one bulwark against the paganism of the totalitarian spirit, just to that extent will be the loss when any member, through any cause, becomes indifferent to the church.

Now let us look at the layman's obligation. Just what is the ordinary church member obligated to do? Can it be put into words? Yes, it is pretty definitely outlined in the confession of faith and declaration of purpose which the member makes when he joins the church. He says: "I confess Jesus as my Saviour and Lord, and pledge my allegiance to His kingdom. I receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the New Testament of our Lord Jesus Christ. I will be loyal to the church, and uphold it by my prayers, my presence, my gifts, and my service."

This statement of loyalty to the church ought to be regarded as a minimum essential. One's loyalty is expressed in terms of prayers, presence, gifts and service. If only this were done consistently by a sizable majority of the membership, there would be a marked advance in the life of the church. Of course, if the layman did all that, and stopped there, he would not be doing enough. It is not a good stopping place, but it is a good starting place.

From this good starting place he will move forward to become a well-informed churchman. Surely he will begin with his own local church and not be satisfied without knowing something of its set-up and the personnel of its organization. It is not an easy thing to become acquainted even with one's own local church, with its intricate organization and leadership. But it is very important that one make the effort to become so informed. Then there is the denomination, with its various boards and its wide range of philanthropies. Particularly the Methodist in these days should be interested in the new united church. To the minister it is almost inconceivable that the layman should not be willing to spend the few cents each week required to have his church periodical on his reading table.

The ordinary lawman should not be expected to possess all the information which a course in a school of theology can give; but if he is to be the most helpful layman he should know something of the movement toward a world church. He might have some knowledge of biblical literature, current thought trends, and the best that is issued in periodicals and books. One should not be too hard on the poor layman, but it is notorious that those who are least informed are often most dogmatic about what they believe. And sometimes the person who insists most strongly that he "believes the Bible from cover to cover" demonstrates the most appalling ignorance of its contents, and in his daily life shows himself to be far, far removed from the spirit of Him who asked in painfulness of soul: "Why do ye call me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

And finally, how can the active Christian and church member escape the obligation to be social? There is no fellowship that equals "the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love." The church has been defined as "a society of the friends of Jesus." What a glorious company to which we are called! Truly "our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ."—*Zion's Herald.*

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1939 SUMMER CONFERENCE SCHOOLS CONTINUE SUCCESSFUL

To date twenty-two schools have been held. The following are those which are to meet during the month of August, giving the dates, location, and Dean in charge of each.

August 6-13—Ohio, Dr. C. J. Morton, Dean.
August 13-19—Louisiana, Mrs. C. C. Hargrove, Director.
August 14-20—Michigan, Rev. Walter Mollan, Dean.
August 21-27—Kansas, Rev. Paul Pentz, Dean.

We appreciate the excellent work being rendered on the part of our leaders and faculty members in this great series.

F. L. GIBBS, *Executive Secretary.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By **O. L. EASTER**

ASA: A LIFE OF TRUST

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, July 23

Lesson Text—2 Chronicles 14:2-12.

Golden Text—Help us, O Jehovah our God; for we rely on Thee.—2 Chronicles 14:11.

Among the lives of the kings of Israel thus far the story has been that of more or less failure and disappointment. A failure brought on by their failure to trust and obey God completely. So it is quite refreshing to come to Asa's life—a life which did that which was good and right in the sight of God. The secret of his success as a king was found in the attitude expressed in his prayer, "Help us, O Jehovah our God; for we rely on Thee." Carlyle says that "no nobler feeling than this, of admiration for one higher than himself, dwells in the breast of man. It is to this hour, and at all hours, the vivifying influence in a man's life." No one is high enough to produce the influence other than God Himself, and the success or failure of any life is accomplished or lost just at these hours admiration.

"There's nothing in man that is perfect,
And nothing that's all complete;
He is nothing but a big beginning,
From his head to the sole of his feet!

There's something that draws him upward,
And something that drags him down,
And the consequence is he wobbles,
'Twixt muck and a golden crown."
G. A. Studdert Kennedy.

Asa was thus crowned by success in that he yielded himself to this upward pull of the true and living God. He came to Israel when the downward drag was heavy, when all his environment was against him. His predecessors left him temples filled with dead gods and foreign altars. Also he had received a kingdom in which the cities were exposed to their enemies with no walls of protection. Infidelity to God has always done just that. Whole nations this day are clamoring for an atheistic society as an ideal state for freedom and well-being; yet the tyrants of every age have been the products of infidelity. In the age of Rome we can observe a commonwealth not burdened with much religion and not at all with the true religion of a Christian God, and what do we find as to well-being? In this age in which Livy said that "neglect of gods" had come and when its poet Meander sung that "the gods do not care for men" we see millions of men lanquishing in slavery, womanhood debased to sexual slavery, the practice of infanticide in every home. In the sports arenas of Rome was to be seen not the American sport of baseball but rather that of the gladiators who made wet with their own blood the playing fields of the arena. The women and timid girls of Rome gave lightly the sign of death to the conquered victim and the bleachers shook with applause as the bloody body was dragged by hooks into the death-chamber. A further sample of such a state is presented by Lucian when he said of Rome, "If any one loves weath and is dazed by gold; if any one brought up among flatterers and slaves has never had a conception of liberty, frankness and truth; if any has wholly surrendered himself to pleasure, full tables, carousals, lewdness, sorcery, and deceit, let him go to Rome." God help Russia and our whole world to see that such a Utopia as that shall be the product of our present godlessness.

Drummond in a sermon has said, "When the outlook is bad, try the uplook." That is exactly what Asa did before all Israel. Truly his outlook was bad; yet when he accepted the fact of God in his life to rely on Him things began to happen to that condition. For when we become God's then God's program becomes our program and when the will of God is done on earth Utopia is here. Here is Asa's testimony to this fact, "because we have sought Jehovah our God; and He hath given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered." Oh, how the world today needs rulers like him to command it to keep the Lord and to do His law. Asa set right to work on his bad outlook and the foreign altars were heard falling in the temples and the sound of hewing was heard against the pillors of the idol gods. Mark Twain sums it up thus in his clever remark, "When some men discharge an obligation, you can hear the report for miles around." We need just such faith today. We have many lives who say they believe in God but somehow their confession does not lead them to the point of performance of God's program, and our world has an awful quiet for the lack of resounding reports like unto that of Asa's.

Be strong!
Say not the days are evil—who's to blame?
And fold the hands and acquiesce—O shame!
Stand up, speak out, and bravely,
In God's name.

Be strong!
It matters not how deep intrenched the wrong,
How hard the battle goes, the day how long,
Faint not, fight on!
Tomorrow comes the song.
—*Maltbie D. Babcock.*

NOTICE!

Sunday, July 23, 1939 the Level Cross Methodist Church will hold their annual Children's and Home Coming day. The Children's program will begin at 11 o'clock and will last approximately 1½ hours. After which dinner will be served on the grounds. The annual Home Coming program will begin at 2 p. m.

Come one and all, you are invited.

ERMA LEA TOOMES, *Reporter.*

There has been more social progress in the United States since women have had the vote.—*James A. Farley.*

"THE STRAWBRIDGE COUNTRY"

By REV. W. A. LEDFORD

For several years, I have attempted to share some of my experiences with the readers of the METHODIST PROTESTANT HERALD. The editors have passed along my articles, and the readers have been generous in their approval. I can not recall describing any of my charges, in any of these articles. They have been average Methodist appointments, ranging from the tide water regions to the tall mountains; and from the congested city streets to the wide open spaces. Now that it is my happy lot to be pastor of what is known among Methodists, as "The Strawbridge Country," I shall depart from my usual custom.

The New Windsor charge has a nice church in New Windsor, and two chapels. Bethel located about four miles south of New Windsor, built in 1821 and is the successor to "The Log Meeting House on Sam's Creek," built about 1761. The monument marking the spot of the first Methodist Church in America stands about a mile north of Bethel Chapel. Between the two stands the Alexander Warfield house, where Bishop Asbury wrote most of his journal, and Bishops Whatcoat and McKendree often visited. The Stone Chapel built in 1783 is the successor of the Poulson Chapel, and is located some five miles southeast of New Windsor, near Medford, Md. The John Evan's home is in the same locality. About a mile and a half south of New Windsor stands the famous Strawbridge home, still in good repair, as is the Warfield home.

These venerable shrines, attract pilgrims from all over the Methodist world. Some times large groups of mere sightseers come through. I can recall when almost the entire Baltimore Conference came in a body, when it was meeting in Frederick, Md. But most of the visitors are those interested in Methodist history, origins and priority. I was agreeably surprised yesterday to find that among the last to sign the visitor's book at the Strawbridge home were Drs. Forlines, President of the Westminister Theological Seminary, and Gilbert T. Rowe, teacher of Religions in Duke University. Apparently, along with these were Mrs. W. C. Hammer of Asheboro, N. C., and Mrs. R. M. Andrews of Greensboro, N. C.

New Windsor is a nice, clean, growing, prosperous town of about six hundred population, and is known more as being "The Home of the Blue Ridge College," than for its association with "The Strawbridge Country." This small independent college has just celebrated its first hundred years of existence. Taking all in all, I count myself fortunate in being located so that my own boy, who enters college this fall, can stay at home and attend Western Maryland College. I can imagine the lovers of Western Maryland, either congratulating, or envying me on my present good fortune.

New Windsor, Md.

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It is not the leap at the start but the steady going that gets there.—*John Wannamaker.*

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It's no pleasure to pay taxes, and you don't pay any more than you have to.—*J. P. Morgan.*

THE CHURCH

The Church is the living body of Christian men and women who associate together for public worship and for service to one another and the world. But it is also the saints, the martyrs and apostles, the cloud of witnesses that enfold us.

It is the great hymns of peace and gladness that we sing to ourselves on hospital beds of pain.

It is the New Testament, written by the early Church to preserve precious memories of our Lord and to guide the conduct of the faithful.

It is the spires one sees across the landscape testifying to man's belief that he has a soul.

It is the new-born child brought to the altar of the Church for dedication to God.

It is the friendships that endure across the years so that when a pastor returns to his first parish after a lapse of decades it seems as if he had never left it.

It is the carols of Christmas and the flowers of Easter.

It is the long line of men and women who have gone out from friends and kindred to live out their days in service to strangers in foreign lands.

It is the mysterious figure of One who stood by the side of His followers in the long ago, and who said as He faded from their vision, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

It is the last low whispers of the dead which are burdened with His name.

The Church is history, it is philosophy, it is a heritage of art and music, it is a standard of morals, it is a conserver of progress, it is redemption and fulfillment for the individual human soul. And now, as the fellowship of Christians widens, it promises to become the living sacrament of the Christian social hope.

All this the Church is, and it doth not yet appear what it shall be.

—*Justin Wroe Nixon.*

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OUR STORY PAGE

A LESSON FOR MARJORIE

It was Saturday night, a time Miss Alice was usually going happily about her final preparations for tomorrow's teaching. Tonight, though, she was discouraged. How did really good teachers, she wondered unhappily, deal with problems such as hers? Then she reflected that good teachers didn't let such problems develop in the first place. If you really taught, some of your lesson truth was bound to go out of the class on Sunday morning and show up later in personal conduct.

Up until today Miss Alice had thought rather well of herself as a teacher.

Since this morning, though, all pride in her class had vanished. This morning she had talked with Addie Peek's grandmother. And there hadn't been one minute all day that she hadn't ached as she remembered the look of sorrow in the old woman's eyes as she gravely answered Miss Alice's sympathetic question about Addie's absences: "No'm, Addie's not sick. But she's not coming back to Sunday school any more."

And under Miss Alice's shocked questioning the story had come out. Addie wasn't happy in Sunday school. The other girls didn't treat Addie right. Marjorie Mays—she was the worst—said things to Addie. About her clothes, about her having to ride the milk truck to church. Grandmother could make Addie come, but—

"Please," Miss Alice, distressed, had broken in. "Could I see Addie some time? Maybe, if I talked to her—could I see her tomorrow afternoon?"

And very briefly had come the old woman's reply: "Addie's always home afternoons."

And now Miss Alice sat in her room and faced her problem—how to teach Marjorie to be friendly and kind in a world so needing her kindness and friendliness. It was going to take some special kind of teaching.

For the first time Miss Alice began thinking of her girls without any of her customary affectionate indulgence. She'd been so blind. So confident you "didn't have problems teaching girls." Now she remembered little things. Marjorie carefully arranging together the chairs of her own special friends in class—a little removed from the others. Marjorie out in the church yard drawing around her a few intimates with an air that said pointedly to everybody else, "Stay away."

And there was another thing she'd pretended not to notice. The recently developed consciousness of self. The whisperings about parties, boys. The eager interest in compacts, mirrors, adornments of all kinds. Just a Sunday back a fine lesson had fallen flat because Marjorie, having borrowed the rings of several friends, had sat displaying and admiring her jeweled hands.

Pretty things, gay things, bright, glittering things—all these growing in importance for Marjorie. And it was, Miss Alice admitted, an attractive world for young eyes just becoming aware of it. Why shouldn't it be? Unlimited money, effort, talent being spent to make it attractive for twelve-year-old Marjorie everywhere.

And then, in her mood of clear, fearless thinking, Miss Alice faced the other side of the picture. Where were her twelve-year-olds getting spiritual training to meet the attractions of their new world? Honestly she faced the question—honestly answered. In that little hour with her on Sunday morning! It was all they got. All they got! This suddenly became a tremendous, a frightening thing. Miss Alice dropped her head in her hands and prayed the most earnest prayer of her life: "God, make me big—for this big job. Give me strength to teach."

And then, as sometimes happens when we pray, Miss Alice didn't recognize her answer when it came. It was on Sunday morning, as she and her girls filed into class that Mrs. Bangs, the superintendent's wife, rushed up to her, much excited. "Alice, can you be ready at two? We're going down to Greenville this afternoon. And we're taking you with us."

For one minute of blinding joy, Miss Alice's heart sang. She'd see her mother, her brothers! Just hearing the name of the home town made her sick with longing. But the next instant she remembered. That was the afternoon she'd promised to see Addie. Oh—but could she miss this chance to go home? Her opportunities came so seldom. And Addie was "always home afternoons," her grandmother had said.

But remembering the old grandmother made her remember Addie, helped her see Addie. Her little scuffed shoes, her formless, colorless clothes, her big-eyed wistfulness. Addie needed her, Addie must come first. And so she said bravely to Mrs. Bangs, "I'm so sorry, but little Addie Peek's been absent. I sent her word I'd be out to see her this afternoon. If you see mother—give her my love."

When the mistiness passed and she could see again, Mrs. Bangs was gone and Marjorie was standing close, looking at her teacher curiously, intently. "Miss Alice," she said wonderingly, "you wanted to go home awful. But you didn't. You're going to see Addie."

Marjorie's face was thoughtful. She was considering something new to her. Then Miss Alice saw what was happening and her heart lifted. "Marjorie is thinking," she whispered to herself. No—no, it was something more than that. Marjorie was learning. She was being taught.

And then it was that Miss Alice remembered her prayer. —*Lillian Moore Rice*, in *The Junior Teacher.*

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A CHILD'S CONCEPTION

A four-year-old girl who was in a cemetery for the first time, looked at the mounds of earth and said: "What are these for?"

Somewhat puzzled how to give an answer, her father said: "They belong to the people who have gone to heaven."

"To the angels?" asked the child.

"Yes," said her father.

"Then," said the child, "this is where they have left their clothes"—which was exactly right. — *Richmond Christian Advocate.*

MISSIONARY COLUMN

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MINUTES OF FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING OF WOMEN'S WORK 1939-40

Mrs. R. M. Andrews, president, called to order the first quarterly meeting of the North Carolina Branch of Women's Work of the Methodist Protestant Church at 10:00 a. m., Wednesday, July 12, 1939, at the Community Church, Thomasville, N. C.

After a piano prelude, the audience joined in singing the hymn "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim," and Mrs. E. O. Peeler, Secretary of Spiritual Life, read from Acts the story of Pentecost. This was followed by prayer by Mrs. J. T. Bowman. A second hymn closed the devotional.

All officers, six Departmental Secretaries, and three District Chairmen answered the roll call.

Mrs. R. M. Andrews opened the session with greetings and explanatory remarks, concerning changes in the program, announcing that reports from the Women's Convention in Westminster, Md., the last meeting of that body, would precede the business session.

Mrs. J. T. Bowman gave the first report, her subject being "Acts of Worship" at the convention. She emphasized the fine, thought-provoking meditations of Mrs. S. W. Rosenberger, who used variations of the theme, "Thy Kingdom Come," as the basis of her remarks. Mrs. Bowman summarized the development of these topics concisely and beautifully, bringing to us the inspiration she received from Mrs. Rosenberger.

Mrs. J. M. Millikan followed with a report on "Home Mission Emphases" at Westminster. She told of the many excellent talks at the convention, which gave an idea of what Methodism will do for Home Missions. She gave the essentials, the meaning, and the approaches to Home Missions.

Before Mrs. J. T. Bowman, who represented the women at a meeting of Methodist Protestant ministers in the Presbyterian church opposite, left the auditorium, Mrs. Andrews asked for a rising vote from those who thought the women need the METHODIST PROTESTANT HERALD. A large majority voted for it.

Mrs. J. N. Hauss, of the former M. E. Church, South, was asked to speak on Zone meetings as they have been conducted in the women's work of that church. She explained the organization of the women's work from the Council at the top, down to the auxiliaries. The principal objective of the Zone meeting is a free discussion of all phases of the work; discussion rather than inspiration being stressed. In area, it may embrace several counties and one is held each year—more, if desired—under the direction of the district secretary, who thereby develops leadership among her people.

The "Foreign Mission Emphases" of the Westminster convention were given by Mrs. George C. Haltom. Mrs. Haltom prefaced her report with her impressions of the convention. A missionary from each of our foreign fields was present and gave a report based on the coming of the Kingdom in that field. The other speakers she mentioned were a native Indian girl and Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon, each speaking on "Madras Points the Way to the Kigndom," referring to the Madras Conference, an international meeting held last year in Madras. Mrs. Haltom also mentioned a very beautiful and comprehensive pageant which was given.

At this point Mrs. Andrews introduced Dr. C. E. Forlines, President of Westminster Theological Seminary. Dr. Forlines presented the needs of the Seminary, the most pressing need being four thousand volumes for the library. Dr. Forlines said he would like to see North Carolina give at least one thousand of these volumes, which would mean a minimum of two thousand five hundred dollars. He explained the financial situation at the Seminary which has four sources of income: students, who have low incomes; appropriation from the Board of Christian Education, which has been curtailed; endowment, which, small to begin with, has been diminished recently; and special gifts, which have been hindered by the depression. In the united church, it is necessary for the Seminary to become an accredited institution and the library is the one thing lacking which is essential to becoming accredited.

Mrs. Andrews asked the finance committee to meet during the lunch hour and prepare a recommendation relative to aiding this library fund.

Mrs. D. S. Coltrane spoke on the "Educational Emphases" at the Westminster convention. An interesting lecture, Dr. Forlines' presentation of the needs of the Seminary, and the report of the Secretary of Christian Education comprised the special emphasis on Education, though Mrs. Coltrane thought the entire convention should be considered educational, missionary, Christian, and generally.

Mrs. J. T. Bowman read her report as Corresponding Secretary, interesting and replete with details of work among the auxiliaries. The report was accepted. A courtesy committee was appointed as follows: Mrs. J. R. Dodson, Chairman, Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr., and Mrs. George L. Curry.

Mrs. C. W. Bates announced that Histories of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society were available at fifty cents each and Mrs. D. S. Coltrane offered Literature on Christian Education for distribution.

Dr. G. I. Humphreys dismissed the session with prayer.

Afternoon Session

A piano prelude called the delegates together at 1:15 p. m. After singing "Come Thou Almighty King," the group prayed the Lord's Prayer in concert.

Mrs. Andrews opened the business session by calling on Mrs. Coy L. Kearns, Treasurer, for her report, which, as usual, was an excellent one and was accepted with a rising vote of thanks.

Mrs. J. H. Allred, Assistant Treasurer, also read a splendid report which was accepted.

Mrs. J. M. Millikan, Secretary of Student Loan Fund, reported that 115 students have been assisted and a total of more than $16,000 paid into the Loan Fund since it was established.

Mrs. J. E. Pritchard, Secretary of Missionary Education, suggested that representatives of auxiliaries go home and arrange for their Mission Study courses this fall. The Home Mission book is "Homeland Harvest" and the Foreign Mission book is "Women and the Way." "Through Tragedy to Triumph" was also recommended.

Dr. G. I. Humphreys was recognized. He pleaded for the continued support of High Point College. He urged finishing the apportionment of the last Branch year. In the set-up of the united church, the college will receive no money from the General Conference Board. Therefore High Point College must depend on the Annual Conference Board and the Women's Branch. The problem of becoming accredited, or meeting the standards of the Methodist University Senate, faces the College as well as the Seminary. He asked that all that has been promised to the college be paid this year.

The report of Mrs. W. H. Neese, Secretary of Scholarships and Native Workers was read by the recording secretary.

Mrs. E. O. Peeler, Secretary of Spiritual Life, read her report, stressing the importance of developing spiritual life in our local churches. The report was accepted.

Mrs. T. L. Speas, Secretary of Literature, reported a very active quarter in her work.

At this juncture, Auxiliary Presidents, Corresponding Secretaries, Delegates, and Officers of the Branch, were asked to stand for recognition. A large number of visitors was welcomed.

Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr., stated that Mrs. Hammer has no Thank Offering boxes at present and that Mrs. Hammer recommended the pageant given at Westminster.

The recording secretary read the report of Mrs. J. M. Stone, Secretary of Stewardship and Benevolence. This report was accepted by common consent.

Mrs. Andrews stated that there will be no change in the Branch work until next spring at Branch Meeting.

Mrs. R. A. Hunter, Secretary of Memberships, asked permission to mail her report to the secretary. She has about twelve Life Memberships.

Mrs. J. C. Madison, Secretary of Exhibits, reported that three churches have used the costumes this quarter.

Mrs. D. S. Coltrane moved that the Branch send a note of sympathy to Mrs. E. L. Ballard who lost her father last week. The secretary was asked to write this note.

Mrs. J. E. Carrol, Missionary Editor, made a brief report of the large amount of material printed in the HERALD.

Mrs. C. W. Bates, Chairman of Districts, asked that district chairmen concentrate on the Minnis Fund. As Custodian of Records, she offered to aid in collecting files of the HERALD and Conference Journals for the Seminary.

It was voted to donate a copy of the "History of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society" to the Seminary.

The Finance Committee, Mrs. Kearns, Chairman, presented the following recommendation:

We recommend that we support Dr. Forlines in his plan to make the Seminary an accredited institution by helping supply the needed volumes for the Library.

That in order to find a way by which this may be done, we recommend that books be given in honor or in memory of people and that a sticker be placed in books indicating in whose memory or honor they be given.

That the promotion of the plan be put in the hands of the Secretary of Christian Education and the District Chairman.

The recommendation was adopted.

An invitation for the October meeting was extended by the First Church, Winston-Salem. A discussion of the attitude of the auxiliaries toward the Quarterly Meeting followed, emphasizing the importance of the meetings. The invitation was accepted.

Mrs. J. R. Dodson read the report of the Courtesy Committee, after which the minutes of the day were read and corrected.

Following a prayer, led by Mrs. C. L. Whitaker, the First Quarterly Meeting was adjourned.

MRS. R. M. ANDREWS, *President.*
MRS. S. S. HOLT, *Recording Secretary.*

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REPORT OF TREASURER NORTH CAROLINA BRANCH OF WOMEN'S WORK

First Quarter Ending June 30, 1939

Receipts:

Bank balance April 1, 1939	$ 297.49
Received from Mrs. Speas, Secretary, Literature	74.00
Funds received for:	
College	627.85
World Service	1,322.96
North Carolina Budget	224.63
Minnis Fund	379.18
Total Receipts	$2,926.11

Disbursements:

Miss Louise Best, returned missionary, Expenses to Branch Meeting	$ 4.25
Mrs. Fred Holloway, Expenses to Branch Meeting	15.00
Rev. Homer Casto, Expenses to Branch Meeting	10.00
High Point College, Printing Reccommendations and Finance Committee Report	1.25
McCulloch & Swain, Programs for Branch Meeting H. P.	6.00
Board of Missions, Literature to 4-6-39 from 12-28-38	118.00
Rev. J. C. Madison, Play for Branch Meeting	2.00
Mrs. Lamb, Secretary of Young People, expenses for 3rd and 4th quarters	1.10
Expenses of Delegates to Missionary Convention in Westminster, Md.	44.56
600 Postal cards for use of Treasurer	6.00
Dr. Andrews, Space in HERALD	100.00
Mrs. Bowman, Corresponding Secretary, Expenses for 1st Quarter	4.60
Mrs. Andrews, President, Expenses for 1st Quarter	2.20
High Point College	627.85
Mrs. J. H. Allred, Student Loan Fund	44.92
Rev. Homer Casto, Bethel Home	44.92
Dr. Dixon, Children's Home	112.33
H. C. Staley, Treas., World Service	
Undesignated	1,210.96
Life Memberships	90.00
Memorial Memberships	20.00
Minnis Salary	379.18
Work in China	2.00
Total Disbursements	$2,847.21
Cash in Bank	$ 78.90

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. COY L. KEARNS, *Treasurer,*
N. C. Branch Women's Work.

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CHILDREN'S HOME HISTORIES

Dear readers. Lest you forget—we still have a few more of the Children's Home Histories. If you do not have yours you may get them at 15c, 12c of which will go to the Home.

We are still getting calls from other states for these booklets to use in getting the young people interested in the Home, therefore we hope they have meant more to this institution than the profits we have been able to put into useful articles and cash.

We thank you for your help in this project and if you can help us dispose of what we now have we will appreciate it. Please let us hear from you who have copies on hand.

MABEL W. RUSSELL,
1915 W. Main St.,
High Point, N. C.

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"The dangerous driver is the man who has had a few drinks and is absolutely and thoroughly convinced of his own sobriety and of his unequaled driving perfection—the type who insists that he is a better driver when he has had a few drinks than when he is completely sober."—Judge Harry H. Porter, Evanston, Illinois.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Hickory Ridge, Forsyth	$ 5.50
Giles Chapel, Richland	3.50
Baltimore S. S., W. Forsyth	3.00
Liberty Hill S. S., Anderson	2.00
Haw River S. S., Glen Raven	3.90
N. C. Branch, by the Treasurer	89.18
Canaan S. S., Denton	1.00
Pleasant Grove S. S.	15.00
Fountain Place S. S., Burlington	5.28
Salem S. S., Saxapahaw	4.22
Rock Creek, Alamance	2.50
Pleasant Union, Mt. Pleasant	2.25
St. Paul S. S., Greensboro, May, June, and July	18.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Unionville, Mich. for shoes	3.00
Central S. S., Charlotte	5.27
Friendship S. S., Chase City, Va.	4.00
Friendship S. S., Shiloh	4.50
Browers Chapel S. S., Richland	6.76
Bethesda, N. Davidson	4.00
Concord S. S., Saxapahaw	3.25
Concord S. S.	20.00
Glen Raven S. S.	3.01
Pine Grove S. S., Kernersville	4.15
Macedonia, Seagrove-Love Joy	1.00
Miss Gladys Wilson, Clinton, S. C.	10.00
Miss Vera Wilson, Clinton, S. C.	10.00
Mebane S. S.	16.50
Community Church, Thomasville	13.88
Flag Springs S. S., Why Not	1.25
Mitchell's Grove S. S., Guilford	7.00

Anniversary Gifts

Previously reported	$1,268.80
Union Grove, Orange	3.50
A Friend, Harris Chapel, Vance	4.85
Total	$1,277.15

We are so thankful to all who continue their help in running this Home for dependent children. The need is still great and the blessings of God are still promised to those who contribute to the widow and the orphan.

A number of Sunday schools haven't sent us an offering for months. Is your school among that number; Please begin again and help ours in a needy and deserving cause. We thank you.

Clothing and Other Gifts

Coach Virgil Yow, High Point college, three new suits of clothes for our boys.

An SOS Call

There is a dear, good man who runs a large peach orchard in the sandhills, who has donated about 70 to 75 bushels of peaches each year to this Home. He is not a Methodist Protestant, but it has seemed to give him joy to give these peaches.

In answer to our solictation this year, he writes: "I regret to say that peaches are so scarce here that we will not be able to accommodate you this year." We are sure he would if he could, and he would get joy out of it.

We have been getting 480 to 500 half-gallon cans filled each summer out of the peaches he gave us. We will be short that much in our own canning this year.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

GOOD TIMES IN THE HOME

Topic for July 23, 1939

By Rev. Raymond W. White

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, July 17—A Sinful "Good Time." Dan. 5:1-4.

Tuesday, July 18—Life in the House of Wisdom. Prov. 9:1-16.

Wednesday, July 19 — A Happy, Godly Family. Job 1:1-15.

Thursday, July 20—Blessing a Godly Mother. Prov. 31:10-31.

Friday, July 21 — Just Cause for Merriment. Luke 15:25-32.

Saturday, July 22—A Home Made Happy. Luke 19:1-9.

The Text: Prov. 22:6; Deut. 4:9, 10; Ps. 101:2.

To the Leader

The best place to spend leisure time is in the home. If this is not true, there is something wrong with the program of the home or something wrong with the discontented members. This generation should give more attention to building up a home in which the true spirit of home-life prevails. Youth is the age to begin the planning and building of a home after the fashion of God, the perfect Creator of a perfect home. Among the programs which may include all members of the family are the formation of a family orchestra, rug-making or other handwork, caring for pets, maintaining collection hobbies, study of the masterpieces of art, reading-evenings, game-evenings, evenings with invited friends. Discuss these programs and their spiritual as well as their recreational value. Recall that this topic is the third of a series of three on the general topic "The Christian and His Leasure Time."

Questions for the Open Forum

1. What are the characteristics of a real home?
2. Do we enjoy evenings at home? Why or why not?
3. What do you do when you have an evening at home?
4. What home-program do you suggest for enhancing home-unity?
5. What program can you suggest for a profitable evening at home?
6. Do the members of the average home work and play together? Should they? Explain.
7. Do the members of the average family go places and do things together? Why not?
8. Do you think most members of the home work and play for individual improvement or for the improvement of all members of the home and the home itself? Explain.
9. What is the value, if any, of a reading circle in the home?
10. What is the value of a round-table discussion of modern problems in the family circle?
11. What problems would you discuss in the round-table conference?
12. What games would you suggest for the family circle?
13. Of what value is the study of music in the home?
14. Do you think that the radio programs have been substituted for personal culture?

The Poet

I turned an ancient poet's book
And found upon the page,
"Stone walls do not a prison make
Nor iron bars a cage."

Yes, that is true, and something more
You'll find where'er you roam,
That marble floors and gilded walls
Can never make a home.

But every home where love abides
And friendship is a guest,
Is surely home, and home sweet home,
For there the soul can rest.

—*Van Dyke.*

Little Gems

The modern home is the place where nothing can be accomplished if the electric current goes off.

Americanism: Trying to make hotels more like homes; trying to make homes more like hotels.

Topic Hints

The Home: The home is not only the oldest and most sacred institution of man but it is his best place on earth. The home was created by God and was adorned by His Son, Jesus Christ. It is the most important institution of any generation yet it is the most sadly neglected of any of our modern institutions. E. H. Chapin said, "Home is the seminary of all other institutions." Yes, when the home ceases to be a seminary, the world will have no preachers of righteousness. Most of the unrighteousness of the present generation can be traced to the neglect of home-life. Any Christian pastor will tell you that the problems of the youth in his church are very largely the result of little or no Christian program in the home. Who's to blame? Parents blame the children; children blame the parents. The honest answer is this: It is six to one and a half-dozen of the other. If we want to build a new world, the place to begin building is in the home.

The Age: The spirit of the age in which we live has little to offer in building a real home. Some one has suggested that we are born in a hospital, married in a church, and die in a car. The suggestion is followed by the question, "What do you want a home for?" That's the spirit of the age. The utilitarian ambition has fancied the home as a hotel. The social climbing spirit has centered amusements and entertainments outside the home and each member goes in a different direction to seek the satisfaction of a personal passion. Madness for money works as many members of the family as the law will permit and exquisitely furnishes a home in which little worthwhile happens. The radio takes the place of the piano, the moving picture takes the place of the book-self, and the automobile takes the place of the fire-side. Such a spirit has wrecked the spirit of home-like which we inherited from our forefathers. It is time we analyze the condition in our home and dedicate oursleves to the worthy task of rebuilding the home, the foundation of all worthwhile institutions.

Home Programs: The modern home is sadly in need of a program with spiritual and recreational features. It needs a program which will meet the needs of the entire family, from the youngest to the oldest members. It needs a program in which every member can take part; a program which will build up a unity in the family; a program which will contribute to the spiritual welfare of every member. There is much to be accomplished in the members of the home doing worthwhile things together. The lack of an ideal home-program is not because the market has nothing to offer. It is not because we lack time nor because we lack facilities. It is because we do not care to do it. Parents are interested in their lodges and chapters and children are interested in their fraternities and sororities. So the termites destroy our foundations while we polish the door-knobs. Why can we not see the importance of a program in the home!

Good Times At Home: The home should be the best place in the world to have a good time in our leisure hours. It affords the best opportunity not only to have good times but to enjoy leisure time profitably. Profitable good times enhance the beauty and increases the power of character. The home can provide good magazines and books, games for the entire family, pets for the children, worthwhile hobbies, and interesting conversation. Last night the editor of this page visited a home in which one boy is confined for one year because of an automobile accident and another boy is being confined for eighteen months because of a physical affliction. With these afflictions including the suffering and trouble, the family was happy. The mother was beautifully patient, the little daughter cheerfully serviceable, and the boys delighted with their most recent accomplishment in airplane construction, while the father was working hard to win their bread. They were having good times in that home because the home had a worthwhile program. But providing a program is not the whole of the story. We must have an interest in the program planned. The needed interest will never be created by the program alone. That must come from within a vision of what it will mean to the family and the individual members when they work and play together.—*Methodist Protestant Recorder.*

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Midway, Haw River Circuit, Dr. C. W. Bates, Pastor.—The fourth Sunday in June our revival began with a Children's Day service at 11 o'clock, dinner on the grounds, and in the afternoon Rev. Mr. Ballard of Reidsville preached for us. On Monday night Rev. C. E. Ridge came and preached for us the remainder of the meeting, which closed Friday night. Brother Ridge gave us some soul-stirring messages, the church was greatly revived, and 16 were converted. The doors of the church were opened Friday night, and five joined the church. We hope more will join later. We appreciate the work Brother Ridge did for us, and hope to have him with us again some time.

Dr. Bates filled his appointment yesterday with a good message. The Sunday school is moving along nicely with an average of more than 100. A contest has just ended in which the senior class won. They are to be given a party soon by the superintendent, R. P. Butler.

Last month our prayer meeting was conducted by two young men from Greensboro, Huber Dixon and William Crowder; am sure all enjoyed their talks.

The Ladies' Auxiliary met the first Sunday with a very good attendance. This meeting was conducted by Mrs. Sallie Turner, the president.

Pray that our church may end its year's work successfully.

MRS. G. W. APPLE, Reporter.

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Spring Hill, North Davidson Charge, Rev. O. B. Williams, Pastor.—The Ladies' Aid society met July 15 at the home of Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Williams. The program was conducted according to the outline in the Ladies' Aid handbook. After the program tickets were distributed to sell for a bedspread. Each member agreed to try to sell ten. Heart sisters were revealed and names were drawn for new heart sisters. Those present besides the members of the Aid were those who assisted in the program and at the stand at Eagle Hill on Easter Monday, also present were the husbands and children of the Aid members. After the society adjourned to meet in September, every one went on the lawn where ice cream and cake was bountifully served. REPORTER.

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Community Church, Thomasville. — Our church had as its speaker last Sunday, Dr. C. E. Forlines, president of the Westminster Theological Seminary. The subject of his talk was the Good Samaritan. He emphasized the difference between having and sharing. Your neighbor is not the people that live next door to you and that you like, but the countless numbers of this earth are your neighbors. Black or white, rich or poor, our Father loved them all and asked us to do likewise. Dr. Forlines ended his talk with a plea for funds for the Seminary. Their budget has been greatly depleted this year, and we would like for our school to have a good start in the first year of United Methodism.

Dr. Forlines spoke to us again at the first quarterly Branch Meeting of Woman's Work at the church on Wednesday. There was an unusually good attendance and dinner was served to the entire crowd by the ladies of the church. Mrs. J. N. Hauss and Dr. Humphreys also made interesting talks to the ladies at the meeting.

Our pastor, Rev. J. Clyde Auman, is attending the Leadership Training School in Atlanta this week. He will be gone the entire week but will be back for services on Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Gardner is confined to her home by illness.

Mrs. Bessie Harrison is at the City Memorial Hospital where she underwent a major operation. Her friends will be glad to know that she is improving rapidly.

REPORTER.

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Bethesda, North Davidson, Rev. O. B. Williams, Pastor. — Our church and Sunday school attendance has been quite good; we are hoping to raise our average to 200 in the near future.

Children's Day service was held the first Sunday in July.

The death angel has visited our community and taken three of our members in about a week's time: Mrs. Lindsay Thomason dying suddenly; Austin Reed Latham, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Latham, had a severe foot infection and died in a short time; Phillip Lanier, Jr., sin of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Lanier, died of a motorcycle injury. All three families have our heartfelt sympathy.

The Auxiliary held their monthly meeting with Mrs. Herman Brinkley, with Mrs. H. H. Brinkley, Mrs. Lacy Brinkley, and Mrs. R. L. Grubb as co-hostesses. The meeting was opened with the singing of "Blessed Assurance." The Scripture was read by Mrs. J. O. Everhart. Meditation, "Hallowed Be Thy Name," by the president; guide book being used. The song, "He Keeps Me Singing," by Annie Belle and Wilma Lanier, Maggie Foust and Doris Brinkley. The minutes were read by Doris Brinkley in the absence of the secretary. A goodly number of sick visits and flowers sent were reported.

Delicious refreshments were served to all present.

MRS. J. O. EVERHART, Reporter.

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Mt. Ebal, Home Coming.—For reasons in which the public would not be especially interested, the Mt. Ebal Home Coming service was not for this year observed in June, the regular set time. This occasion will instead be observed on the first Sunday in August. The friends of this historic old church and especially former pastors are invited and urged to be present. There will be an all-day program beginning at eleven o'clock. A good progam is being prepared. This has been one of the finest old churches in this part of the country, being one of the oldest and being the mother of many of the other churches. Let us attend this service and do honor to this grand old church and in this way serve the Lord.

Because of circumstances of the community the membersship of this church is now very small but there are those who very greatly love it. Recently a new roof has been placed on the building and a new stove flue has been built by the side of the building instead of running through the roof as formally. These improvements will mean much for comfort and preservation of the property.

Come to Mt. Ebal on the first Sunday in August and spend the day. You will find a beautiful place to have a good time.

GEO. L. CURRY, Pastor.

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Pleasant Grove, F. R. Love, Pastor.—Since our last report the activities of Pleasant Grove have been moving along nicely both in attendance and in interest. Our Sunday school has an average attendance of 205 and offerings average $10 each Sunday for the past quarter. The spiritual interest is continuing to deepen in the life of the people through each of our services.

Our oganizations continue to do splendid work. The Auxiliary has paid the superannuate fund of $33.00 and $10.00 on North Carolina Women's Work with the remaining part on hand to complete our budget of $30.00. They have also paid for the painting of the parsonage both inside and outside which cost $140.00.

The Ladies' Aid has also been working very hard. Their project is improving the church yard, which begins this week.

Last Sunday we observed Children's Day. The morning service was turned over to the children who rendered a very interesting program. We were glad to have our pastor back with us Sunday after being away for a week in a revival meeting.

Our community was saddened very much by the death of John Hilton and Joe Murphy about two weeks.

Joe Murphy was a members of our church and will be missed very much by all. His funeral was attended by a large number of people and the floral offerings were many and beautiful. The service was in charge of the pastor, Rev. F. R. Love, assisted by Revs. Sam Wiley, W. R. Jenkins and J. Clyde Auman, all of Thomasville.

Joe Murphy was loved by everyone. Happiness shown in him like a light, and after knowing him, one found that one had a spark of it glowing in himself.

"Far from his kind he neither sank nor soared,
But sat an equal guest at every board,
No beggar ever felt him condescend,
No prince presume, for still himself he bore
At manhood's simple level, and where'er
He met a stranger—there he left a friend."

YESABLE HEDRICK, Reporter.

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Rehoboth, Creswell Charge, Rev. Forest Wagoner, Pastor.—It has been sometime since we had a report from this church, although we have been moving on as usual. Brother Wagoner has filled his regular appointments which is always a joy to him. The second Sunday in June we had G. J. Cherry and wife from Charleston, S. C., with us, also Wilmer W. White of Easton, Md. Holy Communion was observed at the close of the services which were very impressive, it being the first time I had ever communied with G. J. Cherry, my brother, and will be the last time in the old M. P. church. Last second Sunday, Rev. W. F. Ashburn preached for us; he was on a visit to Brother Wagoner, he also preached once at Mt. Hermon, I believe. Our revival started that night; the stormy weather prevented services, but during the week we had services each night with very good congregations. Much interest was manifested. There were no accessions to the church, but all were spiritually revived. Brother Ashburn was with us the night it closed. I hope God will spare him to make these annual trips many years. He was our pastor in the old Edenton church, more than 40 years ago. We all loved him then and do now.

We also had Mr. V. L. Everett and family with us, our members from Norfolk; we were so glad to have them. We were all invited to O. L. Everett's to dinner. Mrs. Lillie Everett, who was too feeble to attend church, is there and it was good to have a family reunion.

Brother C. V. White is doing remarkably well, he and his good wife, Sallie, were at church and their sons, wives, and children.

Guess my report is already too long, but will say, I had about laid my crutches by till I had a fall sprained my ankle, and had to go back on the crutches, then my tear ducts closed and I went to Norfolk for treatment have to returned there again next week. I hope to be finally relieved. I am well, happy, and hope if God spares my life to go to the Annual Conference this fall.

REPORTER.

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Enfield, Whitaker's Charge, Rev. W. L. Loy, Pastor.—Since my last report there is not much of unusual interest.

Our organizations are doing fairly well. Right now there is a drop in attendance at Sunday school on account of vacationing and some sickness.

We have been favored by having our district superintendent with us on two day services and his sermons were very much enjoyed. We had our third quarterly conference on the first Sunday in July. Our pastor has filled all of his appointments up to date and always gives us good spiritual messages.

In June our Sunday school had a splendid picnic which was enjoyed by a big attendance.

The Men's Bible class and others almost outdid themselves in generosity; many thanks to them. Best wishes to the Herald and its readers. REPORTER.

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Friendship Church, Fallston Charge,—A large crowd attended Sunday school and church services last Sunday. The annual revival for the Methodist churches of Fallston began here. Rev. Mr. Hethcox, pastor of the M. P. church is doing the preaching. service begins at 11:00 o'clock in the morning and at 8:00 o'clock in the evening all through this week. A people in and near this vicinity are cordially invited to attend these services. The subject of Rev. Mr. Hethcox Sunday morning was "War in Heaven that is still going on," and he used as his evening theme, "How to become a genuine Christian."

Rev. Mr. Goforth, pastor of the M. E. church, South, in conducting a vacation church school this week. Classes began Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock. He has several from the community to be his helpers. A large crowd of children is expected to attend this school. All parents are ured to cooperate with the school, and bring the children to these classes each day. The school will be held only one week.

The quarterly conference of the M .E. church, South held its meeting at Friendship church last Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock with the Rev. Claud Moser doing the preaching. A large crowd from the charge attended this meeting.

The members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of this church are canning fruit for the Children's Home. They will meet with Mrs. T. B. Torey next Wednesday afternoon.

Please remember to attend our revival services this week.

EVA WRIGHT, Reporter.

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Rankin Memorial Church, Rev. Edw. Suits, Pastor.—Our pastor has occupied the pulpit at both morning and evening services since conference, and during the next ten days he will be away on vacation. Our congregation is still off some but is unusually good considering that it is vacation time.

On Sunday, June 26, we observed Children's Day in our church. The children gave a very interesting program at the evening service, which was well received by those in attendance.

The Workers Council met in regular session, Tuesday, July 11, at the home of Mrs. M. J. Setzer. Much interest is being shown in these meetings.

We have received two new members into the church recently. They were Mrs. Elizabeth Clary and Mr. E. B. Montgomery. We have lost a member by death since our last report, Mrs. M. H. Griffith.

Our revival will probably begin the last of the next month and we want to be much in prayer for these services. REPORTER.

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Baltimore Church, West Forsyth Charge.—We have just come to the close of our revival meeting. God has poured out His Spirit upon the Christian people of our church. Our pastor, Rev. G. B. Ferree, chose as his pulpit help, his son, Rev. Sulon Ferree, a young man just out of school. He gave us a new version of a loving Heavenly Father and of the beauty of religion and of the joy to be derived from the Christ-like way of living. His sermon appealed to the intellectual as well as to the spiritual nature of his hearers. And our prayer is that they may sink deep into the hearts of the sinners and cause them to think upon their way. There were unsaved people attending this meeting, yet they hardened their hearts and would not let Jesus come in.

We took 17 new members into the church Friday night. Which were mostly little children who wanted to give their hearts to Jesus while they were young and tender. In Isaiah 11:6 we find these words, "A little child shall lead them." I feel the church has a great responsibility upon it now to feed these lambs and nourish these babes in Christ.

I pray God the tongues of those who are ready to critcize may cleave to the roofs of their mouths and only those who are filled with the Spirit of Christ may speak, for they alone can give encouragement and show sympathy with all long-suffering gentleness and love. These are they that must feed His little lambs who have just started their Christian walk in life. "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of His."—Romans 8:9. No man can give to others that which he does not have himself.

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The annual revival meeting began at Tabernacle M. P. church on Sunday, July 16, and Rev. Sulon Ferreq is also assisting his father there as his pulpit help. We pray that he may have much success and many years ahead in serving his Master.

The monthly meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary will be held at the home of Mrs. Paul Cornelius, July 22. We hope that every member can be present.

The Children's Day program was observed in the afternoon on the second Sunday, July 9, was greatly appreciated by all present and the services were properly classed as a success. Besides recitations and songs, special music was furnished by the Garner Children, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Death entered our community Friday night when the death angels called one of our good citizens to his reward. Mr. W. H. Smitherman was a good man and was loved by all who knew him, especially little children. He was 73 years of age and had been in a critical condition for two weeks. His funeral was conducted from Baltimore M. P. church by Rev. G. B. Ferree, the pastor.

JOSEPHINE PHILLIPS, Reporter.

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Lindsey Street, Reidsville.—Yes, we are now the "Lindsey Street Methodist Church," instead of the "First Methodist Protestant Church," as heretofore. This action was taken by the third quarterly conference on July 12, after having given the membership a chance to express itself a short time previously. We would like to have just removed "Protestant" and remained the "First Methodist Church," but since the Main Street Methodist church is the oldest organization by some twenty-odd years, that would have been a misnomer. Some favored "Kernodle Memorial," as Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Kernodle were largely responsible for its beginning. The chief objection raised to this title was its difficulty to remember and perhaps to pronounce, on the part of those unfamiliar with the name. This partial explanation may help interested readers to understand why other names than Lindsey Street were not chosen.

The work at the church is progressing encouragingly. The weakest factor is the finances, which characterizes many of the other churches in our conference, especially those who raised their Appreciation Year quota in full. That was a big undertaking for our Reidsville church. Our people worked prayerfully and perseveringly to raise the $500.00 assigned to them, and they succeeded! Besides this, $30 was paid for delegates' expenses to the Uniting Conference.

Our first Vacation Church school, operating for two weeks following the close of the public schools, was a signal success. With six faithful workers and 45 pupils a schedule and curriculum was followed which proved both pleasant and profitable. Proportionately this was the largest school in town.

Despite the summertime heat and vacations, when church folks get "scattered to the four winds," our Sunday school and church attendance has been encouraging. The pastor's personal schedule, previously planned but intercepted by unforeseen occurrences, is responsible for some irregularities in services. The most shocking interruption was the sudden death of his father-in-law, Mr. Geo. R. Martin, of Patrick county, Va., on July 6. Permit us here to express our sincere gratitude to our church folks and friends elsewhere, who so kindly expressed sympathy in floral designs, cards of condolence, letters of solace, and by word of mouth. Truly, no human blessings are greater than understanding and sympathizing friends.

The first quarterly conference set a goal of a new member a month which may seem meager to churches in communities of large opportunities. It is small—to small, perhaps, but within reach of our church constituency here. Although the year is three months from its close, eleven new members have been received. A revival effort is planned for the last two weeks in August, which we hope and pray will more than double this number.

Our Reidsville church folks are a fine membership to serve. They are comparatively few in number, but consecrated. There are not many leaders among them, but they are willing to be taught and led. They are busy with their family and business affairs, but they have time for consideration of each other, and especially for the occupants of the parsonage. We are happy in our service of these good people.

E. LESTER BALLARD.

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Hollister, Halifax Charge, W. M. Howard, Jr., Pastor—We are glad to report that the attendance and interest have been good thus far, in the Sunday school and preaching services, during the spring and summer. The average attendance in Sunday school is between 65 and 70.

A Children's Day program was given here on the fourth Sunday morning in June. The pageant "Children in the Midst," was presented with Mrs. J. J. Williams as director. The little children did their parts well. Our pastor also had a part in the pageant, and he was good. Mr. Howard is not only a good preacher but he is a good speaker.

The Methodist and Baptist people held a week's Vacation Bible school together at Hollister during the fourth week in June. The enrollment was between 90 and 95. Much good was accomplished by this school and we are looking forward to having a better one next year. The children have been organized into two classes: The Sunshine Circle and Willing Workers. They meet every Thursday afternoon after the first Sunday in each month. They seem to be very much interested in their work.

The auxiliary met in the home of Mrs. Fannie Ellington on Tuesday afternoon, July 11. A very interesting meeting was held with the president, Mrs. Mae Alston, presiding. We have added four new members to our roll recently. There are others we hope will join our auxiliary soon. Our next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. R. I. Pullen, on Tuesday afternoon after the second Sunday in August.

Our revival meeting will begin the fourth Sunday in August.

KATHLEEN SHEARIN, Reporter.

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Greensville Charge, J. M. Morgan, Pastor.—We are glad to report that Hobbs has a very interesting Sunday school at present. The church has been presented a piano by the Sunday school which adds much to the singing. Thanks to the leadership of Miss Corine Phillips and Mr. Spruce Mitchell, who are teachers in our Sunday school. The next project is to paint Hobbs on the outside; we hope to get this done before our special meeting begins. This date has been set for the fourth Sunday in August. Remember us in your prayers for a spiritual awakening in the church and community.

Greensville Charge now has a new, up-to-date parsonage with modern conveniences for pastor and family to live in, located near Mathews Chapel church. This was made possible by selling the old parsonage and lot at Triplet, by individual work and gifts, also by the persistent and hard work of pastor and family. The parsonage at Triplet and the present parsonage were built during the pastorates of Brother Morgan. Quite an accomlishment for such a small man!

Some said, "It couldn't be done."
Others said, "It could." The work was begun.
Now it is finished outside and in,
And the pastor and family are living within.
Some says, "The small endebtedness left will be hard to get."
Whitby says, "Come on, folks, we will collect that yet!"
So, we will continue to work, pray, and pay with vim,
And sing while we work: Praise Him, Praise, Him!

DORA J. PAIR, Reporter.

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Friendship Church, Chase City Charge, Rev. D. D. Broome, Pastor.—That there has not been a report from our church does not mean that we are not working.

pointments and brought to us very inspiring messages. We were very glad to have Mrs. mesages. We were very glad to have Mrs. Broome and the children to worship with us and visit in our homes on the last fourth Sunday.

Children's Day was oserved on the last fourth Sunday and the program was given with very much inspiration. Approximately 25 young people took part.

The Sunday school is still holding up very well. Our highest attendance so far is 102. The Sunday school will have a basket picnic Saturday, July 22 at 5:00 o'clock on the church gorunds.

Our revival will begin July 23, at 11:00 o'clock. We hope this will be a great revival. That hearts may be made tender and many souls be saved. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services. I ask the prayers of all you good readers of the Herald, that we may have the soul winning services.

Everyone has certainly enjoyed having Rev. Vines Turner of Chase City and Dr. Joseph Turner of South Hill as guest speakers in our prayer meeting on Sunday evenings.

PAULINE JARRELL, Reporter.

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Concord, Saxapahaw Charge, Rev. M. C. Henderson, Pastor.—We are doing some real good work at this church even though it has been sometime since there has been a report.

Children's Day services were held Sunday, July 16, at the eleven o'clock hour. The children did real well with their part. They furnished all the singing which was commendable for children. At the close of the children's services we were glad to have visiting singers from Concord and Burlington; their selections were greatly enjoyed. We appreciate very much them singing for us and give them a cordial invitation to come sing for us again.

Our revival services begun last Sunday night and has continued during the week. Rev. C. G. Isley, of Albemarle, is our pulpit help. There has been prayer meeting held each Sunday evening in connection with the C. E. meeting prior to the beginning of the revival.

The Christian Endeavor society held a social at the church Saturday evening which was enjoyed by those present.

The Ladies Auxiliary met with Mrs. Loy Roberson for their July meeting,. A very interesting program was given on church union. At this meeting two of our members are on the sick list: Mrs. R. L. Mann, and Mrs. T. H. Moore.

This church had a record attendance at Sunday school on Sunday morning. They can boast of 100 per cent perfect attendance and there were others present for Sunday school. We are especially glad to have some visitors.

We were glad to have the Pleasant Hill Christian church C. E. society to come down and put on a program for us the second Sunday night of this month. The program was much enjoyed.

REPORTER.

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Corinth Church, Littleton Charge, Rev. D. D. Broome, Pastor. — The Union Sunday school is being held at our church this quarter. The attendance at Sunday school and church service is increasing but there is still plenty of room for others.

Our pastor filled his regular appointment here on the first Sunday morning. At the close of the service the "Lord's Supper" was observed.

We were very glad to have Miss Alice Mae Whitby and Miss Mae Shearin from Weaver's Chapel, worship with us on the third Sunday night, and give us a lecture on their trip to the Leadership Training school at High Point. We noticed that there were several

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visitors in the congregation on the third Sunday night. We were mighty glad to have them all worship with us and hope they will all come back again.

Sorry to report that one of our Sunday school pupils, Miss Mary Pierce, is in the Roanoke Rapids hospital. She was operated on last week for appendicitis. We hope that she will soon be back with us.

All the official members are requested to attend the third quarterly conference on August 5th at the Littleton M. P. church at 2:30 p. m.

Our revival meeting will begin at this church the first Sunday in September. Rev. Forest Wagoner of the Creswell charge will be our pulpit help. We ask the prayers of all for the success of the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Morris of Charlottesville, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Morris, of Richmond, Va., spent several days recently with their parents Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Morris.

MRS. B. F. MORRIS, Reporter.

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Vaughan Church, Littleton Charge, Rev. D. D. Broome, Pastor.—There has not been a report from our church since April, but that is no sign we are not working. Our pastor has been filling his regular appointments with real good attendance.

On the fourth Sunday afternoon in June at 3:30 o'clock we gave our Children's Day program. It was gotten up by one of the Baptist members of Vaughan Baptist church, Mrs. Ray P. Reavis. And we certainly do appreciate the help and cooperation of the Baptist people of the Vaughan Baptist church.

Some of the people of the Vaughan community started a meeting out here at the Methodist church to get money to repair the church. So! at our last meeting we decided to turn it in to the Christian Endeavor society. We have already elected the officers. They are Wilton Duncan, president; W. I. Porter, vice-president; Mrs. Bobbie Tucker, secretary; Miss Daisy Porter, treasurer. We had our first meeting last night, July 16, at 8:00 o'clock. We had 13 members present, and several visitors.

Our Sunday school is going on nicely. Gradually increasing every Sunday.

On the fourth Sunday afternoon in July, Brother Broome will not preach for us as his meeting begins at Chase City.

Mrs. W. C. Porter, one of our Methodist members, was taken to Roanoke Rapids hospital Monday morning, July 17. We hope that she will soon be well and back at church for we certainly do miss her.

MABEL PORTER.

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We hear Thy voice, O Son of man.

"In haunts of wretchedness and need,
On shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
From paths where hide the lures of greed,
We catch the vision of thy tears.

"From tender childhood's helplessness,
From woman's grief, man's burdened toil,
From famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
Thy heart has never known recoil.

"O Master, from the mountain side,
Make haste to heal the hearts of pain,
Among these restless throngs abide,
O walk the city's streets again."

But, oh, my friends, until that day when He does come again in person, how can He walk the city's streets except it be IN OUR shoes?—Baptist and Reflector.

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No Greater Burden

The heaviest burden for a man to carry in the afternoon of life is an empty purse.—Julius Beck.

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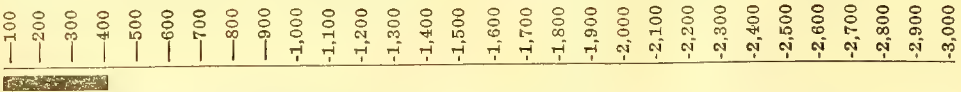

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OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

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Last year we sent out over 2,000 empty half-gallon cans, at the request of our good people. These were filled and returned in the fall.

This year we have only had calls for about 1,500. It is getting rather late to take them now, but our storage room shelves will not be filled unless a few more respond. Please respond quickly if you can. We will greatly appreciate whatever you can do.

We thank you and may God bless each of you. Yours in His service.

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NEW LAW FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH

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youth. Under the unified plan the whole department becomes the youth organization, but under the correlated plan the Epworth League or other organizations for youth may continue as heretofore, provided a council is set up to correlate the whole program and all the activities of the component organizations.

In each local church there is to be a Council of Missions and Church Extension whose membership shall include the pastor or pastors, general and missionary superintendents of the church school, two youth representatives, at least two laymen, and at least two laywomen elected by the Local Church Women's Society of Christian Service. This council is charged with the coordination of all phases of missionary activity in the local church, the diffusion of missionary information among the members of the church and congregation, the church school and youth organizations, and in general in every possible way to further missionary education in the local church.

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Mother's Care

For a mother, love and patience and at least a little money are prime essentials in bringing up a child.—C. C. Robinson.

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Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.—Proverbs 27:20.

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The Need of Vision

In a current issue of a magazine, Walter Lippman, writing on ''The American Destiny'' said, ''The American spirit is troubled not by the dangers, and not by the difficulties of the age, but by the lack of clear purpose and confident will . . . have no vision of their own future . . . are oppressed by doubt.'' We believe a casual reading of this article will convince the reader that there is pointed out to him the source of much of our trouble.

For who can be in greater distress than those who only know they are in a muss and do not know the way out, and who in the consciousness of their despair are unwilling to trust others to lead them out?

We find a record in Genesis in which the people are greatly disturbed. They felt sure their project had failed and so they were giving themselves over to bewailing their lot. All their strength was spent in weeping as they pitted themselves. Jehovah speaks through Moses that they go forward. Deliverance was not to come by crying, but by marching. The way out, required a most tremendous exercise of faith. And they were so inexperienced in freedom, it all seemed so new and hazardous, that they preferred to endure the lashings of their cruel taskmasters to their present lot. How terribly did the thought of the untried journey to Canaan frighten those timid souls! The unknown has ever inspired fear; that is why such heroic souls as Abraham and Moses appear to be so great in their day. A Columbus at the wheel of a storm-battled ship keeping its prow pointed to the west in the face of a mutinying crew was of more value to world progress in 1492 than all the peoples on the globe whose greatest act was to bewail their distress.

Events have a way about them as they clash and crash in world affairs, of lifting up some Moses or Luther, or Columbus, or Washington, to a place of leadership when the hopes of the multitudes die, and their efforts at progress bog down; ''For where there is no vision the people perish''; there must be leaders with vision, or human progress will cease and man will return to the caves for his dwelling place.

Was there ever a time since the days of the early Church when leaders with great vision were needed more than today? The local Church is greatly in need of those who can somehow ''forecast the years and find in loss a gain to match''; people who can visualize their task and relate it to the task of unborn generations; for these only can build the Church as it ought to be built. It is a pathetic sight to see a Church with buildings, with organizations, a membership with sufficient means to transform the community life; stumbling over the mounds of their unbelief, or mired deep in the ruts of a dead past. We have seen pastors grow old before their time, tugging at such organizations; trying to rekindle the flame of a dead hope, and to inspire enough faith in the former leaders of the church to get their group out of ''Doubting Castle.'' Yes the leader of the Church must see the way out or the Church will become of interest only to students of history.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Bishop Straughn's Visit

On Monday of this week Bishop James H. Straughn of Baltimore, one of the two new Bishops elected by the Methodist Protestant group at the Uniting Conference paid us his first visit as a Bishop and spoke to a fine group of ministers and laymen in our First Church, High Point. Bishop Straughn's visit was especially timely just at this time in view of the many adjustments that must be made in connection with the merging of the conferences this fall. At the morning service on Monday Bishop Straughn spoke on how the Union is being worked out in other conferences, bringing an encouraging report from most places. Of course in the readjustment period there would naturally be a few things not so pleasant. In the afternoon the meeting was more in the nature of a question and answer period. While the discussions were timely and very important it is impossible to pass them on to our readers with the same emphasis that they received by the group. One thing which might be said which has an important bearing on our group is that Bishop Straughn's interpretation of the legislation at Kansas City is such that it will make it necessary for our conference to make the appointments this year in the same way that this has been done in the past. That is, that our conference will elect a stationing committee as usual who will make the appointments by the aid of Bishop Straughn. It now seems clear that our conference will have before it this year practically all the things that have been before it in other years, plus many extra things growing out of union. Those who have been wondering what the conference could find to do to occupy its time from Wednesday morning to Saturday at noon may have no more worries along that line. Inasmuch as our appointments must be made by ourselves it becomes doubly imperative that we hold just as many of our charges together as possible for if we do not there simply will not be places for all of our men. To my mind this is the most serious problem that is before us these days. Usually when you merge two charges you do away with the need for one man.

The Revival Season

We are now in the midst of what we usually call the revival season. In some sections of the country most of this work is done in the winter and spring months, however, in our section almost all of our rural churches use this time of the year. And it is usually the case that the most of the new members received during the year are received during this period. In view of this fact it is doubly important that our churches make the most of this revival period. While we have not emphasized evangelism much this year yet it is one of the most important phases of our church life. I trust that our churches and ministers may be very diligent in these next few weeks that there may be a fine ingathering into our churches of those who are saved in these revival services. Let all of us be much in prayer whether we are holding services or not that great good may be accomplished in these meetings.

A Sunday At Concord

Last Sunday was spent with our church at Concord, Rev. E. O. Peeler, pastor, with two services, the morning church service and the quarterly conference in the afternoon. This was my first morning service with this congregation. I was with them in an Aldersgate service one week night last year. To say that it was a pleasure to worship with this congregation in this beautiful new building is to put it mildly. This building which was finished and dedicated little more than a year ago is as neat and as beautiful as any that I know anywhere. And while the auditorium is not extra large yet it is large enough for this congregation and perhaps will be for a number of years. Brother Peeler had prepared a splendid worship service and everything moved like clock work. The congregation was very attentive and seemed to enjoy the message. Just before the sermon the treasurer of the church made some statements concerning the finances preparing the people for the quarterly conference in the afternoon. This statement indicated that while the church was up-to-date with its finances at the end of the past quarter that since then it had gotten behind something like three hundred dollars. He appealed for cooperation in order that the Stewards might make a good report in the quarterly conference in the afternoon. When the time came for the Treasurer's report in the afternoon the statement was made that pledges payable within the next week or so had been received to the extent that the church would be up with all of its finances. To my mind this was one of the most remarkable come-backs I had seen anywhere. The church has made a fine showing in the raising of the Annual Conference interests. In fact when this money referred to is paid in all interests except two in the A. C. B. will be paid in full. These can be taken care of easily during the next quarter. The people speak very highly of Brother Peeler and his talented wife. In fact they are among the very best workers in the conference. They are thoroughly consecrated and are deeply interested in the work. The quarterly conference by a unanimous vote requested Brother Peeler's return to this charge next year.

These Busy Days

The problems growing out of Methodist Union have made it necessary for your executive to fill many engagements these days in the way of conferences with District Superintendents and with church groups that cannot always be reported in this weekly letter. I can assure all of our people that I am trying with all my might to safeguard every interest of our conference and to enable our people to go into the union in the best frame of mind possible.

Appointments

Sunday, July 30, 11 a. m. Lebanon, High Point.

Sunday, July 30, 7:45 p. m. First Church, Thomasville.

Sunday, August 6, 11 a. m. State Street, Lexington; 2:30 p. m. Mt. Carmel near Lexington; 7:45 p. m. West Thomasville.

J. E. Pritchard.

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A Message In Verse

"Better never trouble Trouble
Till Trouble troubles you,
For you only make that Trouble
Double-Trouble when you do.
And that Trouble, like a bubble
That you're worrying about,
May be nothing but a zero
With the rim . . . soon out."
—*David Keppel.*

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Again John Barleycorn Bows

This aged but active contender makes his bow to the voters of Buncombe county. It must not have been gracefully done because the advocates of liquor stores lost the election by a vote of 9,290 for store, to 14,834 against. Good for Buncombe; we congratulate the decent citizens of that county for this victory.

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Brother J. L. Trollinger is conducting a revival meeting at Fairview Methodist Church near Hot Springs, N. C. The church was established by his father's only living brother.

A local Christian Church is easy to cripple but very difficult to kill.

Send on your renewal to the Herald. Fifty cents keeps the Herald coming to you until November.

Miss Ruby Trollinger, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Trollinger has finished her resident work for the Master of Music degree at Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N. Y., and has been awarded a Teacher's Fellowship in the graduate school of Eastman School of Music for 1939-40. Congratulations and best wishes, Ruby.

''It has been wisely said that lost wealth may be regained by industry and economy; lost knowledge by study; lost health by temperance and medicine, but lost time is gone forever.''—*Elihu Burrit.*

''We are finding that when a nation refuses to do the great things which it has to, it is unable to do the little things that it wishes to do.''—*Walter Lippmann.*

Rev. J. W. Braxton was the guest speaker at the evening service of West End Church last Sunday. He brought a good message which was greatly appreciated.

Bishop Straughn made a brief visit to North Carolina, speaking at the Junaluska conference on Sunday and to a group of ministers and layworkers in First Church, High Point, Monday. Those attending the High Point meeting were given a brief review of the progress Methodist unification has made since the adjournment of the Uniting Conference, with especial reference to the acts of the former Methodist Protestant Conferences.

DEVOTIONAL ADDRESS BY BISHOP C. W. FLINT AT THE UNITING CONFERENCE

I suppose the best, certainly the best known, description of a good man is found in the first Psalm, a poem centuries old but still a fairly good yard stick by which to check up on ourselves. The key-clause reads, ''In His law doth He meditate day and night.''

Now, if some prose-minded Occidental protests that in strenuous modern life, we are so preoccupied by business, engrossed in recreation or drowned in sleep that the suggestion of meditating on any one thing day and night is absurd —your Bible scholar replies, ''But this is poetry, even more, oriental poetry,'' which is true. But while it explains the form of expression it does not explain away the thought expressed. What is that thought? I am asking that you be generously indulgent as I dig for it, but be as exacting as you may choose in applying it as a yardstick.

The Idea

What's the idea? I wonder if he is not suggesting that the good man must necessarily live under limitation; circumscribed not merely in conduct as any righteous man must be, but circumscribed in the inner self, in the consciousness, where values are discovered, weighed and selected.

The good man's religion has ''gone in on him''; way back inside, where possible courses of conduct or alternatives are recognized, way back where motives are ripened, the good man is hedged about by the will of God which sifts through only a certain class of possibilities and screens out all others.

It is a case of remote control, not at the outgo but at the source of conduct, not merely where law operates, but where it originates.

There, the will of God, raising the question of consideration, excludes some possibilities without debate.

Can an ordinary man attain a condition where the higher, or the spiritual, is not the intruding, the unusual or the occasional, but where the spiritual is the normal and natural, and anything contrary to it is the intruder?

God's law, that is, His will, His wishes or what He wants, marks out the boundaries, fences in the territory in which our fancies may roam. Within are the only possible choices open to us. Within this territory we are free, but ouside its pale we are not free to go.

Football players go onto the gridiron under limitations, not only the white boundary lines of the field within which the game must be played, but under rules, rules not prescribing what each play, the next and the next, must be, but defining the conditions to which all plays must conform. As long as the player keeps within these limitations, he may play with might and main and resourcefulness, but if he steps outside the chalked boundary, or transgresses the rule, he is dead as a player, temporarily disqualified.

The good man's playing field is the will of God. Within, what pleases God; outside, what displeases or offends, therefore disqualifies and separates.

But Further

But further: A well-trained football player might play a whole game without once thinking of the rules, meditating on them, or having them consciously in his attention. He has been so disciplined under the rules that they have become a part of himself. He does not weigh each possible next play over against the rules, he just plays freely and spontaneously, within their subconscious and instinctive control.

Only a suggestion to transgress from within or without would lift the rules into direct attention.

A control may be functioning best when it works subconsciously, is least in the attention, or when only its failure to function thrusts it into the foreground of attention. Having made due provision for heating the room, as long as the temperature is what it should be, we give it no thought; only when it becomes too hot or too cold does it obtrude upon us.

To the well-trained Christian, God's will or wishes need not be a subject of direct attention or conscious concern, as he carries on normally under them. Though not meditating upon, he does his meditating within. Only when a suggestion comes to consider possibilities outside the pale, a clash, arousing the delicately adjusted conscience, disturbing the harmony, automatically switches on the attention. He is allergic to discordant suggestions.

How Attained

This delightful state comes not by accident; the good man does not drift into goodness, into righteousness, into saintliness or into character. These are to be achieved only by continuous cooperating response to Divine Grace.

First he chooses as his rule and practice God's will, then diligently cultivates confining himself within it, at first not an easy task but through persistence it finally becomes second nature and his response is automatic. He adopts a life purpose and principles, establishes these as regnant and regulative, then just "lets himself go."

The bearings taken at noon control mechanically the course of the vessel for twenty-four hours. In moments of clear personality, high and lifted up, visions are seen and decisions are made which determine life's course through the prosaic stretches of the routine of the ordinary life.

"Tasks in hours of insight willed
Can be in hours of gloom fulfilled."

Three or four results:

1. The Limitation Differentiates

The limitation differentiates. We are all familiar with two types of Christians.

For one, the law is written on tables of stone or leaves of paper; for the other it is written on the heart.

For one, the precepts or will of God are external, controlling from without; they are of the very soul of the other, unfolding from within.

One conforms by constraint and with effort; the other without strain or effort.

One makes himself do what pleases God; the other does as he pleases.

For one, life is an endless series of struggles and decisions; for the other life is a spontaneous flow under a once-for-all decision.

The activity of one is perpetual self-discipline, of the other, free self-expression.

One puts Christ into his conduct, the other has Christ in his character.

One aims at correctness; the other at Communion.

For one, the Christian life is cross-bearing; for the other it's a joy and delight.

Stewardship for one is a mechanical method of a more or less painful parting with what he regards as his own; the other sings—sings: "We give Thee but thine own."

One seeks the Christ way, to be related to a formula; the other seeks Christ, to respond to a person.

One, John Wesley in 1737; the other, John Wesley in 1739.

2. It Channels Life Into Habits

The limitation channels life into habits.

Can character become a habit?

Some years ago William North Rice spoke of the magnificent possibility, by a process of right decisions in critical instances, of establishing a character which will spontaneously and naturally practice the good. Recently Dr. Richard Cabot, after paying his respects to the open mind proposed three cheers for the mind which shuts itself at the right time. Thermostatic control. Automatic safety devices.

The ever-present ideal of what he should be automatically regulates the good man's conduct; the ever-present and pressing ideal of what society should be automatically elicits and directs his service.

"Automatic!"—this may suggest something mechanical, impersonal, without moral quality, but actually it is the natural response to any situation of my integrated self, all that I have become by God's grace, my concurring response and constant diligence.

3. It Sets Free

The limitation sets us free. What! A limitation, a bondage, setting free? Yes, real freedom comes that way. Have you read about Tagore's violin string? laying loose on table, wholly free, to be moved by touch of breeze or of hand; twist one end of it and it squirms and flops freely about; free to do anything—*except to sing.* Bind each end to the violin; stretch it taut over the bridge, and when thus bound, it is for the first time free—free to sing, free for the purpose for which it was created.

Being able to choose equally among all alternatives, to become or to do any one thing equally with all others, is a kind of freedom, but it involves perpetual struggle, tension and decision.

The highest freedom, ever selective and restrictive, is attained, or rather achieved, where I am free to be only that for which I was intended, to become only that for which I was destined, to do only that for which I was chosen by God.

Christian Perfection

I wonder if that isn't getting close to Christian Perfection. Last week a Methodist criticized Bishop McConnell's book, because he gave a whole section, a tithe of the book, to Wesley's search after perfection. A symptom, perhaps? Is it possible that we modern Methodists are not even minoring where John Wesley majored.

Bishop McConnell reminds us of John Wesley's constant striving for the best. Are we too easily content with present attainments, with the level on which we now move while aware of higher levels? Too complacent before our *recognized* imperfections, complacent knowing the gulf between what we both should and could be and what we are, complacent knowing the gulf between what society could be made and what it now is? Unwilling to become all God intended us to be! Unwilling to be *too* different, preferring to live half way between the world and the Kingdom! In the early church and in early Methodism, they did not need to use billboards or full page ads in the newspaper. Attention was focused by changed lives. What God did through human instruments made men different, different from what they were before and different from those about them. That spread Christianity.

We are not bad, but we are not good enough, so many of us are not good enough to make folks about us want to like us, to have what we have.

We are not going on to perfection or to the best possible, we are not even earnestly striving after it. Too many do not want to become the best possible. They do not want to be more than they are now.

Some of us are so engrossed in the ecclesiastical machinery, working it in the local church and tinkering with it in Annual General or Uniting Conferences, that we forget to check up on our own personal growth in grace and power.

The limited amount of fruit brought forth in season, the limited measure of prosperity attending our doings indicate that not yet are we as trees planted by rivers of water.

If these nine hundred delegates will make "the best possible" for self and society, the first plank in the platform will follow Christ with abandon and eagerness, counting not their lives dear unto themselves, earnestly seeking for self and others constant progress toward what we may become, the new Church will not become known for its size, but for its power, and the power loosed through it.

New Testament Translation

Centuries after the Hebrew poet wrote the line "In his law doth he meditate," that law was enfleshed, the will of God became a person and dwelt among us. Translated into New Testament ideology, it becomes—"companionship with Christ," "fellowship with God," "practice of the Presence."

Since then many testify to the blessed experience of a life so related to His life, its activities so atmosphered and enveloped by his presence, that, even when the fellowship is subconscious, the presence silent, the companionship unobtrusive, the least threat of interruption throws vividly onto the screen of attention the face and form of him in whom we live and move and have our being.

"In ihs law doth he meditate day and night" was freely translated by Paul to read, "I live yet not I,—but Christ liveth in me, and the life that I now live in the flesh, among things, with folks, an ordinary human life, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me."

"O God,
And shall we then forever live,
At this poor dying rate?
Our love so faint, so cold to Thee,
And Thine to us so great!"

As we consecrate ourselves and our new church in this hour, sanctify us for the task of the days ahead. In the name of Christ. Amen.—*The Daily Christian Advocate.*

HISTORICAL INFORMATION WANTED

In preparation of the history of our N. C. Annual Conference, I need the journals (minutes of the conference) for the years 1890, 1895, 1899, 1908, and 1930. If you can supply any of these please let me know. If you will send them, let me know your price, but if you will only lend them I assure you good keeping and a safe return of same. If you have any journals prior to 1925 that you would sell, let me know your price. A historical sketch of your local church and the ministers and missionaries it has produced would also be appreciated, but be sure to give accurate dates when possible to obtain. I have a few extra copies of journals for 1933 and 1934. will mail for postage.

J. Elwood Carroll, *Historian.*
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HOME COMING DAY AT BETHESDA, NORTH DAVIDSON, REV. O. B. WILLIAMS

The Annual Home Coming and Memorial Day will be held the second Sunday in August as usual. There will be all day services with dinner on the grounds.

Everyone is invited to attend, especially church members and neighbors of the community and also ex pastors and families. Those having loved ones buried in the cemetery try to place or send flowers for graves.

Come and enjoy the day with us.

Mrs. J. O. Everhart, *Reporter.*

NOTICE !

The Circuit Sunday School Rally of Seagrove-Love Joy Charge will be held at Pleasant Hill Church the third Sunday in August. Each church on this charge is expected to have a large Sunday school representation with a splendid program. Dinner will be served on the grounds.

You are invited to attend.

Reporter.

Dr. R. L. Shipley, editor of the *Methodist Protestant Recorder* is enjoying the wide, deep and high expanses of the great west. We are striving hard to keep from envying him and others who can take such trips.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By **O. L. EASTER**

JEHOSHAPHAT: A LIFE OF OBEDIENCE

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, July 30

Lesson Text—2 Chronicles 17:1-6, 9-12.

Golden Text—Seek ye first His Kingdom, and His righteousness.—Matthew 6:33.

In our present studies of the lives of the king of Israel we readily see that the dominant motif back of them is the part played by Jehovah their God. The writings of the Old Testament are in reality the history of the Hebrew race but it is a history written with the judgments and providence of God in mind. The distinction and religious strength of the Hebrew race which has led it to be called a chosen race of God lies in the fact of this recognition and trust in the God that is in history—past, present and future.

And as long as Israel could live in accord with that God and His will for the world they were invincible but when they broke faith with Him then they were defeated invaraibly. This fact is just as true today in our twentieth century history and those who see God as a Ruler of nations are wise. "What we need is a profound faith in God's ruling all things" said General Gordon. John Wesley had that faith when he said, "I read my newspaper to see how God governs the world." The great Cromwell had that faith when he asked, "What are all our histories but God manifesting Himself?" Our own beloved president, Abraham Lincoln, had that faith. "No human council hath devised nor any human mind worked out these great things," he declared. "They are the gracious gifts of the most high God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. Again he said: Now at the end of three year's struggle the nation's condition is not what either party or any man desired or expected. God alone can claim it. If God now wills the removal of a great wrong and wills also that we of the North as well as you of the South shall pay fairly for our complicity in that wrong, impartial history will find therein new cause to attest and revise the justice and goodness of God." Thus men need to recognize the Ruler of destinies that they may be found on the side of victory and success.

God of our fathers, known of old
Lord of our far-flung battle line—
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

In the life and success of Jehoshaphat we see what happens on the other side of the picture when a human heart does not forget the God of his fathers. The text has it that Jehoshaphat sought the God of his father, and walked in his commandments. Therefore Jehovah established the kingdom in his hands. And Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly: and he built in Judah castles and cities of stone. Thus far we have been observing the failure of kings as the vengeance of an angry God who had been disobeyed, and without such glimpses as this of the goodnes of God bestow on them that obey Him we would grow to fear God as a fearful God. The railroad from Cripple Creek to Colorado Springs, we are told, drops more than four thousand feet in forty miles. All along the line are to be seen signs marked "Derailing Switch." If you should ask the conductor the meaning of such a sign he would say that the purpose of such switches is to prevent great disasters. If an engine should lose control of itself and come plunging down this fearful grade it might destroy a whole trainload of people below; so we are always ready to wire to the first derailing switchman to throw the switch and derail the runaway into the ditch, for it is better to wreck one train than many. Thus in the case of these kings who have broken lose from the will of God these has had to be all along the tracks of history "derailing switches" into which such men or nations have had to be thrown. Even a fool can observe this fact about history as well as the wise Seneca who said, "An avenging God closely follows the haughty." However this is the negative side of God's nature and we need to seek the positive. We need to know that if we seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness all these other things will be added. The reason the haughty go astray and fail is that their pride causes them to ignore God who holds the key to the storehouse in which all their desires are stored.

Thus Jehoshaphat waxed great simply because he started at the right end of the horn. His first concern was to get the long look that beheld the God of history who determines the destiny of men and by this glance he saw the kingdom of God and his most strategic place in it and all these other things, that had caused others to sin, were added unto him. The irony of these fallen kings is that they deserted God's will that they might obtain these other things of life, and that by deserting his will they missed them. Thus by multiplying worldly things they let them obscure the more important spiritual and heavenly things that must come first.

"A finger's breadth at hand will mar
A world of light in heaven afar,
A mote eclipse a glorious star."

One of the remarkable facts about the history of the Christian faith is that the elements of scientific progress that have brought in a new era of better living conditions are to be found almost exclusively in lands where Christianity has become established. Health-giving medical and surgical practice are among the direct blessings that seem to follow when men seek the kingdom of God through the divine truths of life as brought by Christ. It has thus been literally observed that if we seek first His kingdom all these other things will naturally follow as fruits of history. The example of Asa and his son Jehoshaphat remains as a cry to us to seek God and His will for our world if we would wax great and build castle sand cities of stone in our land. Let those nations like America who have reaped such blessing by heretofore obeying pray Kipling's prayer for England:

> "If drunk with sight of power, we lose
> Wild tongues that have not Thee in awe—
> Such boasting as the Gentiles use,
> Or lesser breeds without the Law—
> Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
> Lest we forget—lest we forget!

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CHURCH AND STATE IN AMERICA

By Robert A. Ashworth, D.D.

There appears to be a stirring of anxiety and misgiving in various quarters in this country today over the question of the relations of church and state. We had thought it to be forever settled here, and that the principle of separation was firmly established by both tradition and practice. But we have not escaped certain repercussions from events abroad, where this is a live and contested issue, and it appears, particularly to Protestants, that the principle is imperilled by pressures from within the country, consciously or unconsciously applied, that threaten to dislodge it.

Baptists of North and South are not always in agreement but they have recently adopted an identical pronouncement on Church and State by unanimous vote of both Northern and Southern conventions. They assert that "no issue in modern life is more urgent or more complicated than the relation of organized religion to organized society" and that there must be "Free Churches Within a Free State." Baptists conceive themselves to have been pioneers in this issue in the new world and they are invoking the spirit of Roger Williams afresh in the face of what they think to be new dangers to the cherished principle.

Asserting that religious liberty is an "essential part of our fundamental law," the pronouncement declares that "a Baptist must exercise himself to the utmost in the maintenance of absolute religious liberty for his Jewish neighbor, his Catholic neighbor, his Protestant neighbor and for everybody else." This would appear to accord not only with the best Baptist tradition but with the American tradition now long established and accepted.

But Baptists are not alone in their concern. The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America at its last General Assembly expressed official resentment at "any intrusion by the church into the sphere and responsibility and service of the state," and equal resentment against "any intrusion by the state into the realm of the church." The Central Conference of American Rabbis, the largest rabbinical body in the world, had before its annual convention held recently in Washington a recommendation that the conference appoint a special committee to study the problem of church and state.

The question of most current interest which has raised this issue anew has been that of the application of the Social Security Act to the employees, clerical and lay, of religious organizations. Though inadequate or no provision has been made by some church bodies for the pensioning of their ministers, and though few have made any provision to care for their lay employees, the fear of state interference or domination in church affairs through subventions of a financial sort has been sufficient to produce a large degree of unanimity on the part of Protestants in opposition to any sharing in the provisions of the act. Church employees are therefore to be excluded.

This would appear to be an acid test of the sincerity of those Protestant bodies who protested, since it involved the sacrifice of emoluments which in themselves would have been helpful and imposed upon them the necessity of themselves raising the funds which they have foregone and of making an equally adequate provision for their employees out of their own pockets.

But the threat to religious liberty and to the principle of separation of church and state goes much deeper, and is much wider than are any of the considerations thus far mentioned. The general assault upon all human liberties that has made such headway in the world is a direct and immediate threat to freedom of worship. All the freedoms are interrelated. They must hang together or they will hang separately. Anti-Semitism leads to anti-Christianity and, finally, to anti-democracy. Restriction of freedom of speech, or of the press, or of assembly culminates in suppression of the freedom of the pulpit. The destruction of religious liberty in Germany and other countries abroad has caused church leaders everywhere "furiously to think" and to put their heads together to plan for its preservation where it is still employed.

It is no accident, therefore, that church, community and state was the theme of the World Conference at Oxford two years ago, or that it occupied so large a part of the deliberations at the conference at Madras last year. It is the most insistent question that affects the perpetuation of civilization and the progress of humanity at the present hour. The maintenance of democratic institutions would appear to depend upon its intelligent solution. For when religious freedom goes all the freedoms go with it.

Nor is this question only or mainly a concern of Protestants. It is equally the concern of all Americans who love their country, whether Protestant, Catholic or Jew. Governor Lehman of New York, in his address before the International Christian Endeavor convention, said truly that "in the struggle to fortify democracy through strengthening our spiritual life, the ideals and purposes of all faiths are identical."

This lends significance to the fact that the National Conference of Christians and Jews, which includes those of all three faiths in its constituency, has chosen as the subject for the Williamstown Institute of Human Relations which is scheduled for Williams College the last week of August, "Citizenship and Religion: A Consideration of American Policy with Regard to the Relation of Church and Synagogue to the State."

Pronouncements of a sectional or sectarian character on the subject of religious freedom and church and state have their place and value. But no section or sect will determine for America the course that it will pursue for the preservation of its liberties. That will be done by the people as a whole and religion, not this or that religion, but religion must supply the leadership.

To quote again, Governor Lehman, himself a Jew, "It is significant that among the first agencies to realize the danger to democracy from dictatorship have been our great religious organizations. Truly they may be said today to constitute democracy's greatest bulwark against the menace of anti-democratic ideologies." So it has been, and so it must continue to be. Religion must lead the way.

For the first time, at least upon so broad and inclusive a scale, at Williamstown leaders of thought and action, among them some of the most distinguished in the land, drawn from the three dominant faiths, will share their insights and define their convictions upon the question of vital importance for every American—what should be the relations of church and state to one another to insure the perpetuation of the liberties equally cherished by all our citizens?

Out of it should come something resembling a common voice, something constructive and formative, not only to guide our thinking but to shape the common life.

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ALCOHOLISM AND MENTAL ILLNESS

Drinking Is a Symptom of a Deeper Problem

By Carroll A. Wise

The psychiatrist in a mental hospital has learned that in every case of alcoholism there are deep psychological factors, and that the discovery of the particular factors in each individual patient is essential to the adequate treatment of that patient. An understanding of these factors also forms a valuable and essential background for the formulation and execution of programs of prevention on the part of the church.

The church has very frequently appealed to the alcoholic to overcome his affliction by the use of his own will-power and has sought to reinforce this will-power by religious faith. Using this method, it has failed more often than it has succeeded because of the inadequacy of the alcoholic to exert sufficient will-power and his inability to achieve an effective religious faith. This brings out the basic psychological condition of the alcoholic—inadequacy. The fact that he cannot stop drinking, however, is not his fundamental inadequacy; it is only symptomatic of failure to make adequate adjustments on deeper levels of life. This failure to make adjustments which yield needed and legitimate satisfactions creates in him severe tensions, the source of which he may or may not be aware. His tension finds expression in such emotional states as depressions, gloominess, anxiety, loneliness, irritability, insomnia. Some persons experiencing such inner tensions commit suicide, others go into a psychosis or a neurosis, still others commit crime. But there is a large group who, unable to find a constructive solution, solve their problem by means of alcohol. Such drinking is a symptom, and not the root evil.

In some alcoholics, the failure to develop a healthy sense of self-importance is very evident. On the other hand, there are some whose normal need for self-importance is crushed by deep feelings of inferiority. Others experience a need to show that they are grown up, or that they are independent. Tensions arising from the frustrations of such needs may be released through alcohol, and a temporary and much needed feeling of self-esteem and self-confidence may be experienced.

Inadequacy in the vocational and economic areas of life is common in the life histories of alcoholic patients, although it is seldom, if ever, the sole reason for drinking.

Inadequacy in sex adjustments is a very frequent source of tension leading to alcoholism. Such inadequacies are rooted in the failure of the emotional side of the sexual life to attain its proper development, or they may be related to other unsolved emotional conflicts. One such source of tension is homosexual tendencies of which the person may or may not be aware, but which usually produce profound feelings of guilt and anxiety. These are usually found in the person who always drinks with others of his own sex. Another type is found in the person, married or unmarried, who feels himself inadequate to members of the opposite sex.

Basic to the successful treatment of the alcoholic person is recognizing the fundamental fact that drinking is a symptom of a deeper problem, and that treatment must be directed at removing or solving this problem. If and when this is accomplished the need for alcohol is removed. From one point of view a process of reeducation is involved. The technique of the church in attacking alcoholism in the individual directly has been well intentioned but based on a lack of understanding of the real nature of the disease. Alcoholism is a disease even though the persan may not be in a mental hospital, and it must be dealt with as a disease. This means that such methods as condemnation and punishment are to be discarded. Such methods as pledges are, with few exceptions, ineffective, because they do not solve the fundamental problem.

Successful treatment of the alcoholic must be directed toward the removal of the sources of tension and the reeducation of the person in the art of achieving healthy, wholesome satisfactions. Such treatment necessarily involves technical problems which only rare clergymen are adequately trained to handle. It is far more complicated than this brief statement of it might lead one to suspect. It also requires much more time than the average clergyman can give to one person.

In the opinion of some, the church's largest contribution may be made at the point of prevention of alcoholism rather than at the point of cure. Certainly its main emphasis should be here for obvious reasons. The goal of a program of prevention should be the development of the kind of persons who do not need to take refuge in alcohol. In other words, it means that the church must give more adequate and spiritual maturity. Alcoholism is not an isolated problem. It is one of the many indications of the failure of our culture to provide persons with conditions necessary for their healthy growth, emotionally and spiritually, and for the attainment of legitimate and needed satisfactions. Some of the other symptoms of the same underlying problem are the increased use of drugs, crime, other types of mental illness, broken homes, unhappy marriages, suicide, social and economic strife, general low morale and unhappiness. All of these are external manifestations of deep emotional and spiritual maladjustments. Religion cannot fulfill its real function without meeting the problem on its deeper levels. Two approaches must be made simultaneously, the social or cultural approach and the individual approach. But the goal is the same for each—a person-centered culture, rich in the variety of opportunities but scarce in the obstacles which it offers to the wholesome development and expression of persons.

This is a problem of tremendous size, and it has unguessed implications for every phase of the ministry of the church. It has many phases which can and must be approached separately. Some of these may be suggested from the discussion of the psychological factors involved in alcoholism. Unhealthy home situations and family relationships, unsatisfactory social and vocational adjustments, and situations producing unhealthy attitudes toward sex are among the most important. Lack of space prohibits adequate discussion of these problems here. On all of these questions, however, the church has frequently taught attitudes and ideas which are unhealthly. Reexamination and revision of its own attitudes and ideas is the first step on the part of the church in the task of saving persons from spiritual inadequacy.

In regard to specific programs against the use of alcohol, one point at least should be mentoined. In overemphasizing the evils of alcohol with a strong emotional appeal the church is in danger of defeating its own purposes. Such over emphasis tends to disgust many stable persons who would not drink anyway. More dangerous than this, it may act as a negative suggestion on many unstable persons and thus arouse in them the desire to drink. A positive program of temperance education, based on the facts presented unemotionally will not produce this undesirable result.

Another specific program worthy of mention is the fostering of research projects by persons with special scientific training in the problems of alcoholism. Such research could not be done by clergymen alone; it would need the cooperation of clergymen, psychiatrists, physicians, social workers and others. If the church were to divert some of the money it is now spending on propaganda to such a project for an experimental period of five or ten years it would find its money yielding increased returns.

One more important suggestion. The church has spent huge sums of money and much energy fighting the evil of alcohol. But to date it has not awakened to the fact that a more adequate preparation of the clergy is a prime essential to an intelligent approach to this problem. To meet modern problems clergymen must have a modern type of training. Such training must be based on clinical, not classroom methods. In other words, it must be given in these institutions where persons suffering from alcoholism are being given continuous scientific study and treatment.

Alcohol takes a tremendous toll each year, not only economically, but especially in terms of the waste of manhood and womanhood. Though a gigantic problem in itself, it is also a symptom of a deeper problem. The church can forever battle against alcoholism, but it will do so unsuccessfully. Modern knowledge of the psychological and cultural factors which produce the kind of persons who must drink demands a change in strategy on the part of the church.

WHOLESOME RACKET

The tide against gambling is receding in some places and rising in others. In some localities certain church groups are among the worst offenders. In Passaic County, N. J., a ban was recently placed on bingo games. Not to be thwarted even by the law of Rev. Aidan Burns, pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in the community of Pompton Lakes, announced that the bingo game conducted in his church every Tuesday evening would be held just across the county line in Morris County.

In Bergen County, N. J., Prosecutor John J. Breslin disclaimed any intention of starting a crusade against bingo games, but displaying a hand bill announcing such a game to be held in that county by a popular operator of bingo games at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Passaic, the prosecutor said, "There will be no such game."

Last September six attaches including the manager of a New York City theater were arrested and charged with operating a "numbers" game. It was a test case in a drive by the Society for the Prevention of Crime and others against what are known as "banko," "screeno," "bingo," or "numbers" games carried on in theaters and certain churches.

At the subsequent arraignment of the alleged offenders before a magistrate the investigator for the Society swore he had seen prizes distributed to persons in the theater who held "winning numbers." Based on a certain section of the penal law the first count charged the defendants with operating a lottery and the second of unlawfully selling "chances" in a lottery.

The magistrate accepted not guilty pleas from the defendants and sent the case to a special court to be tried. The judge in a general court granted a motion of counsel for the defendants to shift the case to the general court for a jury trial. There the case was lost, for it meant an indictment would have to be voted by the Grand Jurors on the misdemeanor charge which the Grand Jury refused to do.

Now because the New York County Grand Jury contends that the playing of "bingo," "banko," "screeno," or "numbers" games are not subjects for indictment the 500 neighborhood theaters in New York City may carry on their games of lottery wide open and unmolested.

In the State Legislature of Connecticut a bill is pending for legal authorization of bingo games when the same are conducted by churches, fraternal organizations and similar non-profit agencies. Observers feel certain that a report recommending the rejection of the bill will be defeated in the senate and the house.

By the prevailing attitude of certain church groups toward gambling when they should be crusading against it, is it any wonder, ask some, that cynics are increasing in numbers these days? But there is hope. History reveals that in many periods when the people finally become surfeited with the vicious effects of gambling they did away with it. It is believed that the saturation point of the hellish effect of gambling on the moral thinking of people in nearly all strata of society is about reached in this country and reform is not far away.—*Supreme Council.*

OUR STORY PAGE

SINGING ALONE

"Why the big rush?" called Aunt Beulah. "Come and sit down a minute and tell me about it."

"Oh, dear!" sighed Marjorie, dropping down on Aunt Beulah's cool, shady porch, "I'd like to sit here forever; but I have so much to do I don't know which way to turn. There is that picnic for the junior society; then I must get those two intermediates off to summer camp, teach my Sunday school class, think up sports for the Sunday school picnic, make posters for the young people, and—"

"Whoa!" laughed Aunt Beulah. (Aunt Beulah was "Aunt" to all of the children and young people in Crapptown, and they confided in her and loved her as much as though she had every right to that title, as indeed she had). "That program sounds too complicated for me. Couldn't you cut down a little? There must be others to whom you could give a part of the work, and take it just a little easier until you get rested."

"I don't see how I can," mused Marjorie, a little anxious pucker coming between her brows. "I have my plans and it is hard to get others to carry them out. You see, I have had special training at college and know just how to do these things," she finished a little importantly.

"But, Dearie, haven't you ever heard it said that the real leaders are not the ones who do all of the work themselves, but the ones who can get the most people to work? Couldn't Mary Jones take your Sunday school class a few Sundays and let you have a little rest?"

"Ye-es, I suppose so; but she's old-fashioned and wouldn't understand my methods."

"The children like her, don't they?"

"Ye-es. Oh, she's all right. I just like teaching my own class, I guess." Marjorie was loath to admit that she feared that the children liked jolly Miss Jones even better than herself.

"I've heard that Hilda Stearns was a bit hurt because you never asked her to help you with the juniors, and Esther Johnson would love to make posters for the young people's society," continued Aunt Beulah, gently.

"Ye-es, they're both good workers, I guess. I just have my own ways and hate breaking someone else in," confessed Marjorie uncomfortably.

"How was the church service, last Sunday morning? I had a sick head-ache and couldn't go."

Marjorie laughed, "Oh, it was the funniest thing I ever saw! Mr. Hobson was away and a man from Bridgton preached in his place. Some of us girls went up in the choir; but he had such a great, big, deep baritone voice that no one could hear us sing, nor anyone in the congregation, for that matter. There we stood, singing away for dear life, and he might as well have been singing alone, for all the good it did."

"It was funny for once; but would you like it all of the time?"

"No-o-o. He was a good singer; but we like to 'make a glad noise unto the Lord,' too. Now, Mr. Hobson has a sweet, tenor voice; but he sings with us. He doesn't overpower us, as this man did."

"Maybe he liked doing all of the singing, himself," laughed Aunt Beulah.

Marjorie shot her a suspicious look, as she went on, "That reminds me of a woman we had in the little church where I belonged when I was your age. We called her 'Our Martha,' because, like Martha, she was 'troubled about many things.' No matter who was president of the ladies' aid or the missionary society, Martha was president, in fact if not in name. No matter who was superintendent of the Sunday school, she ran it. If you put her on a committee, she did the planning, no matter who was chairman. After a while, no one else wanted to try to do anything. Martha had to do it all. Like that man, last Sunday, she found herself 'singing alone.' "

"Why!" gasped Marjorie.

"One day, Martha moved away," continued Aunt Beulah, apparently not noticing the interruptoin. "She was sure that the church would go to pieces without her, but, strange to say, it didn't. A retired missionary—let's call her Mary—had moved into the neighborhood, but had seemed to find no place where she could fit into the church life. She quietly slipped into Martha's place as leader, but what a change! Mary seemed to know just what each person's talent was and she coaxed him or her to use it. Almost before we knew what was happening, we found that, instead of one leader, we had a number of leaders, attending to the work for which they were best fitted. No one was slighted. Everyone who wanted to work had a chance. More and more got to wanting to do things; and the church grew and everyone was happy. When 'Our Martha' came back for a visit, she couldn't understand what had happened. She never found out that singing together was far pleasanter and more profitable than 'singing alone.' "

"Say," mused Marjorie, "Am I like that? Yes, I'm afraid I am getting a little that way. I'm going to try to learn to be like Mary, right now. I'll try to encourage others to do things instead of discouraging them because I like to shine, myself. No more 'singing alone' for me! There goes Hilda. I'm going to ask her to tell the juniors a story next Sunday. She can tell stories better than I can."

"That's my girl!" smiled Aunt Beulah approvingly, as Marjorie hurried away.—*Hazel L. Whitney,* in *Watchman-Examiner.*

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Calm Soul of all things! make it mine
To feel, amid the city's jar,
That there abides a place of thine,
Man did not make, and cannot mar.
—*Matthew Arnold, "Lines written in Kensington Gardens."*

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Until we give the worker the right to belong to the union of his choice we will never make a success of democracy.—*Mary B. Gilson.*

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LOOKING BACKWARD, THINKING FORWARD TO OUR IDEAS ABOUT HIS WORLD

Talk No. V

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Since the World War we have heard and read statements to the effect that in the years immediately preceding that dreadful event, men confidently believed that the world was rapidly approaching ideal conditions—conditions which would practically bring in God's Kingdom. For instance, peace societies flourished, and people generally were optimistic about world peace, saying that never again would nations resort to war to settle disputes. In 1892 Nobel invented dynamite, which he claimed was a better insurance against the possibility of another war than any peace conference. In 1893 Maxim invented the gun which bears his name. His discovery he heralded as another achievement for peace, "because," he said, "it will make war too horrible to exist." Dr. Fosdick in quoting these two illustrations in a recent sermon, commented dryly, "That's all THEY knew about human nature."

In that era the church was growing—at least denominations were. It was unquestionably in good taste to be a church member. Various missionary enterprises flourished. Of course the poor were with us, but, after all, that was scriptural.

But now, looking back, we know that something was definitely wrong with our world. We can all see it now—a few saw it then.

There was political intrigue—secret alliances and treaties between governments, and diplomatic maneuvering of which the ordinary citizen was ignorant. Nations were building or maintaining empire in the name of democracy. Internatoinal discord was being fostered by minds far from Christian.

Religion had too much form (in the sense of organization) and too little content. It had too much complacency about its own state and the state of the world in general. In a phrase to become familiar to us later, there was too much religion ABOUT Jesus, too little of the religion OF Jesus.

Then came the horror of the World War. The whole world was shell-shocked, stunned, and shaken out of its complacency. As far as I have been able to discern, all the good the war ever did was to disillusion us as to conditions in the world before it occurred. The phrase was coined which became so famous that it has now become trite; namely, that we had confused Christianity with Western civilization.

Even then, after the war had dragged itself out, only a few prophetic souls saw what was best to do. But when has the world ever listened to its prophets? A few hundreds, perhaps a few thousand saw that a beaten and starved Germany would grow like a beaten and starved child to have sullen resentment in its heart and criminal tendencies in its mind. But what are the voices of a few hundred as against thousands crying for revenge? So we had it. And now we have—today. We are sick at heart. We are afraid to look ahead, much less think ahead. We are afraid for our future security. We are more afraid for our children.

Remember this: we are ALL afraid, whether we are of the totalitarian countries trying to make something great out of a start of nothing, or whether we are of the democracies (so-called) trying to hang on to something we have never fully understood, appreciated or developed.

Remember this too: they, the totalitarian countries, are just as sure that they are everlastingly right as we are.

But fear won't help. It will hinder tremendously in thinking ahead. And there is a ray of hope. I found it well expressed in a book to which I have already referred, written by Dr. Richard Roberts. He says:

"There are two histories of mankind; for man is divided against himself. The professional history of the schools seems chiefly to be the history of man's failure to be a man. There is another history of man which is not a chronicle of kings and warriors, of bloodshed and conquest, nor a record of human ambition. This better history is mostly unrecorded and anonymous (except for John Richard Green's "Short History of the English People"). But in the main it is the story of the love and labor of an untold company of nameless folk, who have carried on the burden of life from one generation to another; a history of the spiritual and moral achievement of man. In the events of conventional history God suffers as on Calvary. But in the hidden history of mankind, God lives."

GOD LIVES! There is our hope. God lives in the lives of all the millions of nameless folk of EVERY race and EVERY nation, who carry the burden of life, and lift it higher through their moral and spiritual struggles and achievements. God lives and works even yet in this world, through simple, just, kind, everyday folk.

If this be true, then, as we think forward, we must purpose to use ourselves—everyday folk that we are—to our fullest capacities to make this world His world.

You may be thinking that this seems hopeless. Well then, perhaps you can appreciate a little how a few disciples felt when Jesus left them to carry on God's work in a world proportionately smaller than this present world, but equally militant, selfish and cruel. That is, they felt hopeless until they allowed the Holy Spirit to enter their lives to their fullest capacities. Then they were invincible.

This way of saving our world is not as exhilirating nor dramatic as though God were to make this His world by striking down all evil in a mighty, devastating blow. But I do think it is the way he means to use to make this His world. And had Christian people given their lives and wills completely to Him in a past era, it might already be His world.

I do not mean for a moment that we can work ONLY as consecrated individuals. There is a most important place for groups—large groups—of like-minded people working together in churches, in peace and other civic organizations. But primarily I believe God means for each one of us, quietly, thoughtfully, resolutely, to give Him our whole heart and our entire will; to live His way all our lives, and to pass the legacy to those who will take our places.

If we were REALLY to do this, the leaven of Christian lives everywhere would work through the entire world, until in every sense it would become God's world.

Listen to the words of one who follows Christ as closely as any one in history has followed him. Listen to Kagawa, that Christian Japanese, who has expressed in one of his lovely poems his thought as to how he can help make this world God's World. He calls his poem "Discovery."

I cannot invent
New things
Like the airships
Which sail
On silver wings;
But today
A wonderful thought
In the dawn was given.
And the stripes on my robe,
Shining from wear,
Were suddenly fair,
Bright with a light
Falling from Heaven—
Gold, and silver and bronze
Light from the windows of Heaven.

And the thought was this:
That a secret plan
Is hid in my hand:
That my hand is big,
Big
Because of this plan.
That God
Who dwells in my hand
Knows this secret plan
Of the things He will do for the world.
Using my hand.

TABERNACLE AUXILIARY MEETS

The Tabernacle Auxiliary, Tabernacle charge, met in the church Saturday afternoon, July 15, with the president, Mrs. T. Worth Trogdon, presiding. Circle No. 2 conducted the devotional, using as a theme "Prayer." The thought of more earnest prayer and closer communion with God was stressed. This meeting was under the direction of the Life, Memorial Secretary, Mrs. Tom Reynolds, and was held in honor of our Life and Memorial members. We have of our Life Members Mrs. O. L. Trogdon, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Coble, and Winifred Laureta Lamb.

We had present at this meeting our oldest member, Mrs. I. L. Trogdon, aged 77, and our youngest member, Winifred Laureta Lamb, the two-months-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Eugene A. Lamb. We are very proud to claim as a Life Member of our auxiliary the youngest Life Member in the North Carolina Branch of the Woman's Missionary Work. Winifred Laureta Lamb was made a Life Member by Circle No. 3 of our auxiliary.

Mrs. John Kirkman, of Pleasant Garden, presented to the auxiliary a hand painted and framed memorial scroll containing the names of our Memorial Members, Miss Lucille Hardin and Mrs. Cora John Kirkman.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

THE BEAUTY OF THE COMMONPLACE

Topic for July 30, 1939

By REV. RAYMOND W. WHITE

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, July 24 — The "Great and Wide Sea." Ps. 104: 24-26.

Tuedsay, July 25 — A Serviceable, Fruitful Tree. Ezek. 47:12.

Wednesday, July 26 — A Beautiful, Fruitless Tree. Mark 11:12-14.

Thurday, July 27 — Four Little Wise Creatures. Prov. 30:24-28.

Friday, July 28 — Salvation Expressed in Nature. Isa. 55:12, 13.

Saturday, July 29 — Salvation Expressed in Water. John 4:10-14.

The Text: Matt. 6:26-30; Ps. 147:7-9.

To the Leader

This is the first of a series of two topics on "Opening Our Eyes to Beauty." This is the objective: By illustration and by group searching, to point out the beautiful things by which our lives are surrounded. Useful methods in discovering beauty and of getting the most from it should be described. Relating ourselves through beautiful things to the Author of beauty should result in impressive worship.

The purpose of this meeting is to call attention to the impressions that may be made by the most ordinary objects around us. Consider the stars, rocks, fields, flowers, snow and ice, brooks, sea and rivers, soil and sands, mountains and valleys, highways and trails, the commonplace things in our homes, in the office, in the shop, in the market, and other commonplace things which pass before us for observation. Show how the eyes, ears, and minds may be opened to beauty wherever found and lead the group to the point of deciding to be more diligent in observing the beautiful in commonplace things.

Questions for the Open Forum

1. What are some commonplace things whose beauty we should consider in this meeting?
2. What beauty do you see in the commonplace things mentioned?
3. Is the beauty of an object in the object itself or in the person who sees it? Or both?
4. What do you mean by one having an appreciation of an object?
5. How may one cultivate a sense of appreciation for the beautiful?
6. Must a life be beautiful to see the beautiful in the commonplace? Explain.
7. Do you think the habit of a beautiful look will cultivate a beautiful life? Explain.
8. Is the beauty in the commonplace a means to an end or an end within itself? Explain.
9. How did beauty get in the commonplace? Why there?
10. Does one need to travel far to find the beautiful? Explain.
11. To what extent do you think we have explored the commonplace in search for beauty?
12. How do you account for the lure of the remote? The neglect of the near?
13. What resolutions should we make in this meeting?
14. How and when should we begin to put into practice these resolutions?

The Poet

In May, when sea-winds pierced our solitudes
I found the fresh rhodora in the woods,
Spreading its leafless blooms in a damp nook
To please the desert and the sluggish brook;
The purple petals fallen in the pool
Made the black waters, with their beauty gay—
Here might the red-bird come his plumes to cool,
And court the flower that cheapens his array.
Rhodora! If the sages ask thee why
This charm is wasted on the marsh and sky,
Dear, tell them, that if eyes were made for seeing,
Then beauty is its own excuse for being.
Why thou wert there, O rival of the rose!
I never thought to ask; I never knew,
But in my simple ignorance suppose
The self-same Power that brought me there brought you.

—R. W. Emerson.

Little Gems

Beauty without virtue is like a flower without perfume.—From the French.

Beauty is truth, truth beauty.—Keats, in Endymion.

There's beauty all around our paths, if but our watchful eyes
Can trace it 'midst familiar things, and thru their daily guise.

—Felicia D. Memans, in "Our Daily Paths."

We thank Thee, Lord, for this fair earth,
The glitt'ring sky, the silver sea;
For all their beauty, all their worth,
Their light and glory come from Thee.

—G. E. L. Cotton.

Topic Hints

Beautiful Life: Jesus lived a beautiful life. His beautiful life was the fruit of a beautiful character. The secret of the Master's beautiful character was His intimate contact with His Father, Who is perfect beauty and the Author of everything beautiful. God sent His beautiful Son into the world and kept Him beautiful throughout His earthly mission to point men to the Beautiful that they might be like the Beautiful. Human eyes have never looked upon a more beautiful life than that of Jesus. Our hearts leap with joy when we think of looking unto Him and we are transformed into His likeness.

Beautiful Workmanship: The man of beauty has made all things beautiful. Could He do otherwise? If the beauty of the world has been marred it has been done by the inartistic touch of an ugly world. The preacher was right when he said, "He hath made everything beautiful in his time." The beauty in nature and the beauty in man were made by Him. "Without him was not anything made that was made." The beauty in the commonplace is the handiwork of God. He has given man the capacity to behold that beauty. We must not let the fog and dust in life blur our vision.

Beautiful Purpose: The beauty in God's creation is a means to an end. Man should never consider it an end within itself. The beauty in nature is not the voice of nature but the voice of God through nature. The Creator never intended that man should worship that which He made but that man should worship Him. His eternal purpose does not end in man becoming better acquainted with what He has fashioned, but by His visible works man might be fashioned after the physically invisible Worker. If the beauty in the commonplace lures one from divine worship, the beautiful purpose of God is limited and the redemption of man is incomplete.

Beautiful Eyesight: Much of God's beauty in the commonplace is lost because men do not develop and use their powers to see the beauty. Surface ugliness hides deep beauty; the beam in the eye veils the beauty of God. We are anxious to make everything in life beautiful, but we must not neglect to adjust ourselves so that we can practice the beautiful look. When the heart is adjusted to the Creator, all creation looks beautifully different. When we let God take from our eyes the dark eye-glasses, the beautiful in all nature and in all men charm our very souls.

Beautiful Commonplace: Jesus saw and spoke about the beauty in the commonplace. There is beauty enough in the commonplace to entertain the dullest mind and to inspire the most despondent life. When Jesus spoke a parable, He did not go to some distant scene to find a setting. He looked about and chose the commonplace. In the commonplace He saw the message of His Father and He used the commonplace in His deliverance. He did not go out of His home to find an appropriate word for God whom He called Father. The sower in the field suggested the parable of the sower; the fishermen by the seaside suggested the parable of the dragnet; the making of bread in the home suggested the parable of the leaven; the marketplace suggested the parable of the children at play. He could see the beautiful in Simon, Levi, Zacchaeus and all the rest. Not only did He see the beautiful but the possibilities of a growing beauty under proper conditions. He provided the desired conditions and invited all to profit by them. We can and should see the beauty in the commonplace.—From the Methodist Protestant-Recorder.

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

(Continued from Page Eleven)

Mrs. John Kirkman, accompanied at the piano by Miss Dena Ross, sang very impressively "Crossing the Bar." The attendance at this meeting was good and the spirit of cooperation was manifest to all. After adjournment a social hour was enjoyed at the hut. Circle No. 1 served refreshments.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

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Work earnestly; save steadfastly; and turn your face away from no man. These make true American citizens.—William Jennings Bryan.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Concord, Saxapahaw Charge, Rev. M. C. Henderson, Pastor.—Our revival came to a close this past Friday night. This was a great week for the Master. Much lasting good was accomplished. We appreciate all the work the good people did in making this revival mean something. Brother C. G. Isley of Albemarle was the pulpit help for the week. We certainly enjoyed the fine gospel sermons that he delivered to us. We are hoping that he may come back to be with us again.

We were glad to have Mrs. Isley, mother of Mr. Isley, to worship with us the latter part of the week. This church welcomes 21 new members into its membership. A great number of these came to us by letter from other churches.

The Ladies' Auxiliary plans to have a supper here next Saturday evening, and following the supper the C. E. society will give a program. The two young people's classes plan to have a picnic Saturday afternoon.

BESSIE COBLE, Reporter.

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Mt. Pleasant Church, N. Davidson Charge.—At this time we are very happy to report a very good revival which closed last week, with Rev. T. Glenn Madison, of Cleveland charge, assisting. It is of course fortunate that we can report a number of converts, and several who joined the church. However, that is far from the whole success of the meeting. Every message which Brother Madison brought to us was splendid, and brought everyone who heard closer to the work, whether Christian or not. We shall not soon forget these splendid sermons or Brother Madison's very friendly fellowship with us.

In his regular Sunday morning sermon, our pastor brought to us a wonderful message, as he constantly does. His subject was "Making Light of Jesus Christ," and the thoughts that he left with us make everyone of us want to take the matter of salvation more seriously, and to walk in closer communion with the Master.

It is a privilege to pay tribute here to Miss Lizzie Clinard, one of our beloved and faithful members. It would seem impossible to say too much for Miss Clinard, for she was faithful in spite of her long suffering. Even after she was confined to her home with illness which seemed at times unbearable, she gave liberally toward the purchase of new pews for our church; pews which she never was able to occupy. These are not the only splendid things for which we remember her, but they do reflect her unselfish devotion to her church.

The paint on our church building had become pretty thin in places, so the Woman's Auxiliary took the lead in having new paint put on in order to restore it to its beauty, and the painting is already in progress. A great deal of praise is due the women of our church, for it seems that most of the things of this nature start in the auxiliary. Of course the men help, but the ladies deserve a great deal of credit for starting them and working on through until they are finished.

Our Sunday school is still holding up; in fact, it appears to be growing. We are proud of this fact, and solicit your prayers that we may continue to grow and to do an even greater work.

J. R. PAYNE, Reporter.

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Love Joy, Seagrove-Love Joy Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor.—Since sending in our last report, we are glad to say that our church and Sunday school activities have been moving along nicely. We have had an average of 100 for Sunday school during the past few months.

Our pastor has filled each appointment during the months of June and July, bringing an interesting message each time. We pray God's richest blessings upon him as he goes to assist in revival services in various places during the next few weeks.

Our Children's Day program was observed the second Sunday in July. The morning service was taken up with the children's recitations and songs, which were greatly enjoyed by all present. After the recitations our pastor brought us a splendid talk on "Jesus, the Altogether Lovely." A pichic dinner was enjoyed in the grove, after which we assembled back in the church for the afternoon service, which was spent in singing. We were glad to have the Holt quartet of Asheboro and the Tabernacle quartet of Hemp present. Their singing was greatly enjoyed.

The Friendship Circle met with Mrs. Trolinger at the parsonage in Seagrove for the July meeting. Eighteen members answered to the roll call with a good deed. The devotional was by Mrs. Ruby Gillis. Mrs. Trolinger led the prayer. After the program the hostess served delicious refreshments of ice cream, cake, and tea . Mrs. Grady Russell and Miss Grace Kirk invited the circle for the August meeting.

We are glad to have C. T. Russell, Jr., back in Sunday school again after recovering from an appendix operation.

The third quarterly conference will be held at Macedonia church Wednesday night, August 9. We hope several members of our church will be present.

REPORTER.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR RELIGION AND WELFARE RECOVERY REPORTS

Loyalty Days in churches, annually sponsored by the National Committee for Religion and Welfare Recovery, in association with other religious, educational and character-building institutions, will be observed Saturday, September 30, and Sunday, October 1.

This yearly call to church is intended not only to mobilize all citizens in houses of worship on the two days, but to maintain a higher average of attendance on subsequent Sabbaths throughout the year, it was said by Charles V. Vickrey, executive chairman of the committee, whose headquarters are at 60 East 42nd St., New York.

"Every citizen is cordially invited and every member is confidently expected in a house of worship on Loyalty Days" is the invitation to be proclaimed throughout the nation, with "Every member present or accounted for" as the slogan.

Any pastor, priest, rabbi or layman may take the necessary initiative in a community effort to gather the people in churches and synagogues on Loyalty Days and throughout the year, Mr. Vickrey said. The committee will assist through national cooperating organizations and will supply helpful suggestions and working plans to local committees as desired.

The Loyalty Days movement is part of a Religion and Welfare Recovery program to be continued throughout the year by the committee, composed of Protestants, Catholics and Jews. Among major objectives are the following:

To call all citizens to recognition of God and the ministries of religion as basic, in any program of permanent national recovery;

To educate the American public in the underlying principles of stewardship through regional conferences, national magazines, the daily press, motion pictures, radio and other educational media;

To broaden the base of giving by enlisting, as nearly as practicable, "Every citizen as a steward of life and property for the welfare of mankind";

To develop more businesslike methods of systematic giving, proportionate to incomes;

To lift the present level of giving from approximately two percent to the unprecedented figure of three percent of income and as far as practicable toward the Biblical tithe and the fifteen percent which the government exempts from income tax if given privately for public welfare;

To seek the religious, social and moral welfare of the donor as more important than the material value of the dollar.

The National Committee for Religion and Welfare Recovery is composed of approximately 750 recognized leaders from the major religious faiths. All are cooperating, Mr. Vickrey said, "for the purpose of meeting the present-day sweep of secularism, and racial and religious prejudice by bringing the minds and hearts of men back to the consciousness of the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, the sanctions of religion, the services of worship and more adequate support of our religious, educational and character-building institutions." The committee held its first national convention in Chicago last November 1, 2 and 3, attended by more than 1,000 reresenting every state and practically every field of welfare service.

Officers of the committee include: Judge John P. McGoorty of Chicago, chairman; Dr. E. Graham Wilson, chairman, and Rabbi David de Sola Pool, vice chairman of the Executive Committee; Dr. Charles S. Macfarland, chairman of the Administrative Committee; Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, chairman of the Council of Executives; Dr. Herman C. Weber, chairman of the Survey Committee; Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, chairman of the Pastors'

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A Call to Stewardship

Slogan: "Every citizen a steward of life and money for the welfare of mankind."

1. OBJECTIVES:

(a) To replenish the treasuries of our religious, educational, character-building and welfare institutions.

(b) To broaden the base of support for all philanthropy by enlisting every citizen as a systematic, proportionate giver.

(c) By surveys and consensus of judgment, to arrive at a reasonable standard of giving for persons of various income brackets and economic relationships.

(d) to establish higher levels of giving through

(1) the encouragement of tithing;
(2) the giving of the full 15% of income from taxation by the government; and
(3) the acceptance of world brotherhood and Golden Rule principles in the stewardship of life and substance.

2. THE IMMEDIATE GOAL is to raise the level of giving from the present average of 2.033% of income to the unprecedented average of 3%, and as far as practicable toward the biblical tithe and the 15% which is exempted from income tax if given through private philanthropy to public welfare.

3. METHODS:

(1) Nationwide publication of survey findings from income tax reports, from federal census, and from supplementary surveys.

(a) Press release of official U. S. Internal Revenue figures of income tax deductions for contributions to philanthropy in 1937, as related to total taxable income and comparison of percentages in 1937 with similar percentages of preceding years.
(b) Continue preparation of charts, pictograms and graphs for publication in daily papers, magazines, religious periodicals, church bulletins and elsewhere.
(c) National magazines—special articles by nationally known writers popularizing the above educational material.
(d) Regular press releases of stewardship material to be continued to all leading dailies, weeklies, and news syndicates.
(e) Cartoons to be prepared and released to the press as funds permit.

(2) Radio—addresses by outstanding business men and industrialists, as frequently as practicable, and a series of radio programs near the end of the year, emphasizing: (a) stewardship review of benevolences before the close of the year, (b) stewardship adjustment, (c) review and revision of wills.

(3) SPEAKERS' BUREAU:

Members of our own committee and other prominent pastors and business men to be offered as speakers on Stewardship to: (a) National Conventions, (b) Men's Service Clubs, (c) Women's Clubs, and (d) Radio Stations.

(4) LITERATURE:

A committee on literature to prepare new, vital, practical literature including: (a) Stewardship Handbook, (b) Standards of Stewardship, (c) Every-Member Canvass, (d) Annuities, (e) Wills.

A Call to Service

A challenge to laymen, laywomen and youth to accept standards of service, personal devotion and sacrifice comparable to that which we witness and expect from pastors, teachers and religious leaders.

Acceptance of the principles of brotherhood and democracy implies a single standard of devotion for priest and people, clergy and laymen.

Conditions Essential to Success

1. National Cooperation:

The sole purpose of this program is to fill the empty pews and depleted treasuries of our religious and welfare institutions. To insure even moderate success, there must be a moderate degree of sacrifice or adaptation of institutional programs to provide:

(a) the moderate budget which, though substantial, is negligible in size when compared with the goal.
(b) contributions of service of the executive officers.

2. Local Cooperation:

The National Stewardship Campaign will chiefly create atmosphere and favorable conditions facilitating local harvests. Practical results, however, will fail to materialize except as local committees organized to reap the harvests, made possible, or easier, by nationwide, cooperative, publicity and education.

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1. Constitution

Article 1. In order to make more effectual the efforts of the Methodist Church in creating a Christian public sentiment, and in crystallizing opposition to all public violations of the moral law, there shall be a Board of Temperance, with headquarters in Washington, D. C. The Board of Temperance (hereinafter known as the Board) shall be incorporated in the District of Columbia under this title, and work under the following constitution:

Article 2. The object and duty of this Board shall be to promote by an intensive educational program, including publication and distribution of literature, voluntary total abstinence from all intoxicants and narcotics; to promote observance and enforcement of constitutional provisions and statutory enactments which suppress the traffic in alcoholic liquor and in narcotic drugs; and to promote the speedy enactment of such legislation throughout the world.

It shall be the object and duty of this Board also actively to seek the suppression of salacious and corrupting literature and degrading amusements, lotteries and other forms of gambling, and in every wise way to promote the public morals.

Article 3. The Board shall consist of one Bishop from each Jurisdictional Conference, elected by the Bishops of the Jurisdiction, one minister and one lay member elected by each Jurisdiction, and ten members-at-large, of whom five shall be women, to be elected by the Board.

Article 4. In the event of vacancies occurring in the Board by death or resignation, the Board may fill such vacancies by election, having regard for Jurisdictions, such elected members to serve until the meeting of the next Jurisdictional Conference of which they are members.

Article 5. The officers of the Board shall be a president, who shall be a Bishop, a vice-president, a second vice-president, a recording secretary, a treasurer, and an executive secretary.

The Board shall appoint an Executive Committee which shall consist of the officers of the Board, the Executive Secretary ex-officio and seven additional members selected by the Board. This committee shall have the power ad interim to fill any vacancies in the field and office representatives and to transact such business as is necessary in the interim of the annual meetings and report the work annually for confirmation by the Board.

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Article 7. The Board shall hold an annual meeting, on a date and at a place to be determined by the Executive Committee of the Board, and other meetings as the work of the Board may require, and shall enact suitable by-laws governing the activities of the Board and its employees.

II. Jurisdictional Conference Board of Temperance

Article 1. There may be in each Jurisdiction a Board of Temperance Auxiliary to the General Board of Temperance hereinafter called the Board. The Board shall have headquarters to be located by the Jurisdictional Conference.

Article 2. If and when established, the Board shall be composed of the active Bishops of the Jurisdiction and eighteen other members, six of whom shall be ministers, and twelve laymen, two of whom shall be young people under the age of twenty-five, five of whom shall be men, and five of whom shall be women, elected by the Jurisdictional Conference on nomination of the Committee on Temperance. This committee shall have as a basis of choice one minister and two lay members from each Annual Conference of the Jurisdiction, who shall be nominated by the Annual Conference on the recommendation of the Board of Temperance. Members of the General Board of Temperance resident in the Jurisdiction shall be ex-officio members of the Jurisdictional Board.

Article 3. The Board shall elect a president, vice-president, and recording secretary at its first meeting following the meeting of the Jurisdictional Conference. It shall have an Executive Committee of seven members whose duties shall be determined by the Board. The Board shall meet annually at a time and place to be designated by its Executive Committee. Nine members shall constitute a quorum.

Article 4. In case there should develop special conditions which, in the judgment of the Jurisdictional Board, would justify employment of a Jurisdictional Secretary for a particular time and purpose, such employment may be made subject to the approval of the General Board of Temperance.

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Have you ever noticed that in very hot weather your organs of digestion and elimination seem to become torpid or lazy? Your food sours, forms gas, causes belching, heartburn, and a feeling of restlessness and irritability. Perhaps you may have sick headache, nausea and dizziness or blind spells on suddenly rising. Your tongue may be coated, your complexion bilious and your bowel actions sluggish or insufficient.

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III. Conference Boards

Article 1. Each Annual Conference shall elect, on the nomination of the Cabinet, a Conference Board of Temperance consisting of not less than ten members and not more than eighteen members, with equal representation of ministers and lay members, two of whom shall be young people under twenty-five years of age, and the remainder of the lay membership shall consist of an equal number of men and women, whose duty shall be to promote the work of the Board within the bounds of the Annual Conference, and with power to elect its own officers and raise its own funds, provided that no General Funds collected for the General Board shall be allocated to the Conference Board, except by action of the General Board.

IV. The Local Church

Article 1. Each pastor should actively promote a vigorous program of temperance education in all departments of his church or churches, and members of both the church and the church school should be pledged to total abstinence.

Article 2. Each pastor should present the cause of temperance on or near World Temperance Sunday and take a freewill offering for the General Board of Temperance.

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THE ACCIDENT

"How did it happen? Well, they met head on,
Rounding a curve. Going too fast, I guess.
A quarter of an hour, more or less,
Was hardly worth a broken neck. He's gone.

"The road too narrow? No, the road was wide,
The other driver gave him half the road
And something extra—for the wheel marks showed
He swung his car well over to the side.

"Drunk? Oh, I wouldn't say that he was drunk—
He had been drinking. Yes, it's very sad.
A fine young man—the only son they had.
The other; Cripple. Both the cars are junk.

"You've seen the paper? Something left unsaid.
And something, too, the preacher couldn't say.
'De mortuis nil nisi bonum, eh,
Why hurt his people's feelings, when he's dead?

"And who's to blame? God knows. The government?
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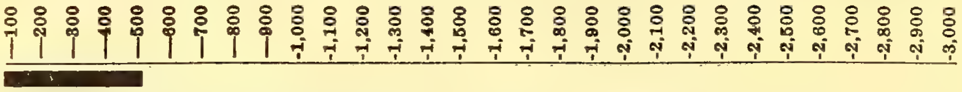

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The Northern Baptists ,closing their convention in Los Angeles on June 26th, extended sympathy to Czechoslovakia, China, Christians and Jews in Germany and Russia, and to "all oppressed nations and minority groups."

Charging in a resolution that the Chinese were "victims of an undeclared war," the convention asked the Government of the United States to take steps to stop shipment of iron and raw materials to Japan.

Another resolution called upon Americans to "prove themselves Christian neighbors and friends to our Oriental population," and condemned the Japanese exclusion act, urging in its place a quota immigration clause for Japanese.

The Rev. Rufus W. Weaver and the Rev. W. H. Allison, Washington, D. C., were elected vice presidents of the American Baptist Historical Society.

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According to St. Paul

The Apostle Paul as an interpreter of the mind of Christ takes highest rank among Biblical writers. His influence upon Christianity has been so great that some have even called him its creator. But it was not Paul's desire to displace Jesus Christ, it was to exalt him. For in Christ Paul's personal love and loyalty are centered and perfected. The secret of his own marvelous life is found in Christ Jesus. ''For me to live is Christ. . . . I am crucified with Christ . . . the life I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me. . . . I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.'' This is the secret of my ilfe, the Apostle is saying. Self and all its fleshly yearnings—its greed, malice, lust, hatred, have been crucified with Christ. As Christ on the cross was dead to the world, so am I dead to the wooings of sinful flesh. For now having ''put on Christ'' and put off the ''old man'' of the flesh, he is ''a new creature'' in Christ Jesus.

But lest some one might think him boasting, Paul declares, ''Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended, but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God as it is in Christ Jesus, my Lord.''

The Apostle had fully realized the meaning of the words of Jesus as He said, ''If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.'' It was no easy victory he had achieved. Let any who think so read Paul's spiritual biography in his epistle to the Romans. Let him understand what the Apostle meant as he described his state of soul as one bearing upon his own person the loathsome corpse of another; seeking deliverance and finding none who is able except Jesus Christ. And so with similitude and symbol he leads us on to the declaration of his triumphant faith, ''For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.''

Is there any reason for surprise that the mature Christian finds so much food for thought in Paul's epistles? Should any be surprised to discover so many sermons preached from passages of Paul's writing? The gospels have been greatly illuminated and enriched by the interpretations of Paul. And while he by no means settled all difficult questions in those records, he has so emphasized the truths of many of them that the humble may rejoice in a fuller understanding of them because of Paul's interpretations.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

St. Paul Sets the Pace

One of the finest bits of news coming to me this week is from Rev. A. D. Shelton, the pastor of St. Paul's church in Greensboro. Brother Shelton says that his church launched a drive last Sunday for the Annual Conference budget and received pledges to be paid right away, sufficient to cover the entire amount. Now if this church can do this thing I am persuaded there are many others who can do it also. What a fine thing it would be for a number of our churches to put the emphasis right now on raising the annual conference budget in full. Brother, this ought to be done. The conference has obligations it must meet and it has no money except as it gets it from the churches. And it is especially important that we raise our budget this year for this is our last chance as a conference. And so we say to Brother Shelton and to St. Paul's church, thank you for setting the pace and starting the ball to rolling.

The Why Not Quarterly Conference

On last Saturday afternoon I accompanied Rev. C. H. Hill, the pastor of the Why Not Charge to Flag Springs church for the third quarterly conference. While the attendance was not extra large yet all three of the churches on the charge were represented. The quarterly conference was very harmonious and everything was very pleasant. The reports showed that the churches were within easy reach of their goal in the manner of conference assessments. When it came to the matter of canvassing the vote for delegate it was found that for some reason the vote from one of the churches had failed to arrive. The vote was canvassed for the other two and a committee was appointed to find out the number of votes from the other church and to make the announcement of the election. This charge is now finishing a new parsonage on the highway about eight miles south of Asheboro. This building is within about a half mile of Flag Springs church, the church not being on the highway. During his pastorate Brother Hill has lived at his own home near High Point, giving such time to the charge as the salary would permit. Now that the charge has a parsonage it will be possible for the pastor to live in the community near his people. The three churches are not far from the parsonage so it ought to be easy for a pastor to find his people. Brother Hill is serving his fifth year on this charge. He has done good work and the people speak highly of him. I trust this charge may finish with good results the conference year.

A Sunday Morning At Lebanon, High Point

Last Sunday morning was spent with the Lebanon church in High Point, Rev. O. L. Easter, pastor. I was there in time for Sunday school and found it very flourishing. While the attendance was not quite up to the mark set a year ago yet it seemed to be well organized and things moved along nicely. It was my good fortune to sit in the Men's Class and to hear a discussion of the lesson by Brother Victor Hammer, the teacher. Brother Hammer's wide contacts while holding for many years a government position in Washington has given him an insight into the life of the people which is good training for teaching. At the eleven o'clock hour the auditorium was reasonably well filled with people for the service. It was said that there were several visitors in the audience. It really was a pleasure to preach to them. This is brother Easter's second year with this church and already his ministry has been productive of good results. Not only is he making a good impression on his own congregation but on the people of the city generally. His devotional services over the radio and his assistance in revival services in the city are bringing him face to face with a goodly number of people. He reported the church in fine financial condition. This church seems to have a good field as it goes into Methodist Union. It is located in the extreme northern section of the city with no other Methodist church near enough for there to be any problem. In recent years Sunday school rooms have been added and they now have a very good plant. The auditorium is of brick construction and is very neat.

A Sunday Evening At First Church, Thomasville

Last Sunday evening was spent with the First Church, Thomasville, Rev. James T. Bowman, pastor. The rather heavy rain of late Sunday afternoon continued to some extent until time for the evening service but the people came anyway. In a conversation with the pastor last week he was rejoicing over his fine Sunday evening congregations. As it continued to rain Sunday evening I thought it would be a severe test, however there was a congregation present which a great many large churches would like to have at the evening hour. Having served this church for one year in my early days in the ministry I have always been peculiarly interested in its welfare. And I was glad to know that it is still measuring up to its opportunity. Finances are in good condition and all seems to be doing well. The parsonage has been greatly improved since the days when we lived in it and it now seems to be a comfortable place. While it was a pleasure to be in the service Sunday evening there was one disappointment in the absence of our dear Brother D. R. Connell. A severe illness last year in which his life was almost despaired of has made it necessary for him to be careful about going out in unfavorable weather. But his interests have always been manifest in this church. This church, too, seems to be well located to meet the requirements in the adjustment period following Methodist Union. It is located in the southeastern corner of the city in a section where there is no other Methodist church. Quite a good many of the people who are in places of leadership in the church now, grew up in this organization. The church has been doubly fortunate during the years in being able to hold so many of these people in the community. This is Brother Bowman's second year and he and his talented wife seem to be fitting into the work splendidly. I trust the work may continue to go well and that this may be a good year.

Appointments

Sunday, August 6, 11 a. m. State Street, Lexington.
Sunday, August 6, 2:30 p. m. Mt. Carmel near Lexington.
Sunday, August 6, 7:45 p. m. West Thomasville.

J. E. Pritchard.

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Message In Verse

LET ME BE KIND

Let me be brave to scorn the easy lie,
To hold fast to the truth, serene and high,
Nor fear its consequence. Let me be kind.
So understanding that I shall not mind
The hurts that come from careless words, the slight
That otherwise would grieve me for a night.

Make me too gentle to wound others so;
Give me a keen insight that I may know
When loved ones' hearts are burdened. Let me share
The heavy loads of those for whom I care.
Teach me to say the fitting word that brings
Solace or joy—the word that soars on wings.

Give me compassion, sensitive and sweet.
On deeds of mercy send my eager feet,
Swift to bring aid. The kindly act warms thee—
Thou, high in heaven must glow in sympathy,
My neighbor's soul is gladdened, and delight
Fills my own spirit with effulgent light.

In little ways let me add happiness;
Quick to rejoice when others win success;
Remembering to speak the word of praise,
Forgetting what would darken shining days.
Let me be gracious, tender, pure in mind;
Wherever I may go, let me be kind.

—*Una E. Dary.*

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"We shall never pure and perfect any permanent life until we make Christ king and let Him reign over and in us."—*Dr. Jas. H. Snowden.*

Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, pastor of Grace Church, was the guest preacher at West End Church last Sunday night and brought a very helpful message.

No paper August 17. We are observing the custom set by Dr. McCulloch of taking a week off for vacatoin. While the editor does not except to get a regular vacation at this time, he is at least keeping up the custom of his predecessor.

Fifty cents pays for three months' subscription to the Herald and will entitle you to a few introductory issues of the *Advocate.*

"Give me the sense of the holiness of today which rises from the fact that this is the day in which God is greatly exercised in my behalf."—*Dr. Roy L. Smith.*

West End Sunday school is holding its annual picnic at Greensboro Country Park Saturday, August 5.

A note from Dr. Dixon informs us that Mr. G. J. Cherry is dead and was buried in Charleston, S. C., where he had made his home for many years. His only living sister, Mrs. Sallie Cherry Davenport resides at Mackeys, N. C. Brother Cherry was a trustee of the Children's Home and was until recent years a most liberal supporter of the Home.

My Church

There is something differentiating and suggestive in the little pronoun MY. Whenever I can say this is My house, My car, My country, all these things at once change their relationship to me; before this that house, that car, that country were the same they are now, but then they did not belong to me and I to them. And so when the church on the corner of the street or along the highway becomes My church, it to me is no longer foreign, and I am no longer indifferent to what happens to it. All that is of value in it and in its program now appeal to me because it is My church. Its programs, its projects, its services being My programs, My projects and My services in My Church I am gripped by them as never before. I find My heart warming up to the history of that church now. Its founders, pastors, lay leaders, are of vital interest to me now. And thus My Church becomes for me the best church in all the world. And so when I discover it has need for me, needs My influence, My service, My financial support, I glady respond to its appeals because it is My very own, and I am its very own; we two are joined in one. It is a part of My life and My life becomes a part of the history of that church. The causes of the church therefore cannot suffer without making me suffer any more than I can suffer without causing My church to suffer. My church is me in My superlative mood. But however splendid its doctrine and ideals, My church is never better than those of us who make up its membership. It is good or bad or indifferent as we are good or bad or indifferent.

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Open Windows

We read that Daniel worshiped the Lord in his Babylonian home by opening the windows toward Jerusalem. Through the open window he had an outlook to aid his yearnings as his vision searched the horizon which shut out the holy city to his gaze. It is a narrowed vision and a starved soul that can not look upon the world beyond the small area in which its daily activity lies. To Daniel, the open window was an aid to his longings; it intensified his desire to worship Jehovah in the holy place where loyal Jews for generations past had worshiped Him. Everyone who prays should have a place where he can kneel, and see beyond all the affairs which trouble him daily; a place from which his vision can stretch to the holy of holies, where heaven comes down his soul to greet and glory crowns the mercy seat. It is so easy to live a cramped life, to be motivated by restricted visions, to allow our interests in life to end with ourselves. Daniel realized what his loss was; carried away as a youth from Jerusalem where all that was sacred to him, the place around which clustered holy memories; he could pray with his face toward Jerusalem as he could in no other way. The windows opening upon the past and those opening upon a larger, more glorious future, should ever stand ajar, so that those who pray may have an outlook upon a world in which they live. The psalmist realized the holy influence of the outlook as he declared, "I will lift mine eyes unto the hills from which cometh my help; my help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and the earth."

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Our National Debt Now Forty Billion

Speaking before the Charlotte Rotary club this week, Robert M. Hanes of Winston-Salem, declared that our national debt is now forty billion dollars; an inconceivable sum. But the astounding thing about it is, twenty-four billion have been piled up in nine years. At the outbreak of the World War our national debt was less than one billion dollars. During this war it climbed to twenty-six billion, but between the close of this war and 1930 the indebtedness was reduced to sixteen billion; it is now forty billion. So in nine years our national government has spent twenty-four billions more than it has received. Who is responsible for this? How can this destructive spending be stopped? Mr. Hanes correctly states that the American people as a whole are responsible, that we are the only ones who can stop the treasury raiders from throwing the nation into bankruptcy. It is not a matter of party politics. but of a whole nation endorsing an orgy of spending which if continued at the present rate will force the country into financial ruin. Who is ready to deny himself to help save his country? The vicious practice of one community taking all it can get from Washington because others take all they can get must be stopped or all that we now have will have no stable value.

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Those who are busy doing the things they ought to do will hardly have time to do the things they ought not to do.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Stapleton, and daughter, Sue, have just returned from a trip of several days to Miami.

FRANCES E. WILLARD CENTENARY

Evantson, Ill.—Hundreds of women's leaders will gather at Chautauqua, N. Y., on Friday, July 28, to pay tribute to Frances E. Willard, whose Ninteenth Century efforts were largely responsible for the entry of women into American public life.

A Willard Centenary year program will be held throughout National W. C. T. U. day. The idea for a united temperance movement was conceived at Chautauqua in 1874 at the first National Sunday School Assembly. Because of this early connection with Chautauqua, that institution sets aside a day annually for W. C. T. U. observances.

Much of Miss Willard's adult life was devoted to temperance. She was for many years president of the National W. C. T. U. in addition to being a leader in woman's suffrage and other fields of social reform. Selection of Chautauqua as the site for this memorial program is considered especially fitting.

The Willard program will include an address on "Everybody's St. Frances" by Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith of Evanston, Ill., national president and World's W. C. T. U. first vice-president. There will be an afternoon reception in Auditorium Hotel. The evening's feature will be the dramatic monolog "The Uncrowned Queen" by Harriette Warner Whiteman of Winona Lake, Ind. A new section of the monolog will relate Miss Willard's connections with Chautauqua.

Many outstanding women were at Chautauqua in the summer of 1874 at the Sunday School Assembly. An account of the birth of a strong temperance force, written by Miss Willard in her book "Woman and Temperance," quoted Mrs. W. A. Ingham of Cleveland. Mrs. Mattie McClellan Brown of Alliance, Ohio, on August 14, 1874, suggested to other church leaders present an union of all temperance groups. Many of the women had taken part in the temperance crusades of that spring, including Mrs. G. W. Manly of Akron, Ohio, who had led Akron's praying band.

A meeting was called for August 15. Among the 50 who attended were: Miss Emma Janes, Oakland, Calif.; Mrs. H. H. Otis, Buffalo; Mrs. W. E. Knox, Elmira, N. Y.; Mrs. W. D. Barnett, Hiawatha, Kans.; Miss Auretta Hoyt, Indianapolis; Miss Jennie F. Willing, Bloomington ,Ill.; and Mrs. Frances Crooks, Baltimore.

As a result of their meeting circulars were sent to all woman's temperance leagues asking that one woman be elected from each for a National W. C. T. U. organizing convention in Cleveland, November 18 to 20, 1874.

Alcohol education was included last summer on the Chautauqua summer school program, under the auspices of New York City University. It has been included again this year and from July 24 to August 4 a two weeks' course will be offered by Bertha Rachel Palmer of Evanston, head of that department for W. C. T. U.

From July 24 through July 27 the Youth's Temperance Council and the Loyal Temperance Legion, W. C. T. U. young people's groups, will have leadership training conferences at Chautauqua.

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Mrs. J. K. Osborne is visiting relatives at Pinnacle.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By **O. L. EASTER**

ELIJAH: A LIFE OF COURAGE

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, August 6

Lesson Text—I Kings 18:30-39.

Golden Text—"The Lord is far from the wicked; but He heareth the prayer of the righteous." Proverbs 15:29.

How glad we are to come to such a life as that of Elijah in which we can see the virtue of courage so gloriously dominant. Every human heart leaps up at the first sign of courage in some other, for it is one quality that has a long history of acceptance. Since the law of "survival of the fittest" dates back to man's earliest wilderness life courage has been, of necessity, one of the crowning virtues of life. It has not been so with that of love, for instance. Almost until the life of Christ the attitudes of love and gentleness were regarded as weakness and even the marvelous example of the strength of love as exhibited by the Master Himself has had its struggle in the minds of many. Our present world is on the march under the cruel banner of might makes right, and one virtue is held out to the Christian when perhaps that of the higher virtues of meekness, love, kindness will not be received by this age of demagogues and the rattle of force—courage and boldness.

Elijah, faced with a whole nation of people who were opposed to all he believed and preached, commanded them to take notice of him when he challenged them and their gods to a contest of valor. Theodore Roosevelt once exclaimed: "Aggressive fighting for the right is the noblest sport the world affords." Elijah is very aggressive in this conflict with the prophets of Baal and his courage in standing up for the right marks him as a noble hero even among his former enemies. The Christian of today would like to insert into the picture more of the quality of love, but we must remember again that Elijah had not experienced as we the incarnation and glorification of love as seen in the earthly life of the Christ. God had to use the virtue of courage to accomplish His ends against such ungodly and unfeeling men. Today when mad dictators are walking rough shod over the precious virtues of love, brotherhood, kindness that only centuries of Christian development could foster, it is the virtue of courage that is coming to the rescue of persecuted Christians who stand for the God of such attitudes. The German pastors who are languishing in prisons and bearing the wrath of Nazism have won notice and esteem from even Nazi's themselves by their courage to preach and obey God rather than men. Now it remains to be seen whether or not their Christian faith is of the kind that will produce results which will win Germany back to the ways of the true and living God.

Elijah had courage but he had more. He had faith in a God of power and operation, a God that is above all gods. This gave him his superb courage over men. History is full of bold speaking Christians of the type of Elijah who believe as our text, "The Lord is far from the wicked; but He heareth the prayer of the righteous." This faith gave William Tyndale boldness to say to one of his powerful opponents of his translation of the Bible, "If God spare my life, ere many years, I will cause a boy that driveth the plough shall know more of the Scripture than thou knowest." A Christian named Milliard in the days of Louis XI was ordered by him to quit his preaching or be thrown into the river to drown and he boldly replied, "I'll get to heaven quicker by water than you can with all your fast horses." In Nero's day it gave timid women boldness to face the fierce teeth of the hungry lions, who ordinarily would flinch at the presence of a little mouse. It allowed Jesus of Nazareth, the carpenter's son to say in the face of imperial Rome, "I shall build My kingdom and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Thus history unfolds a host of such lives who fling scorn upon weapons of the flesh and the gods of false might and yet who talk with unbelievable courage. There we see them standing alone, unsupported, unarmed, threatened and opposed by innumerable foes. That is all very admirable and their stalwart courage strikes a note of sympathy and acclamaiton in even their enemies' but what about that courage. Were they, like many others, just blind fanatics; or were they trying the art of the bully?

Someone has well said that difficulties are things which show what men are, and if such difficulties as Elijah had here on Mt. Carmel have any virtue they are simply to give him the chance to make good his courageous boasting. If then he fails to get an answer from his God, he is self-condemned as a braggard or bully. The secret of the success of God's kingdom in this world has not been in the bold speaking of His prophets but rather in His power to make good these boastings. A humble Scotchwoman was once introduced to a stranger by a friend as "a woman of great faith." "No," she said, "I am a woman of little faith but with a great God." Experience has proven by one medium or another that the God of Elijah and Jesus is one that sends down the fire of His power to effect the prayers of His followers and as long as this is true the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. When we remember Elijah we should forever remember that there is an omnipotent defender for the right and too, that there is a corresponding omnipotent antagonist to the wrong. "The Lord is far from the wicked; but He heareth the prayer of the righteous."

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Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Stockard, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Routh and their children visited Manteo this week.

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The trouble is that businessmen are not clear about what they want.—*Harry L. Hopkins.*

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If dictatorships are better to prepare for war, democracies are better to finish wars.—*Robert W. Bingham.*

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There is only one alternative to democratic co-operation, and that is autocratic control.—*Donald R. Richberg.*

SOME THOUGHTS ON PASTORAL EVANGELISM

By Dr. S. A. Maxwell

Nothing is more alien to the mind of both the pre-Christian and the present world than the notion of a working God. That God can experience any sense of achievement through planned, purposeful activity is a thought so far removed from the traditional conception that when Christ declared, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work," He set in motion an idea far more disturbing than the concept of God as a father. The view of God at work, so prominent in the teachings of Jesus and so evident in the life of the Saviour, carries far-reaching implications for pastoral evangelism.

In announcing His part in the plan of God, Christ staggers our very imagination. He assumes universal sovereignty and with moral calm He presses that authority into every sphere of the universe. He is to now shape and fashion human thought and conduct on a world-wide scale. A mighty movement is being initiated. The implications of it are more stupendous than any leader of humanity ever dreamed of in the wildest moments of his unbridled ambitions. Suddenly Christ moves to the center of universals. A race-wide, earth-wide, time-wide brotherhood was the goal of His ministry. Even beyond the reach of time's wavering course He disclosed a brotherhood resplendent in immortal glory. What a foundational and enduring encentive for pastoral evangelism. Work without limits or stint or respite will be involved.

How would He play His part in pursuing this purpose and in initiating the greatest works program ever known to humanity? As the supreme administrative center He would share both the energy and mode of His character with men. Every effort must contribute to this irresistible fact. For this reason He consistently denied Himself some common tools of service, available to us, lest these hinder or divert the force of His life. Techniques are to reveal and impart His own life and not to reduce or obstruct it. What a high norm for pastoral evangelism. Surely His pen could write pungent paragraphs on current events, but only once and then in the sand did He write. He had an eloquence that was overmastering, but only as a quiet teacher confronting men with truth did He persuade them. With unlimited wealth at His command did He try to influence men with it. He refused to possess it or to use it except by the common means available to any other man. Did He gather a group of technicians to promote His cause? He called simple fishermen from their craft. Would He resort to force, stoop to tricks of the trade, or offer unworthy rewards to popularize His movement or protect His program? He admonished His followers to lose their lives in humble service and to forever fear the sword as an instrument by which men perish and lose causes.

Burning with a mission universal in its concern, but always filled with a message for the individual, Jesus sought to realize His aims. What a stern rebuke to shallow propaganda made in the name of His cause today. Beyond a doubt He is the center of many crowds, but never there under the urge of the passion for popularity or the craze for promotion. He was stirred and moved and filled with compassion for groups. The common need of congregated thousands touched Him to all His heights and depths. He fed them, taught them, and healed them. His supreme command to service, "Go yet into all the world and preach My gospel to every creature," forever differentiates Christianity from any of the ethnic faiths of mankind. With a measureless purpose but always an individual scale Jesus sought to bring His kingdom. What a searching norm for pastoral evangelism!

Just as the unit of any organism of life is always simple, and the divine order works this way throughout all nature, so it is in the kingdom of God. No group ever received richer, deeper, more direct or significant instruction than that given to Nicodemus. The companionless woman of Samaria at the well was as effectively taught as if all of her neighbors had been with her. Instruction may be given to groups but it is always received by the individual. We may secure crowds for economy of effort but all Christ-like work is done on the scale of one. Companionless men were born of earthly parents and when born again in the spirit it will never be by throngs. The man void of spiritual purpose and engaging in no spiritual enterprises is the lost man regardless of his social, economic or educational status. Jesus sought such. How many sheep did the shepherd seek when the ninety and nine were secure in the fold? Just one! How many pieces of silver were lost before the woman began a diligent search? Only one! How many sons came home from the far country before the father brought out the robes and killed the calf and called for the feast of rejoicing? Just one! We talk of armies in terms of companies, regiments and divisions, but they were all formed by individual enlistment. The recruiting officer may deal with crowds, but enlistment is an individual matter. Advancement and progress requires social forces and a community life, but enlistment demands personal decision. The kingdom will be composed of a numberless throng, but pastoral evangelism seeks to secure this numberless throng through individual enlistment. This is the only way. Christ did not work on a scale of a thousand, or even on a scale of ten, but always on a scale of one. With Him a universal aim is best achieved and can only be achieved in a redemptive way by an individual approach. What a rich suggestion that pastoral evangelism go directly after the individual.

Is it not possible that today we are in peril of reversing the process? Can we do it by groups or armies any more than Christ could? Can we reverse the whole order in nature and life? It is not pressure but appeal, not drive but drawing, nor impulsive power but understanding love, not the display of authority but the experience of sharing we need to recapture in pastoral evangelism today. Just a word may change a life. It did it for the Philippian jailor. A brief but meaningful interpretation may give redeeming guidance. It did it for the Ethiopian Eunuch. Sometimes a look may revive lost loyalty. It did it for Peter. A brief dinner hour may turn a man from greed and dishonesty to unselfishness and liberality. It did it for Zaccheus. With a matchless mission and a personal method, Jesus challenges us to bring in the kingdom. No hobbies, no shibboleths, no traditions to defend. To all He says, "Follow Me," and with effective earnestness He discloses the redemptive way when He says with guiding tenderness "Learn of Me." How sublime, how adaptable, how universal—just by learning of Him. The learning process then is the divinely selected and exclusive route into the kingdom of God. Jesus staked His measureless purpose on our capacity for learning the life of the kingdom. What a significant, though often misunderstood, emphasis and example for pastoral evangelism! Wedded to no method and bound by no tradition Christ allowed His discovery of the individual to determine the nature and form of His effort and emphasis. To the pastor Jesus is still saying, "Come and learn" before He commands him to "Go and teach." Anything short of this will mean a fragmentary evangelism and its converts will constantly face the peril of perishing with the partial. Viewing clearly the manner of Jesus and looking into His teachings it is evident we must change our techniques and shift our emphasis. Pastoral evangelism must avoid the spirit of commercial propaganda and the methods of mass production so utterly foreign to the gospel. Only changes wrought in persons will guarantee changes needed in domestic, social, economic and political life. How shall the pastor then tackle his inescapable obligation to evangelize his own local church constituency? Surely not by delegating it to lifeless committees or merely holding a series of formal religious services and designating that the evangelistic program of his parish. It must not be dodged with such incriminating ease nor avoided in such irresponsible farce. Year after year hundreds of local churches report no additions on profession of faith. Why is such record constantly repeated? It does not inhere in the nature of any community. Let it be observed that the record of any local church is always the record also of some pastor. We are not called to kill time or just to get by or even to please men, but to win men for Christ and eternal life. An aroused heart and conscience in the pulpit will spread to the pew.

Let the pastor begin with a scale of one; let him see a rich variety of individual difference; let him feel the impact of hungry hearts; let him employ a suitable appeal; let him lift Christ always as the exclusive source of redeeming and saving righteousness to be received by the life giving yet variable processes of Christian nurture; let him understand that the will to righteousness is the one essential response that all men at all times must give to the gospel; above all let him discover no rest until men have been enlisted with Christ and set to worthy tasks in His church and the community. Such evangelism will bring honor to the church and will center in the all-sufficient Saviour and never in theories of any type, and such a faith will not dissolve itself in dreams nor dissipate its dynamic by dealing either in trifles or belief or conduct. To such an effort we are now called. May it soon be felt in a warmer spirit, a more vital program, and a larger membership in thousands of local churches throughout the land. Dare we pastors stand still and continue to repeat our failures of the past? A new day, a new world and a living Christ challenge us. It must begin in our parishes. Everything waits for the pastor to advance. The day of march has come.—*N. C. Christian Advocate.*

MICHIGAN'S MILITANT GOVERNOR INVITED TO SPEAK AT WORLD'S FAIR

Good Templars Slogan, "A Dry America By 1950!"

New York, July 25—Governor Luren D. Dickenson of Michigan has been invited to be principal guest speaker on Good Templars Day, Saturday, August 26, at New York World's Fair, officials of the Good Templars National Grand Lodge of the United States announced today.

Since his recent assault upon drinking and its attendant evils in high places, many members of the Good Templars, Anti-Saloon League, W. C. T. U. and other bodies have expressed a wish to hear the Michigan moral crusader. It is hoped by the promoters of the meeting that the World's Fair platform will provide an opportunity for Governor Dickinson to launch the nation-wide reform movement which he wishes inaugurated. The general public is invited to attend at the Hall of Special Events, for which there is no charge beyond the ordinary admission to the fair grounds.

August 26, say the Good Templars, inaugurates a forward movement for their fraternal temperance organization, founded in 1851. Enrollment of an additional 100,000 Templars and effectuating the slogan of the order, "A Dry America By 1950!" is the announced aim of this and other rallies planned throughout the country. Michigan Good Templars are being asked to personally reinforce the World's Fair invitation sent to Governor Dickinson from New York today.

Young People Are Drinking Less

"We are greatly indebted to the World's Fair authorities for permission to hold our rally there, in common with other national societies," today said William Band, chairman of the Good Templars committee of arrangements for August 26. Mr. Band has long served as Grand Chief Templar of New York Grand Lodge, and in other positions of honor. "This courtesy, with expected broadcasting facilities, provide the finest sounding board which our order has enjoyed, perhaps, during its entire 88 years' existence. Temperance workers and other friends of our cause in many states are preparing to attend, while other multitudes listen in," said Mr. Band.

"We anticipate that the results of this gathering will be far reaching, especially among the youth of America with whose welfare I am primarily concerned as National Superintendent of Juvenile Work. Young people generally are drinking less nowadays, and they show a keen desire to know the scientific, physical and civic facts on alcohol," said Mrs. Martha von Gegerfelt, secretary of the World's Fair special committee.

"As Governor Dickinson was prevented from making his home broadcast last week, our Good Templars have offered him the hospitality of the nation-wide broadcast planned for our August 26 meeting, which promises as a whole to be the most important Prohibition pronouncement made in many years," said Captain Ed. Page Gaston, military man and member of the Templars fair committee.

Five Thousand Local Option Victories

Good Templars and other Prohibition and temperance advocates claim increasingly that Repeal is a monumental failure and that the swingback for suppression of the legalized liquor traffic is gathering strength rapidly throughout the country. The liquor interests officially concede 5,000 dry victories out of 7,000 local option elections, and they give evidence of great concern over this rising public anger from the existing conditions of vice and general lawlessness linked with their operations, say temperance advocates.

Good Templars and other reform leaders estimate that a total of 10,000 rural and other communities will vote dry before the end of this year. They hold that this is but the beginning of the movement which gives them a substantial basis for asserting that the country will be really dry within the next eleven years, with a national administration pledged to enforce the measure in whatever form it may be finally enacted.

A Great National Organization

In addition to the three mentioned, members of the arrangements committee for the Good Templars World's Fair gathering include C. W. King, Newark, N. J., Vivtor Carlson and Bertil Mattison, Bridgeport, Conn., D. W. McNeil, Paterson, N. J., John Ericson, New York City, and A. E. Thulander, Bloomfield, N. J.

Officers of the powerful Good Templars National Grand Lodge of the United States are John Graff, Chicago (National Chief Templar), George F. Cotterill, Seattle, Wash., Gosta Carlson, Gardner, Mass., D. W. McNeil, Paterson, N. J., J. Raymond Schmidt, Washington, D. C., Mrs. Martha von Gegerfelt, Brooklyn, N. Y., Gordon H. Payne, Medina, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Abrahamson, West Hartford, Conn., Ben D. Wright, Lockport, N. Y., Rev. John P. W. Peacock, Mattapoisett, Mass., John Josephson, West Hartford, Conn., Mrs. Agnes Hatlen, Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Lillian Lindgren, Youngstown, Ohio, A. E. Thulander, Bloomfield, N. J., and Mrs. Jennie Wilkes, Paterson, N. J.

THREE TIMES A METHODIST!

By Amelia Howell Fowler

As a tiny baby I was baptized a Methodist Protestant. As a twelve-year-old, I joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, on confession of faith. As a college freshman I transferred to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Three times a Methodist!

The Methodist Protestant Church—"How Firm a Foundation": I remember myself as a little girl riding with my minister father in a buggy drawn by a red-brown horse. For miles we rode, often in silence; he thinking of his sermon, I feeling him think. The road was of Alabama red clay, with two deep ruts. Interesting to watch the narrow wheels stay in those ruts! Fun to wonder what the red-brown horse was thinking as he walked sedately! Exciting when on level stretches he broke into a faster pace and tossed his mane a bit! Red clay banks sloped back from the road, and "piney" woods stretched still farther back on each side. Pine needles smelled spicy. Sometimes a squirrel or a partridge ran across the road. Sunshine was warm. It was easy to think of God and love Him.

When we arrived at the small frame church, warm welcomes awaited us from others who had come almost as many miles as we had come, some on horseback, some on muleback, some in buggy or wagon. Then the climax of the morning: those people singing unaccompanied, "As thy days may demand, shall thy strength ever be." Then my father preached. Over my head were the words he used, but the sureness entered by being. I gazed out the window through the pine branches into pools of sky, and dreamed dreams. Listen! My father is praying now. I cannot follow the petitions, but I can sit still to feel the joyful sureness again. I listen for the sentence that will end his prayer. I cannot write the words now, after many years, without the sympathetic prickles that little girl used to have as she heard: "Speed the day when Thy kingdom shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea!" Sureness! They are singing again: "That soul, through all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never, forsake!"

Methodist Episcopal Church, South—"Jesus Paid It All": Easter! In a white frame church in Florida. This time it is a Southern Methodist Church, for in the town to which we moved because of my father's health there is no Methodist Protestant Church. The minister's daughter is quivering in an ecstasy of excitement. Twelve years old and full of dreams, she walks with the others to the chancel as the congregation sings its favorite hymn. To the girl it is the Voice of God Himself. He is saying, through that hymn, "Child of weakness, watch and pray. Find in Me thine all in all." It is plain to the girl that the refrain is her own personal response. She is thinking, "They sing it as though they really meant it. I mean it too!" She knows in her heart she must find a place of service because "Jesus paid it all. All to Him I owe!"

Methodist Episcopal Church—"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult": Ohio Wesleyan and a transfer by letter to the Methodist Episcopal Church. This time my church was stately and dignified, in red brick. Here I heard a pipe organ for the first time and trembled with its vibrations, which I could feel even through inanimate wood as my hand lay palm down upon the arm of the pew. William Street Methodist Episcopal Church and Dr. Ernest F. Tittle in the pulpit! His prophetic voice became for me the Voice of God. There it was again—the church the Voice of God! Things happened to my spirit life those Sunday mornings as I sang with that church full of students, my contemporaries, the hymn we loved best, "Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea!" Those were growing days, and the Voice of God through His church grew more insistent. No longer was it saying as to the child, "All is well"; nor as to the twelve-year-old, "Center your life in Christ." Now it was saying, "You must be willing to go to the farthest ends of earth." The greatest struggle of my life occurred then; and the greatest exaltation when I surrendered.

For twenty years the Methodist Episcopal Church has helped me in the hardest search of all—to find and know myself. Through struggle, gropings, sometimes despair it has helped me. Always I've been steadied and inspired by God's Voice speaking through it. Always simple, direct, unyielding. Always there to come back to—"Christian, follow me!"

The New Methodist Church—"Are Ye Able": What is the new church primarily to be? Big? Rich? Efficient? No. It is still the Voice of God. His Voice should be more clearly heard because the unified church will be less and less cluttered with non-essentials. We cannot foretell what words He will say. But we know His message will come with authority. And we know that He will use tones of love.

It is true that each of the three churches gave up some distinctive traditions. The spirit of gracious compromise has been touching, because it has sometimes covered a feeling of grief within some of our leaders. If any such feeling still remains, it is a pity. For the new church need not surrender the giving of religious security to little children! In new power it can throw protecting arms around all the children of the world! It need not give up the steadying of turbulent adolescence! With added poise it can go on helping young people keep their balance in a dizzy world! It need never give up the pushing out of horizons for everyone! In a still mightier way it can inspire us all to answer, "Lord, we are able!"—*Zion's Herald.*

FALSE COMFORT FOR SINNERS

I have often had professors of faith bring anxious sinners to me and beg me to comfort them. Then when I have probed the conscience of the sinner to the quick they have shuddered and have sometimes taken his part. Sometimes parents do this when their children are under conviction. Similarly a husband will tell his wife, or the wife her husband, "How good you are! Why you are not bad. You have just been to that frightful minister who frightens people."

No sinner ever has an idea of his sins greater than they really are. No sinner has an adequate idea of how great a sinner he is. It is not probable that any man could live under a full light of his sins. In mercy God has spared all of His creatures that worst of sights, a naked human heart. the sinner's guilt is much more deep and damning than he thinks and his danger is much greater than he thinks; if he should see his sins as they are, perhaps he could not live one moment. True, he may have false notions on the subject that create distress and that are without foundation. But to tell the most moral and amiable person in the world that he is good enough is not giving him rational comfort. It is deceiving him and ruining his soul.

The sinner is on the verge of hell. He is in rebellion against God and his danger is infinitely greater than he imagines. What a doctrine of devils it is to tell a rebel against heaven not to be distressed! He is not comforted because he refuses to be comforted. God is ready to comfort him. You need not think to be more compassionate than God. He will in an instant fill the sinner with comfort, on his submission. There stands the sinner struggling against God and against conscience until he is deeply distressed. But he will not yield. For someone to tell him then that he ought not to feel so bad is horrible!—*Charles G. Finney,* in *"Finney on Revival."* (*Marshall, Morgan and Scott, Publishers, London, England*).

PERCEPTION

It is said that when Leonardo da Vinci completed his painting of the Last Supper he called two monks in to view it. They at once began admiring the beautiful colorings of the tablecloth. The artist took his brush and dashed it across the object of their regard. Turning to the monks he said in effect, "I brought you to look upon the face of the Master, and you see only the cloth which I had painted upon the table."

The poet sings:

"Two men looked out through prison bars,—
The one saw mud—the other saw stars."

Somewhere between the table and the Master, between the mud at our feet and the stars beyond our reach, the measure of our appreciation and utilization of life is found. One might suggest that earth has as much utility as stars, and that a beautiful object has as much value as a beautiful character. But those who do suggest such a view fail to appreciate that life approximates to the thing or ideal that engrosses its attention. Jesus puts it, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." And the implication is, that the things upon which we set our affection determine the quality and extent of our treasure.

Until we learn to view life with eyes that glimpse the eternal and focus upon qualities of spirit rather than quantities of things, our discernment will be as partial and unsatisfying as the experience of the Hindus who went to see the elephant. Life is inherently richer than its possession of dollars, and infinitely greater than its size of body and length of years. Happy the man whose inner vision can penetrate beyond the limitations of his eyes; whose spirit seeks its basic riches in the appropriation of a great ideal. —*F. C. Crossman* in *"The Maritime Baptist."*

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When a deed is done for Freedom, through the broad earth's aching breast
Runs a thrill of joy prophetic, trembling on from east to west,
And the slave, where'er he cowers, feels the soul within him climb
To the awful verge of manhood, as the energy sublime
Of a century bursts full-blossomed on the thorny stem of Time.

Careless seems the great Avenger: history's pages but record
One death-grapple in the darkness 'twixt old systems and the Word;
Truth forever on the scaffold, Wrong forever on the throne—
Yet that scaffold sways the future, and, behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above his own.

—*James Russell Lowell.*

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We spent and we spend and we spend.—*Senator Joseph Robinson.*

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Who should go to college? Every potential leader—and no one else.—*Dr. E. H. Wilkins.*

OUR STORY PAGE

WE WANT RAIN

What makes the flowers hang their heads?'' Doris asked her mother as she looked at the pretty asters by the door.

''They want rain. That is the only way they can ask for a drink,'' answered her mother.

''We don't want it to rain!'' pouted Doris.

''No, indeed!'' spoke up Bobby quickly. ''Then we'll have to play indoors.''

''Very well,'' said their mother. ''Since it is not raining now, you may take your sailboat down to the brook and play.''

''Goody! Goody!'' Doris clapped her hands.

They ran across the lawn and down the hill. But when they reache dthe brook there was no water in it. Not the tiniest drop.

Bobby scowled and so did Doris.

As they stood there a mother robin flew down from the willow-tree. She walked up and down in the brook and looked about. Then she lifted her head and gave a low, ''Chirp! Chirp!''

''She must be very thirsty!'' said Doris.

''Yes! That is her way of asking for water. But she is looking for worms also,'' said Bobby.

''Where is she going?'' asked Doris.

''Oh, she'll fly to some place where there is water.''

Doris wondered if there were little eggs up in the nest, and if they would get cold while the robin was hunting for food and water.

Then they ran back up the hill to tell their mother that the brook was dry, and also that the robin was thirsty.

''Then you may come with me,'' said their mother. ''We will get some things for dinner.''

They hurried off to the garden, Bobby running on ahead and Doris trying to catch him.

''You may pull some beets,'' said mother to Bobby.

Bobby tugged and tugged at a beet, but he could not pull it out of the ground.

''Pull hard!'' said his mother.

So he pulled again. He pulled so hard that the top of the beet came off and he rolled over.

It was funny to see him with his heels up in the air and Doris laughed. That made Bobby very cross and he cried out, ''You try it, then!''

Doris did try very hard. She wanted to show Bobby that she could pull a beet. But the ground would not let the beet go.

''Try again!'' teased Bobby.

''What makes it pull so hard?'' asked Doris.

''The ground has been baked for many, many days by the hot sun. It takes rain to make the earth soft,'' explained mother.

''Oh, dear!'' sighed Doris. ''The flowers want water.''

''The brook is dry, and the robin is thirsty,'' added Bobby.

''And the ground is very hard,'' said Doris.

Mother picked up the pan of beets, which she had pulled, and started for the house.

''I think,'' and Doris spoke very low to her brother, ''it would be better if it rained.''

''It surely would!'' whispered Bobby.

Later, as they carried small pails of water and sprinkled the flowers by the door, they shouted together, so that their mother, who was washing the beets in the kitchen could hear, ''We—want—rain—too!''

Then they ran down the bill to the brook, taking some fresh water for the thirsty robin, and again they sang out happily, ''We—want—rain—too!'' — *Louella Killian*, in *''Story World.''*

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LITTLE FUSSY CLOCK

''Tick-tock, tick-tock,'' slowly spoke the tall grandfather's clock in the corner.

''Tick-tock, tick-tock, tick-tock,'' fussed the little clock on the shelf, as fast as it could talk. ''You're so slow, Grandfather Clock. Why don't you speed up a little? You'll never get anywhere at that rate.''

''Oh, I'm not so slow,'' answered the old clock. ''I get ahead just as fast as you do.''

''Tick-tock, tick-tock, tick-tock,'' ran on the little fussy clock. ''What do you think about it, Wristwatch?''

''Tk-tk-tk-tk-tk,'' replied Wristwatch. He spoke so softly that you could hardly understand what he was saying unless you put your ear close. ''I'm going faster than either of you are. I shall reach noon first, of course.''

''But why do you talk—I mean tick-talk—so fast?'' asked Grandfather Clock.

''Because we must get to noon by twelve o'clock,'' fussed the other. ''We have only three hours in which to get there. It will take you five hours, at the rate you're going.''

''Don't worry about me. I shall get there as soon as you do,'' promised Grandfather Clock.

''Not at the rate you're going, you won't.''

''We'll see,'' replied the old clock. ''Remember, it is the keeping steadily at it that really gets you somewhere.''

''Yes, I must hurry,'' said Fussy. ''When I reach noon, I'll tell folks you're coming.''

By and by Whoooooo went the noon whistle. Grandfather Clock spoke, ''Ding-dong, ding-dong,'' twelve times. When he had finished speaking, ''Tick-tock, tick-tock, tick-tock,'' he heard. It sounded as if the little clock were all out of breath. Grandfather Clock smiled at the little clock.

''You see,'' he said, ''I just kept steadily on, and I reached noon at exactly twelve o'clock. But you, my dear, are one minute slow. You see, friend, it is work that counts, not words.''

''Yes. I believe you are right,'' replied little Fussy.

''Tick-tock, tick-tock,'' answered good old Grandfather Clock.—*Ethel M. Rice*, in *''Story World.''*

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Economic issues cannot be settled with the policeman's night stick.—*Mayor LaGuardia.*

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

BEAUTY AS AN AID TO WORSHIP

Topic for August 6, 1939

By REV. RAYMOND W. WHITE

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, July 31—"The Beauty of Holiness." I Chron. 16:27-30.

Tuesday, August 1—The Beauty of Peace. Psalm 122.

Wednesday, August 2—The Beauty of Music. Psalm 150.

Thursday, August 3—The Beauty of Humble Service. Matt. 20:25-28.

Friday, August 4—A Lake-side Experience. Luke 5:1-9.

Saturday, August 5—A Mountain-top Experience. Mark 9:2-8.

The Text: Rev. 21:10-27.

To the Leader

This is the second of a series of two topics on "Opening Our Eyes to Beauty." The development of this topic will necessarily include a call upon the memory. The group should have at the very first part of the meeting a fair understanding of the meaning of worship, the value of worship, and the methods of worship. Worship is the most important act of a Christian. It is the most important part of a church service. It is too often developed and neglected in the present generation which is intoxicated with utilitarian ideas. To the understanding of worship should be added an appreciation of beauty as an aid to worship. Make it clear that beauty in worship is a means to an end. Profitable enjoyment of the beautiful should lead to a deeper sense of God's presence and a greater desire to have fellowship with Him. Discuss the value of beauty in the worship service and invite definite suggestions for improvement.

Questions for the Open Forum

1. What is worship? Its purpose? Its value?
2. In what sense, if any, does beauty help one in worship?
3. What beautiful things have helped you in worship?
4. How may one cultivate the taste for the beautiful?
5. In what ways may the beauty of nature contribute to worship?
6. Do you think beautiful architecture aids one in worship. Explain.
7. What is beautiful music? How does it serve us in worship?
8. Does poetry help one in worship? If so, how may it be used?
9. Of what value, if any, is art in worship?
10. What physical surroundings should be provided for worship?
11. Of what value are prayers, Bible reading, and sermons in worship?
12. Can one worship in silence? Explain.
13. Is it possible to substitute the admiration of the beautiful for the adoration of God?
14. How may the foregoing substitution be avoided?

The Poet

Labor in the path of duty,
Gleamed up like a thing of beauty;
Beauty shone in self-denial,
In the sternest hour of trial;
In a meek obedience
To the will of Providence,
In the lofty sympathies
That, forgetting selfish ease,
Prompted acts that sought the good
Of ev'ry spirit; understood
The wants of ev'ry human heart,
Eager ever to impart
Blessings to the weary soul
That hath felt the bitter world's control.
Here is beauty felt such as ne'er
Met the eye or charmed the ear,
In the soul's high duties, then I felt
That the loftiest beauty ever dwelt.

—C. P. Cranch.

Beauties of Nature

Those homelier wild flowers which we call weeds; yellow japanned buttercups and star-disked dandelions lying in the grass like sparks that have leaped from the kindling sun of summer; the profuse daisy-like flower which whitens the fields, to the great disgust of liberal shepherds, yet seems fair to loving eyes, with its button-like mound of gold set around with milk-white rays; the tall-stemmed succory, setting its pale blue flowers aflame one after another; the red and white clovers; the broad, flat leaves of the plantain ("the man's foot," as the Indians called it) —those common growths which fling themselves to be crushed under our feet and our wheels making themselves so cheap in this perpetual martyrdom that we forget, each of them is a ray of the divine beauty.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Topic Hints

Worship: What is worship? Professor Weigle has accurately answered this question in this brief line, "Worship is a personal approach to God." Whatever means may be to inspire and induce worship, the ultimate must be a personal approach to God if the individual worships. The program of worship is only a proposed spiritual stimulant; the materials in worship form only the steps which lead to God. One can never reach God by merely bathing in the stimulant or by parking on the ascending stairway.

Beauty: Beauty is the work of God. There is beauty in the universe and God's ultimate purpose is to make beautiful individuals who will make and maintain beautiful relationships. The beauty in the rose should be a challenge to any one to seek and find the source of such beauty. The beautiful butterfly should inspire us to search for the perfect Artist Who painted those wings without blemish. The beauty in nature charms the attention of the spiritual aspirant who longs to be like Him Who made all things and who is willing because some communicants have been ignorant of its value or to have God's spiritual laws within and without.

Beauty and Worship: God, who has made all things beautiful, can be approached through the beautiful. For this reason, beauty can be used as an aid in worship. It must be remembered that our worship services should be designed to create an atmosphere in which worshipers may find God. Their attractiveness should lead worshipers to the Attraction. Persons engaged should lead people to the Person. Art employed should lead the interested to the Artist. Music should be the translation of a pure heart purifying the air so that the ugliness of men might be tranformed into the beauy of holiness. Beauty should accompany worship programs and communicants should use the beautiful in their search for the Most Beautiful.

Appreciating Beauty: Since beauty is the workmanship of God, people should learn to appreciate the beautiful. Beautiful elements in worship have often been laughed out of court because some had not learned to appreciate beauty. Some of the most beautiful music cannot be used in some churches because the worshipers have not trained the soul to appreciate it. Beautiful art has been forbidden a place in some churches because the beam of prejudice has not been removed. In this world we always have to make allowances for individual differences. If individuals would give more attention to personal culture, many allowances would not be necessary and the group as a whole would live on a much higher level. Every high school and every college student should take at least one course in the appreciation of some art.

Created Beauty: God created the beautiful. The best illustration of God's created beauty is in the life of His only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Every day we see some of His beauty in the lives of devout Christians. God's house should be a beautiful place of worship. If we mean business we will make it so. To this extent we can create the beautiful. Dirty floors, dingy walls, and scattered trash in the house of worship is hardly the work of God through us. A dusty altar, a poorly hung picture, a broken stained-glass window, an unprepared message in speech or in music represent an unforgivable carelessness on the part of God's people. Such ugliness is not in keeping with the Christian's profession. It is not conducive to worship. Beauty is an aid to worship. We should seek beauty and seek to create beauty that through it the Author of beauty may be found and the beauty of holiness experienced.—Methodist Protestant-Recorder.

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"Unless Thou lead me, Lord,
The road I journey on is all too hard.
Through trust in Thee alone
Can I go on.

"Yet not for self alone
Thus do I groan:
My people's sorrows are the load I bear.
Lord, hear my prayer—
Make Thy strong hand
Strike off all chains
That load my well-loved land—
God, draw me close to Thee."

—Katharine L. Smyth.

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The student's allowance had run out, so he wrote home for more money. Feeling a bit nervous about the impression it would make, he ended his letter: "P.S.—I did not like writing to you. In fact, I ran after the mailman to get this letter back, but he had already mailed it."

A week later he received the following reply:

"You will be glad to know that I did not receive your letter."

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THE OLD WITCH DOCTOR

Dr. Walter E. Strangway, of Chissamba, when he was home on his last furlough from Africa, told an impressive story. Many of his friends had asked him why he and Mrs. Strangway were returning to the field, and in answer he told of the conversation of the old blind witch doctor. Let us repeat the story in Dr. Strangway's own words:

"When we first went out to Africa we heard a great many stories about the witch doctors. I began to wonder if I met one on the road some day whether he would harm me.

"One morning, as I sat examining patients in our hospital, one of the helpers came in and said, 'There is a witch doctor at the door wanting to see you.' I think he saw me trembling a little, for he hastened to add, 'Don't be frightened, because this witch doctor is blind.' I told him to show the patient in, and he brought in an old man, who sat down and told me the story of his life. And as he went through that story he told me of all the things he had done in opposition to us, and of all his magical work. Then he said: 'As my blindness came on, I went to other witch doctors to see if I could get help, but our medicine was of no avail; so I have come asking you to help me.'

"After examining him, we found that he had cataracts. I said to this old witch doctor: 'We cannot help you unless you are willing to consent to an operation.' I shall never forget his answer as he said, 'I am in your hands; do as you wish with me.' In a few days he was operated on. He was one of those fortunate ones who are able to see when the bandages are removed. Then he left the hospital. I wondered when we should see that witch doctor again. Nearly all our patients come back from time to time. Twelve months do not pass without them returning and telling us how they are. They are really the most grateful people in the world.

"In church on Sunday morning—there was a congregation of about a thousand people—about halfway through the minister's sermon I saw the front door of the church opening slowly, and there stood the witch doctor, carrying in a bundle wrapped in skin everything that was dear and sacred to him. He carried his divining basket over which he had prayed every morning and every evening. He also had all of those charms with which he had practiced 'medicine' during his career as a witch doctor. He had never attended a church service before. He did not understand what it was to sing hymns. He looked about him, and then walked slowly right up into the pulpit. He touched the minister on the shoulder and whispered to him as if to say: 'You have said enough for this morning; let me say something.' The minister, without a word of explanation, sat down and the old witch doctor put his great bundle in front of him.

"He stood before that congregation and gave them that morning a sermon they will never forget. He told them how with that divining basket and those charms he had practiced medicine; how he would not treat anyone unless he had first brought him a handsome fee; how his world's goods had accumulated until he became the wealthiest man in the whole community; and then of how his blindness came on, and how he went to the witch doctors himself, and each one of them said, 'If you pay me sufficiently I can cure you.' So he began to hand out again all the things he had accumulated during his lifetime, and continued doing so until he had visited every native doctor in the whole community. When he had spent all he had, and had nothing left, and was still blind, someone said, 'Why don't you try the mission hopital?' He told the congregation about the mission hospital, how he went through the operation, and of his joy when he could see again. Taking up his bundle, he put all those things sacred to him in the pastor's arms, and said, 'Do as you like with these. Burn them and destroy them; I shall never require them again.' He then took his seat in the front row among the church elders. That morning he condemned every native doctor carrying on witchcraft in Africa.

"I watched as the weeks passed to see if that witch doctor would be faithful. Each Sunday morning he was there in the same pew, and one Sunday he rose up and publicly asked that he might join one of the catechumen classes. He remained for a year studying, and at the end of the year he was received into the membership of the church. As the weeks passed he still continued to attend all church services.

"I want to go back to Africa to see if that old witch doctor is still in the front pew of our church. I want to go back to see the others who have been brought into the church and who are filling those pews. I want to go back again to help and to talk with those who have not heard of our Lord so that Jesus shall reign in their lives, bringing them healing for body, mind and soul!"

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It was my privilege to be in Chissamba a few months ago. At the morning service one of the first questions I asked was: "Where is the old witch doctor?" "Right there in the front row you will find him," said Dr. Strangway, his face all wreathed in smiles which revealed his pleasure that his hope had been realized.—Denzil G. Ridout, in "The Church School" Magazine.

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MY STRENGTHENER

Here in my workshop where I toil
 Till head and hands are well nigh spent,
Out on the road where the dust and soil
 Fall thick on garments worn and rent,
Or in the kitchen where I bake
 The bread the little children eat,
He comes, His hands of strength I take,
 And every task grows sweet.

—British Weekly.

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An old gentleman, seeing a small boy having some trouble getting away with a very large apple, remarked, "Too much apple, isn't it, sonny?"

The small boy, his mouth full of apple, replied, "No, sir, mister, not enough boy."

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"I weigh my words before I speak."

"Well, no one could accuse you of giving short weight."

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Harmony Church, Yarborough Charge, Rev. J. F. Farr, Pastor.—We have been enjoying some fine messages delivered by our pastor, who has filled each appointment since our last report.

There has been a decrease in our Sunday school attendance for the last two months due to the fear of polio.

The Woman's Auxiliary has been meeting regularly. It met with Mrs. W. J. Page last month and with Mrs. Henry Balentine this month. At the conclusion of the programs delicious refreshments were served.

The third quarterly conference for the M.E. Church, South, was held April 2 at Harmony church, with the usual attendance of officials. The presiding elder, Rev. R. F. Morris, was in charge. The regular routine of reports and incidental business was followed. Nominees for delegate to the next annual conference were selected. Ralph Hughes of the Harmony church was chosen. The following churches compose this charge: Kings Chapel, Lebanon, Harmony (M. P.), and Mt. Bethel.

The Christian Endeavor society has been meeting each Sunday night with an average attendance of 15. The society has recently presented the church with new carpet.

ELEANOR KNIGHT, Reporter.

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Spring Church, Spring Church Charge, Rev. J. E. Garlington, Pastor.—On the fourth Sunday morning in July the young people presented "The Unlighted Cross," which was a complete success. Everyone enjoyed not only the play but the music rendered by the choir. Mr. Tar Clark, of Roanoke Rapids, sang a solo at the morning service, and Mrs. Miller sang in the afternoon. Rev. W. M. Howard, pastor of Halifax charge, brought us a wonderful message in the afternoon. He used as his text a part of the 15th verse of the 14th chapter of Exodus, "Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward." Mr. Howard left with us thoughts that will help us to go forward in our Christian duties in building the Kingdom of God. We hope he will come back and preach for us again. We are grateful to the large audience for a nice offering.

We want to thank Mr. Garlington, Miss Virginia Massey and Mrs. Ellis Crew for training the young people in getting up this play; especially Mr. Garlington, as he not only helped to train them, but took part in the play.

On the second Sunday evening in August at 8 o'clock our Auxiliary is having a program in our church. We are hoping to have a large audience. The Junior Choir from the Methodist church in Weldon has consented to come sing for us. Mr. Clark and Mrs. Miller will also sing, with numbers from our own choir and Pleasant Hill.

Our revival will begin on the fourth Sunday in August, with Rev. Mr. Larkin, district superintendent of Rocky Mount district, as pulpit help. We feel we are indeed fortunate in having Rev. Mr. Larkin come to us. There will be two services on Sunday, with dinner on the grounds. The services during the week will be afternoon and night. We invite our many friends to come worship with us.

We are delighted to have Mr. Garlington's mother, father and sister in our community. They came from Louisiana several weeks ago to visit him, and will stay until the first of September.

We are glad to report Mrs. G. W. Massey able to be up at home in a rolling chair. She broke her knee cap several weeks back.

We have choir practice once each week, with Mrs. Miller as director. The singing is much improved. The choir will meet in the home of the writer Wednesday night of this week.

We hope to have new pews for our church by the fourth Sunday in August.

MRS. R. M. ROBINSON, Reporter.

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Lincolnton, Rev. W. L. Harkey, Pastor.—Our church held a Home-Coming Day the fourth Sunday in July. We had a wonderful program throughout the day. There were many old members who attended Sunday school, and quite a few visitors were present. At 11 o'clock Hon. Charles A. Jonas, former U. S. Congressman, delivered an interesting address to a large congregation. Dinner was served on the church lawn at 1 o'clock. The tables were loaded with delicious things to eat, and everyone really enjoyed the occasion. At 2 o'clock some young folks from Bess Chapel, our sister church, gave a pageant based on missionary work. These young folks surely are getting some wonderful training.

In spite of the hot weather, our Sunday school attendance has been normal. The Christian Endeavor societies have also been having good attendance. The Junior society is planning to put on a pageant next Sunday night during the preaching hour. Our young folks are receiving splendid training also.

Our pastor has been in ill health for the last few months, but is improving now. We are hoping that he will be back to normal very soon.

MRS. TED EURY, Reporter.

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Christ Methodist Church, Henderson, Rev. T. J. Whitehead, Pastor.—The union services which are held each Sunday evening in the Henderson churches are being well attended.

The service was held at Christ Methodist church the fourth Sunday evening. The pastor, Rev. T. J. Whitehead, being absent, Rev. R. E. Brown of the First Methodist church, presided, with Rev. J. Everette Neese of the Congregational - Christian church, preaching the sermon. Mr. Paul Patterson, violinist, and Miss Hallie Frank Mills, organist, furnished the special music for this service.

Sunday morning the Rosa Harris Bible class joined the Philathea class for the study period with Mrs. L. R. Gooch as teacher.

The Men's Bible class of Christ Methodist church met with the men's class of the First Methodist church recently. We are pleased with the fine spirit of cooperation, not only between these churches, but among all the churches of Henderson.

The annual picnic for the children will be held soon.

The Woman's Auxiliary had its July meeting with Mrs. L. R. Gooch. The members were asked to bring clothing to be sent to Pine Ridge.

Circle No. 1, with Mrs. Glenn Satterwhite chairman, met with Mrs. W. H. Grissom; Circle No. 2, Mrs. J. T. Whitehead, chairman, met at the church. The circles are planning to hold a joint meeting at the Kings Daughters Park in August.

Mr. J. W. Whitehead has returned home after visiting his son and daughter-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Whitehead.

Mrs. R. M. Andrews of Greensboro and Miss Mabel Harris of Westminster, Md., have been visiting their father, Mr. S. R. Harris.

The following announcement will be of interest to a number of friends: "Mrs. James Monroe Bowling announces the marriage of her daughter, Minnie Anne, to Mr. Joe Pierce Whitehead, on June 20, 1939, Frederickburg, Va. They will be at home after September 1st in New York City.

Mrs. W. C. Lynch, of Edgefield, S. C., who has been visiting her father, Mr. G. B. Harris, has returned home.

We are glad to have with us again, Mrs. W. T. Nuckels, Misses Elizabeth Fox and Mary Young.

George Gooch has returned from New York City where he visited Mr. and Mrs. Farquhard Best and attended the World's Fair.

It was decided Sunday that instead of having the annual picnic, the young people and children would be taken for a hay-ride or joy-ride, after which they will meet the older people at the Kings Daughters Park, Wednesday evening, where a Brunswick stew will be served.

Friends of Mrs. S. M. Hicks, who is the mother of Mrs. H. O. Falkner, will regret to learn of her serious illness. May our Heavenly Father be very dear to her and the family during these trying hours.

Sunday afternoon Rev. Mr. Whitehead made an address at Louisburg. Mrs. Clyde L. Finch also spoke at this meeting.

Sunday, 21 local churches in seven pastoral charge of the denomination in Vance county met to celebrate Methodist Union, consummated a few months ago. All of the churches came together in the service in the First Methodist church in Henderson in

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the evening to hear the sermon by Bishop W. W. Peele.

He was elected Bishop at the uniting conference and was assigned to the Richmond, Va., area, which includes the North Carolina conference . Bishop Peele is a native of North Carolina and as pastor served some of the outstanding churches in North Carolina, and was presiding elder of the Greensboro district at the time of his election.

Rev. R. E. Brown presided at this service. He presented Rev. T. J. Whitehead, who in turn introduced Bishop Peele. This service was also the union service for the Henderson churches.

Sunday was indeed a happy day. A large congregation helped to celebrate Methodist Union.

"Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to thee till death."

ANNIE C. LASHLEY.

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Central Church, Asheboro.—Twenty-two members of the Young People's choir, under the direction of Tom Houts, director of religious activities at the church, gave a program of sacred music at Maple Springs Methodist church on Friday evening in connection with a series of services which is being conducted by Hout's father, Rev. T. R. Houts of Leaksville. Accompanying the group were Miss Virginia Lowe, Miss Esther Ross, Mrs. R. W. Wood, D. D. Almond, and Jack Pugh.

The Junior and Young People's choir is contributing greatly to the church program, and interest is increasing daily among the youth of the church. There was a hay ride for the group on Monday evening, with Garland P. Pritchard furnishing the wagons and teams. Rev. and Mrs. N. M. Harrison had 35 of the boys and girls at the Sunset Cafe (Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Trollinger, of Central church, owners and managers) on Sunday evening after the worship hours, for refreshments. Miss Martha and Miss Cynthia Mendenhall entertained the group on Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr., with a melon feast. The L. F. Rosses were hosts during the week to the Young People's division at a melon party at their home on Wainman avenue.

Plans are being formulated for the series of meetings at Central church beginning on September 20.

Mrs. J. J. White and Mrs. John R. Brown were hostesses to the Women's Bible class on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. White. Miss Leona Wood and Mrs. C. M. King entertained the Friendly S. S. class at the home of Miss Wood on Friday evening.

Mrs. A. R. Lowe was honored on the occasion of her birth anniversary Thursday with a fish fry at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Phillips. There was enough fish, due to the fact that A. R. Lowe and Bud Phillips caught the two fish which weighed ten and six pounds. The guests were members of the Lowe and Phillips families.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lamb, South Park street, announce the marriage of their daughter, Mildred, to Phalti Shoffner, on Thursday afternoon, June 29, in Central church, with Dr. Taylor reading the marriage vows. The couple are living in Asheboro where Mr. Shoffner is employed in a textile plant.

Miss Elizabeth Phillips and Miss Kate Hammer recently attended a presentation of Paul Green's symphonic pageant at Manteo.

Dr. Worth Ross of Detroit, Mich., was the guest in Asheboro the past week of the members of the family of the late R. R. Ross. Dr. Ross's late father, Dr. George Ross, was for several years a practitioner at Randleman.

Miss Thyra Wright, Miss Opal Giles and W. F. Redding, Jr., have recently returned from a visit to New York and the Exposition.

CLETA RICH.

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Caroleen, Rev. H. D. Garmon, Pastor.—Although there hasn't been a report from our church for some time, we are still working for the Lord. Our attendance for Sunday school and church service has been extra good, during these hot July days.

Our pastor was in his meeting in Shelby on the third Sunday of this month, and Rev. Cecil Cothran filled his appointment here. Cecil is a student of Greenville Academy, and being a home boy, a good crowd was present to hear him.

The former M. E. and our church had a union service last Sunday. Our pastor gave us the fifth Sunday because he couldn't be with us on the third Sunday. So the former M. E. members asked us to have the service in their church with our pastor bringing the message. A packed house enjoyed a fine message. On the second Sunday in next month the former M. E. pastor, Rev. Elzie Myers, will preach for us. Our pastor will be gone during the month of August conducting revival meetings.

There are some on the sick list. Mrs. J. M. Radford is real sick at this time.

We can't make a report without mention of the great interest of our young people, both juniors and intermediates. The young ladies' class is working on our church budget. We desire the prayers of each Christian that we may all keep the interest up of these fine young men and women.

RUTH REINHARDT, Ass't Reporter.

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Ann Street Methodist Church, Concord, Rev. E. O. Peeler, Pastor, July 31.—Since our last report we have had two very pleasant honors. One was the privilege of having Dr. Forlines speak for us on a Sunday night. Mr. Peler said he had looked forward to having Dr. Forlines with him in a service for some time. Some of us older folk remember Dr. Forlines, as he had visited the Concord church some years ago. We were so glad to see him again and to hear him preach. We hope he comes again some time. And the other was the pleasure of having our President, Dr. J. E. Pritchard, with us on a Sunday morning, and then for the quarterly conference in the afternoon. The reporter could not be present for this service because of illness in the family, but we have heard much from the service and everyone enjoyed both services; so glad to have Dr. Pritchard with us.

As conference is coming a little sooner this year, our stewards are very busy, that we may have everything ready when our pastor and delegate goes to conference, that they may be able to make a good report.

On Thursday night of this week the Sunday school teachers will hold their regular monthly meeting and then go on a picnic.

Our Ladies' Aid society and Missionary Auxiliary are cooperating very well and they hope to have a good report for conference.

Our hearts go out in sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brown as death claimed their little son. Also Mrs. A. M. Honeycutt and family, as death claimed her son, Mr. Robert Honeycutt.

BERTHA EARNHARDTS, Reporter.

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Pleasant Hill, Spring Church Charge, Rev. J. E. Garlington, Pastor.—The reporter and not the church has undergone a summer slump.

Children's Day was observed on the third Sunday in June, using the pageant, "A Little Child Shall Lead Them." This service was fairly well attended, though the offering was not as good as usual.

Our revival began on the first Sunday evening in July and continued throughout the week, closing on the second Sunday morning. Rev. Odell Osteen of Westminster Theological Seminary helped in the revival, and his splendid sermons seemed to have made a very deep impression upon all who heard him. Large congregations attended every service, and eight new members were received into the church—seven by transfer, and one on confession of faith. We appre-

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ciated the special music rendered on several occasions during the week by Mrs. Charles Miller of Enfield, and Miss Ethel Martindale of Philadelphia. We were glad to have Rev. W. F. Ashburn, while en route to Creswell, attend one of the services.

Since our last report the church has had two coats of paint applied on the outside.

Our financial reports show that we are fairly well up with our assessments, with the exception of pastor's salary. That is somewhat behind—as usual.

Mr. Garlington's parents and sister are spending some time at the parsonage. We are very glad to have them in the community.

Guy Crew, a former C. E. president, is spending his vacation with his parents, following his graduation from Norfolk Business College on July 26. Having completed a twelve-months course in eight months, he was also awarded a typing pin, being the second student in the history of the college to ever receive this award.

We are indeed glad to report that Mrs. L. C. Daughtry is able to again attend church services after a long illness.

REPORTER.

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Hebron Church, Orange Charge, Rev. C. P. Morris, Pastor.—On the fourth Sunday morning in June at 10 o'clock Children's Day was observed at our church with a very impressive program. We were very sorry our pastor was unable to be with us, as he was prevented by sickness.

At 11 o'clock Dr. P. S. Kennett of High Point delivered the memorial sermon, the subject being "Be Unto You a Memorial." This was followed at 12:30 by a picnic dinner on the grounds.

The program was again resumed at 1:30. The memorial address was delivered by Rev. R. C. Stubbins, a former pastor, now pastor of Calvary church, Greensboro. His subject was "The Life That Goes a Little Further."

Following Rev. Mr. Stubbins, Rev. H. F. Surratt of Graham, also a former pastor, spoke of the lives of two ministers who are buried in the Hebron cemetery. First was Rev. W. D. Fogleman who served this church a number of years before his death in 1914. He spoke of the fine Christian character and his belief in the expansion of the Master's work. He was known as a great builder, and many new church buildings were left wherever he went, as a memorial to his work. His work lasted only a short time, about 20 years.

The next character was that of Rev. W. F. Kennett, who served this church at two different periods, first in the early 90's, and later in 1916-1917. He praised him as a man and as one of our leading ministers of his time. He served as president of the annual conference, registered as No. 84 on the conference roll, ordained 1887, was active in the ministry for 37 years, serving a number of charges, the longest pastorate being 17 years. The last nine years he lived a quiet life as an honored superannuate in the city of Greensboro. The end came quietly and peacefully in 1936, and his body was laid to rest in the family plot beside that of his wife and daughter, who preceded him. He is the father of Dr. P. S. Kennett, of High Point College.

A Vacation Church School was held at our church the week of July 3rd, beginning at 8:45 and lasting until 11:30 each morning, with about 40 in attendance. Each evening at 8 o'clock Rev. S. R. Crumpton of Duke University directed a Leadership Training School. We are grateful to Mr. Crumpton and Mr. Morris, who took such an interest in our church school, and we feel that we are indebted to the Duke Endowment for sending us such a leader as Mr. Crumpton.

The stewards held their regular meeting June 21, at the home of Mrs. E. N. Wilkerson, at which time the usual business was transacted.

Circle No. 1 of the Ladies' Auxiliary held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Ben F. Wilson. The meeting was opened by our leader, Miss Margaret McAdams, using the year's guidebook.

Our revival will begin the second Sunday in August, with Rev. N. G. Bethea assisting.

MRS. BEN WILSON, Reporter.

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Sambo: "Yassa—business sho been fine. Mah wife she give me ten dollahs an' Ah bought a pig. Den I kept tradin' fer ev'thing under the sun, till Ah gits a bicycle, an' Ah jes sold it fo' ten dollahs."

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Sambo: "Maybe not—but look at all the business Ah been doin'!"—Building and Loan Magazine.

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IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Wilson Ratledge

Wilson, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Ratledge, born August 9, 1914, joined West End M. P. church on confession of faith September 4, 1921, and entered into heavenly rest June 17, 1939.

Wilson crowded into 25 years of living more heroic endeavor under tremendous handicap than any person the writer ever knew. In his desire and efforts to achieve he exhibited the spirit of Helen Keller. Injured at the age of seven while playing on the public school grounds, and four years later suffering a complete paralysis of his lower limbs, he spent five years at the Orthopaedic Hospital at Gastonia seeking relief. When Wilson entered this institution he had completed the sixth grade in the Greensboro public schools; for the first two years there he was in too much pain to pursue his studies, but beginning with the third year he completed the seventh, eighth and ninth grades. And when he finished the grammar grades, President Chase, the head of the University of North Carolina, went to Gastonia to present him the first certificate given by that institution for completing the work of the grammar grades. Wilson was not only the first patient there to finish this work, but he made an average of 97 for the year's work.

Wilson learned while there to do beautiful handwork, and took prizes on his basket-weaving. He also had natural musical talent and learned to play many stringed musical instruments; he gave instruction on the guitar, which he played well with the harmonica.

During the years he was confined to his bed he did an enormous amount of reading: fiction, history, psychology, theology, and books in the varied field of medicine. He talked most interesterly on what he had read and kept his interest alive in present-day affairs. We have just read several poems which were written by him before he was 12 years of age, some of which were published in the North Carolina Orthopaedic Hospital, which is the magazine of that hospital. In many of these poems he breathed his ardent love of life in almost every line, together with his determination to overcome the obstacles under which he was living. Although he had the benefit of the skilful services of some of the best physicians at home and in several hospitals, has case became even more hopeless as the years came, and at times he suffered most intensely. Yet during the periods when his sufferings were less severe he conducted most succesfully an agency for current magazines, Christmas cards, etc. He greatly enjoyed the visits of his friends, was most hopeful even in his periods of greatest suffering, and appreciated everything that was done to make him comfortable.

His funeral service, conducted in West End church, was largely attended, and the floral offering was large and beautiful.

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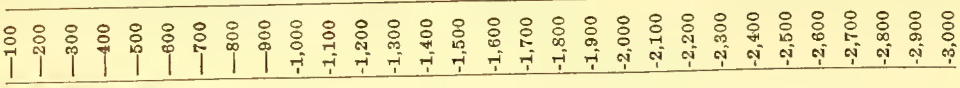

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"An Appeal From the Present to the Future"

Excerpts from a radio address by Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick

Some of the greatest books in the world's literature have been written for a suggestive reason; men ahead of their time, facing their contemporaries disbelief and opposition, knowing that they would not live to see the triumph of the cause they stood for, have set their faith down in a book. Thus they have borne witness against the blindness of their own time and have appealed for their vindication from a hostile present to the future. So Jeremiah, despised and rejected of man, speaking the wisest words uttered in his time on public and spiritual issues only to be scorned, heard God say to him, "Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book." So Isaiah's prophecies came to be preserved. Had his contemporaries believed him and followed his counsel, the chances are that we might not have heard of him. But constrained, as he was, by the antagonism of his own time to make appeal to generations yet unborn, he heard the command, "Now go, write it before them on a tablet, and inscribe it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for a witness forever."

For such characters one feels instinctive admiration. To see a truth that your contemporaries fail to see, to believe in its victory even when you do not expect to witness it, and to put it in a book as an appeal to future generations, shows moral vigor. I wonder if ever in history there was greater need for this type of character than now.

War is wrong—that is clear. But something more than that is clear about war which was not a few years ago—war is self-defeating; it fails; it is suicidal; no one can really win a war; the bigger wars grow, the more intolerable they become; the more we improve implements of war the more they ruin those who wield them.

I do not expect to see peace splendidly victorious in my life time, but if wagering were possible I would wager with you. I would put it in a book. War will vanish along with torture chambers, religious persecution, slavery, and many another curse that once possessed the earth.

Therefore pray for eyes lest we should miss the really momentous affairs of our day. Be sure of this, they are not spectacular and noisy. They are not in the limelight on the public stage. What if the great thing in our time were not violent nationalism but the slowly emerging idea of a world community? What if the great thing in our time were not economic chaos but the slowly growing idea of a new, amazing technology, socially employed to abolish poverty? What if the great thing in our time were not our miserable religious partisanships but the slowly growing possibility of a more united Christendom? What if our children's children, looking back, should say, this was the creative movement of that age to which the future was to belong. Should *that* be so, our generation would be running true to history.

Some times the human river runs in smooth courses but then come rapids and cataracts and in the tumult men are tempted to cry, "This is the end of the world!" Yet commonly it is the beginning of a new era, with new prospects and new courses. . . . Use your imagination in retrospect on this strange, human river. Suppose you had been a Hebrew in Egypt under Pharaoh trying to make bricks without straw when Moses rose up in indignation against an intolerable situation and killed the taskmaster—how could you have guessed what would come of that. Suppose you had been a Jew in Palestine when the great prophets taught, who, far from seeming great to their contemporaries, were derided and scorned; when Jerusalem fell before invading armies and all the prophets could do was to keep a small remnant true to their spiritual heritage—how could you have guessed what would have come of that? Suppose you had been at Calvary when the terror of the Roman Empire was concentrated on the fearful business of putting a glorious life to a disgraceful end! How could you have seen what would come of that?

In a thousand troubled eras, when the hearts of men turned to water in them for fear, how could we have previsioned the outcome? Yet always the outcome has been a new epoch with larger prospects, new hopes. I tell you, our human life is a river; rapids and cataracts do not stop it." . . .

The world is a cosmic pipe organ, on only a few of whose stops we have played while hundreds more are waiting. That is as true spiritually as it is plainly true physically. There is no telling what divine surprises lie ahead of us. But, whether or no, the conditions for the divine surprises are here waiting. What a universe it is! How unworthy we are to live in it. How it calls for intelligence, for faith, for character—those three—without which the world will give us nothing good but with which it will become indeed a bundle of progressively occurring miracles.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

More Good News About N. C. Expenses

A card from Rev. H. L. Isley, the pastor of the Randolph Charge says that all churches on his charge raised Annual Conference Expenses several weeks ago and that the charge is almost out on all Annual Conference claims. Good for Randolph and Brother Isley! Now let others do likewise. It will not be much of a burden for the charges to do this and it will help the Annual Conference tremendously. Who will be next to report the amount raised in full?

Good News From Our Ailing Ministers

A quick business trip to some of our churches in the Eastern part of the state last Friday and Saturday enabled me to see Rev. D. R. Williams at Enfield and Rev. H. S. B. Thompson, one of our honored Superannuates, both of whom have been ill for some time. Brother Williams is considerably improved although he is not yet able to do much work. He preached one Sunday morning a couple of weeks ago and is able to go down street and look after some things. The pastor of the Enfield M. E. Church, South, Rev. W. L. Loy, has largely carried on Brother Williams' work during his illness.

I found that Brother Thompson had improved considerably and that he was planning to go to the Littleton Circuit quarterly conference Saturday afternoon, although he is not able to do much work. He is the keeper of the Nathanael Macon Estate, four miles northwest of Vaughn, N. C., althought I believe he gets his mail from Littleton, R. F. D. 3. This estate is one of the historical spots in that part of the state and many visitors go there to see the old home of Nathanael Macon, State Legislator, member of the House of Representatives and speaker Pro Tem of the U. S. Senate. Those who are passing through Vaughn would do well to go out to this estate only four miles away and see not only Brother Thompson but the estate.

A Sunday Morning At State Street, Lexington

Last Sunday morning was spent with the State Street Church in Lexington, Rev. O. C. Loy, pastor. And it was a most delightful experience to be with this people. One pleasing feature of the service was the high percentage of nice looking young people in the service. Another outstanding thing was the way almost everybody seemed to enter into the worship service. At great sacrifice and considerable cost this congregation several years ago built the educational building of the church plant. This building has a number of Sunday school rooms and a nice auditorium large enough for a good sized congregation. The debt has been quite heavy for them to carry. Our Board of Church Extension has not been able to help as much here as the importance of the situation justified. Now negotiations are going on with the former M. E. South First Church to pay off the indebtedness and to use this as the main plant, erecting an auditorium suitable for the needs of the congregation. This church of ours is located only about one city block from the other church. This unsettled state of things of course makes it difficult to do any aggressive work. If our people had known when they built, that Methodist Union was coming they would have acted accordingly and if they had built at all it would have been further away. But none of us could see into the future far enough to know what problems to avoid. This is Brother Loy's second year with this people and they speak in the highest terms of him. The salary here is not sufficient for a family to live on and if the church should go on another years it will be necessary to supplement the salary. In a congregational meeting Sunday it was agreed that we should try to arrange for a meeting of both congregations and the District Superintendent and myself to see what can be worked out for this place.

A Sunday Afternoon At Mt. Carmel

The afternoon service last Sunday was at Mt. Carmel Church, a few miles west of Lexington. This church is served by Rev. L. E. Mabry who also serves our First Church in Lextington. Last Sunday was Home Coming and Memorial Day at this church and was also the beginning of the revival meeting, Dr. F. W. Paschall being expected Monday to assist during the week. Considerable improvements have been made on the plant during the past few months. The building here is very neat and attractive. The house was well filled Sunday afternoon with several visiting ministers, some of them being from other denominations. The audience was very attentive and it was a pleasure to preach to them. This is Brother Mabry's fourth year on this charge and he has done a good work. The people speak highly of his efforts.

A Sunday Evening At West Thomasville

On the return trip from Lexington I stopped at Thomasville to keep an engagement with the West Thomasville Church. This church is also served by Brother O. C. Loy who serves the State Street Church in Lexington. The building at West Thomasville is of brick construction and makes a splendid appearance. The church seems to be well located, there being no other Methodist church in that part of the city. I heard no suggestion of any problem here growing out of union except that it would be necessary for a regrouping in case State Street did not continue for another year for the West Thomasville church could not support a pastor alone. But there seemed to be a way out of the difficulty here and I hope all works out for the best. In the first part of the service Sunday evening a representative of the Woman's Auxiliary paid a fine compliment to Mrs. Loy for her good work among the women and announced that the Auxiliary had voted to make Mrs. Loy a life member and that they had named the auxiliary for her.

A District Picnic

M. P. ministers and their families in the Greensboro District are invited by District Superintendent Hayes to a picnic at the Battleground Lake for Friday afternoon, September 1. Dr. Hayes suggests that we come early enough for a business meeting before supper. I trust a number of our

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A Message In Verse

"Work—thank God for the might of it,
The ardour, the urge, the delight of it—
Work that springs from the heart's desire,
Setting the soul and the brain on fire.
Oh, what is so good as the heat of it?
And what is so glad as the beat of it?
And what is so grand as the stern command,
Challenging brain, and heart, and hand?"
—*Henry Van Dyke.*

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Mr. J. J. Routh and Miss Gladys Routh of the North State Hatchery attended the National Poultry Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, last week.

West End Church is planning for the Daily Vacation Bible school for just one week this year; it is slated to begin Monday, August 21, and the revival to begin September 3.

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No Paper August 24

Changing the date announced last week to the above date because it suits our other plans better. We hope that all pastors and others who have communications for the Herald for that week will let us have them next week, please.

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How About Paying Your Subsidy?

If those charges which are yet due the Herald the amounts apportioned them as subsidy would pay, it would greatly aid us in paying operating expenses. We greatly appreciate the cooperation of those who have responded so splendidly; will not others follow their example? In the meantime send in your renewals on subscriptions.

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The Annual Conference Just "Around the Corner"

Recently I was asked if our people were really preparing for this conference as they usually did? I could not answer that question explicitly. At West End Church we are trying to get ready for it. We cannot, of course, speak for other pastors, but we do know that quite a good deal must be done by many of our pastors in the last quarter, unless a great change has come over us.

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Acquiring the Grace of Quietness

In one of his letters to the Church at Thessalonica St. Paul exhorts, "that ye study to be quiet." The Apostle had doubtless been troubled much by some of the noisy members of his congregation. People who set more value on speaking in unknown tongues, and in their amens and hallelujahs, than in any other means of proving their faith in Christ. Of course, these have but little, if any spiritual value since there are so few who are edified by them. Still there are some in our day who delight more in this vociferous sort of religion than in any other. But we want to think of the grace of quietness in a day when so many things occur to disturb us. Every day the printing presses of the world send millions of columns of propaganda designed to stir up bitter memories, create prejudices where there were none and cause unrest among thousands who otherwise would go happily about their daily tasks. To all such this little phrase of the Apostle, "study to be quiet," is timely and of great value. Our age is often called the nervous age; we are too busy to do any thing well, too obsessed with having a good time to enjoy the society of our family and friends; too busy trying to make a living to make a life; just torn with this and that bit of propaganda until our world is indeed a troubled world.

Let us study to be quiet. All of us admire people with paise, who are slow to speak, slow to anger, and slow to believe the world is coming to an end because some writer or speaker has a disordered stomach or a mind poisoned by falsehood and passes on his bad dreams to us. To be quiet in times of adversity when your neighbors are panicky and your national leaders are stampeded, somewhat expresses the meaning of this phrase; to feel with Robert Browning that "God's in His heaven, all's right with the world" and with the Psalmist to heard the Lord say, "Be still and know that I am God."

May we not voice the faith of the Psalmist as he cried out, "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? Why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance."

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NOTICE !

The Third Quarterly Conference of Orange Charge will be held at Hebron the second Sunday afternoon, August 13, at 2:30 o'clock. This will be the opening day of our Revival Meeting at Hebron with services morning and afternoon. Services throughout the remainder of the week will be morning and night. Preaching will be by Dr. N. G. Bethea. The Quarterly Conference will convene immediately after the afternoon service Sunday. All members of the Conference are urged to be present and to bring written reports. C. P. Morris, *Pastor.*

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ATTENTION, ALAMANCE CHARGE

The Third Quarterly Conference will be held at Rock Creek church on Saturday, August 19, at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon. All the official members are urged to be present. Geo. R. Brown, *Pastor.*

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Revenge converts a little right into a great wrong.—*German Proverb.*

ON THE CHINESE SITUATION

Poverty in its grimmest aspects is eating the hearts out of the Chinese living in Japanese occupied Nanking. Facts and figures presented in a survey which has just reached this country, and which are made by M. Searle Bates, an American professor of history at the University of Nanking, tell plainly the sorry tale of Japan's "order" in Nanking.

Since Great Britain has just recognized Japan's right to go on maintaining this "order in the Far East," the facts as to what conditions make up that "order" are timely.

"Chinese economic life in Nanking is indeed sick," Mr. Bates states in the survey. He points out that loss of employment to the Chinese in Nanking since the occupation of that city by Japanese military strategists, has been tremendous. The current 27 per cent of employed would have to be increased by half to bring employment up to normal.

He shows that there has been a great shift among the Chinese employed from middle class occupations to the most poorly paid type of labor. He shows that larger and larger numbers of women have been forced out into the wage earning world, at practically slave labor rates. He shows that employed persons are earning about 40 per cent of what they formerly earned, and that over fifty per cent of the families are unable to live even meagerly, on what their employed members can earn.

That the Japanese occupation of Nanking has most certainly brought no economic stability or order into the Chinese lives in Nanking is evident in every statistical table presented in his survey.

Mr. Bates sent his investigators into every fiftieth house in Nanking. They interviewed families representing 7,161 persons, living in various sections of Nanking. From this the figures for the entire population of the city were computed.

The figures, in Chinese currency, are difficult to translate in American terms. But when the survey states that almost half of the employed persons make less than $10 a month in Chinese currency, and that rice alone costs $8.00 a *shih tan*, which is 2.8 American bushels, one can make an attempt to imagine the conditions.

The survey recognizes the "inexorable injuries of the war situation." "But beyond them," it states, "are other troubles that keep men poor. It is better not to discuss here the enforced use of military notes, the havoc wrought by opium and heroin, the continual interference with personal liberty and private property, because they are so closely linked with military procedure. They are, however, important bars to economic improvement.

"Apparently less politico-military and more largely economic in their whole working," the survey continues, "are the monopolistic and restrictive controls. Chinese business men are throttled by the monopol of transportation and the discriminatory use of it to control all wholesale trade. They complain bitterly that they and their people are reduced to the status of collies and shop-boys for an alien economy. Specifically, they point out monopolies or discriminatory controls in such varied lines as the following: coal, salt, banking, cotton, metals, cement, lime, electric and water installations. Furthermore, they assert that when a Chinese business is painfully developed after the general experience of burning, looting, and confiscation of commercial sites, it is frequently threatened and hampered until it accepts a Japanese partner, who then provides the average necessary permits and a measure of security, in exchange for a first claim on returns and a managerial voice that can summon bayonets at will. Under such conditions there cannot be much revival of Chinese commercial and industrial enterprise."

This, Japan, and even Great Britain, would have us believe is the "civilizing influence" which is penetrating China.

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ONLY ONE RESPONSE

If the possession of gold wasn't illegal, I think I would give a gold medal suitably engraved to Rev. H. L. Isley for being the only one who has so far responded to the request I made at High Point the other day, namely, to send me a list of books they would be willing to donate to the Seminary Library. I had hoped the brethren would do what I asked and so save me a bit of postage and extra work. But it appears I shall have to write and remind them again.

In the meantime won't you preachers look over your books and see if you have books that you can give to the Seminary Library? As I told some of you, Dr. Forlines is appealing to the folks in North Carolina to give 1,000 books. (He wants 4,000 altogether; he thinks one-fourth of that number is our share.) He is asking us to give as much as $2.50 to cover the cost per volume, leaving the selection to him. But preachers may not have that much money; they may, however, have books that the Seminary can use and that, having been read, are of little use to the present owners. Won't you send me a list of such books. I will send the lists on to Dr. Forlines. He will make a selection and get in touch with the donors.

I am asking the preachers to do one other thing: there are doubtless folks on your charge who would be glad to donate the price of a book for the Seminary Library. Won't you give them a chance by asking them to help? I'd like to have the names of such folks. Possibly we'll print a list in the HERALD. Send any money you may get to Rev. C. E. Forlines, Westminster, Md.

C. W. BATES.

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The President's Letter

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people in the District will attend with well filled baskets and show our appreciation of the invitation.

Announcements

Sunday, August 13, pending.

Sunday, August 20, 11 a. m. Central Ave., Charlotte.

Sunday, August 20, evening service with Shelby-Caroleen charge, the place to be announced by pastor.

Sunday, August 27, Harmony Grove, West Forsyth Charge in dedicatory services.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

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A life that will bear the inspection of men and of God, is the only certificate of true religion.—*Johnson.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By O. L. EASTER

ELISHA: A LIFE OF HELPFULNESS

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, August 13

Lesson Text—2 Kings 5:1-10, 14.

Golden Text—Be ye kind one to another.—Ephesians 4:32.

In our study of Elijah and his great contest on Mount Carmel we singled out the dominant note in his character and held it up to the world as a vital trait for all true Christians—the virtue of courage. However, it must not be concluded that one virtue can product a godly life. The robe of righteousness, like Joseph's coat, is one of many colors. Now we can say with consistency, however, that though a true godly character must be possessed of each of these virtues, yet in each life one will come to the front as his dominant trait of character. Thus as we turn from our study of courage to that of kindness or helpfulness as seen in the life of the prophet, Elisha, it does not follow that Elijah's life would afford no studies in helpfulness or kindness nor that Elisha's had none of courage but rather that we are seeking a life in which kindness dominates.

As admitted before, courage in our own day of returning to "might makes right" is a saving virtue of Christianity, yet the victory of Christ will be ultimately won by that of helpfulness, which is to say, love. With Elisha we see how kindness to a foreign soldier made possible by his need kept down a quarrel and perhaps a war between two nations. The king of Israel, when he received the letter from the king of Syria presenting the needs of Noaman, right away began to see in that request a sign of a quarrel. "Am I God," said he, "to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? . . . see how he seeketh a quarrel with me." Can we not see in this wail of a suspicious monarch a parable of our present crisis? If we all will think soberly of the history of this present war scare it will be admitted that too long after the Versailles Treaty the victor nations turned a cold shoulder to the obvious needs of other nations who looked to them for help. Fearing like Israel's king to even deal frankly and justly with their problem these nations refuse to resort to the counsel of their Christian prophets until it now appears that the thing they feared will come because of this very insidious mistake. These defeated nations first came to us in an earnest, friendly search for help, but now some of them are coming with defiant hate and challenge to take what they need by force if possible. Now we who believe in what Elisha had to offer his king to solve his problem are asking ourselves why Elisha with his gospel of kindness and helpfulness did not appear on the scene years ago. And at the same time our rulers must work feverishly at the task of building weapons of hate because of the growing lack of weapons of love. If war does come the foot note of history will be simply this: What a pity, this fearful slaughter, when a little bit of kindness at the right time would have prevented.

"So many gods, so many creeds
So many paths that wind and wind
When just the *art of being kind*
Is all this sad world needs."
—*Ella Wheeler Wilcox.*
(*The World's Need*).

The great truth of this lesson in kindness shows that to practice this high virtue of kindness calls in to action the other virtues of the Christian religion. They are each complimentary to the other. The lack of courage caused the king of Israel to forget his kindness to Naoman. David Garrick once said, "a fellow-feeling makes one wondrous kind," which is simply to say that kindness is lacking because men have lost the other virtue of brotherhood. We blindly neglect our brother in his needs not so much in our lack of kindness as in our lack of some of these other virtues which would give our love a chance to function. Deep in the heart of every true Christian there is stirred a deep desire to be helpful and kind to the sad-faced army of out-cast peoples who are approaching our borders for much needed help every day. Why then, it must be justly asked, if we are kind do we refuse them haven and allow them in despair to try that kindness of suicide death? The voice of Elisha would say in condemnation of us that we had sacrificed our kindness on the altar of the god of fear, selfishness and distrust, made possible by our lack of courage.

"There is no death of kindness
In this world of ours;
Only in our blindness
We gather thorns for flowers."
—*Gerald Massey.*

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NATIONALIZED INDUSTRY

By REV. W. M. BOURS

While the promotion of public works toward the solution of urgent problems of unemployment is a magnificent display of national enterprise, a counter-balance of prudent conservatism is required as an equitable safeguard to the resources of the country's citizenry.

The tendencies of any phase of legislation toward the spending of money honestly earned by the sweat of men's brows, through excessive taxation, not only cheapens money in extant lawful investments, but also contributes toward a state of beggary through a dissipation of the rewards of industry in private enterprises as well as a disruption of a wholesome democratic spirit by a lowering of family pride and thrift.

Stalwart citizenry is not built upon the expectation that others than one's economic debtors will help to pay the bills for the maintenance of personal or domestic credit.—*Supreme Council Bulletin.*

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What greater calamity can fall upon a nation than the loss of worship.—*Carlyle.*

PRESIDENT OF THE ENGLISH METHODIST CONFERENCE ON THE NEW BIRTH

It does not augur well whenever the doctrine of regeneration recedes to the hitherland and is superceded by literary groups and a keep-fit movement. No one need speak lightly of these activities, but what the fit man and woman is to do should also be our concern. In spite of the fact that infants have been baptized, young people confirmed, and Sunday schools graded the major part of the community is caught and held in the meshes of a desolating worldliness. The only hope for these people is the new birth. The thrilling implication of Jesus Christ's words to Nicodemus is not that a man must be born again but that he can be born again. There is the miracle of mercy and of grace. A man with a heart blackened by vice, or hard as pride and selfishness can make it, can be cleansed, softened, renewed—

> "A humble, lowly, contrite heart,
> Believing, true and clean."

We are not unmindful of what has happened—discoveries have been made, the intellectual complexion of the world has changed—but no discovery in the physical world has robbed sin of its pervasive consequences. Nothing has made superfluous the atoning death of Christ. There is still only one way to heaven.

Some weeks ago I traveled the thirty-six miles from Exeter to Shebbear, and reflected as I did so that a greater man did the same journey a hundred years before. How different it was! He walked and I rode—instead of a cart-track a broad highway; instead of laden women trudging with heavy load to the nearest market town, well-dressed ladies who refuse to grow old, careering through the countryside at fifty miles an hour. How changed! Yes, and how much the same! The birds sang then as they do now, the lambs played exactly the same games in the fields. There was the same sun and heavenly breezes, and the same noble hills, which in a hundred or a thousand years have not grown one grey hair. And so it is with the heart of man. It is still true that the one insistent question of awakened humanity is, "What must I do to be saved?"

The church that has the answer to this question has the future of the Kingdom of God in its keeping. Methodism would be faithless to its past, its founder, and its Lord if it were content to place the outcast in a Salvation Army shelter and simply cultivate the good opinion of people who are more at home at a bazaar than in a prayer meeting.

The evangelist is sure of three truths—God's love and grace, man's sin and need, and the power of Christ to save the most sinful man on earth. There is always the danger of the church becoming a comfortable place for the once-born, and these are the inner problem of many a church. They protect their minister as long as he is reasonably tame, they support the funds, an ask only that the sermon shall be brief, soothing, and full of interest.

But early Methodist literature is the story of conversions. "The Lives of the Early Methodist Preachers" are six little volumes which would be mere rags and sawdust if the stories of conversion were taken out of them. Such stories, too, are the life-blood of missionary literature.

If, then, what I have been saying is true—and I have no doubt about it—should it not to our purpose, by the grace of God, to go back to our churches with whatever method may seem best to us but with a firm resolve to preach Christ as the one and only Saviour of every sinful man?—*The Methodist Recorder.*

YOUTH YOKED WITH CHRIST

George McDonald, in one of his charming books, tells of a little child who wished that he was an artist so that he might help God to paint His clouds and sunsets. We smile at this childish wish, but harbor the same desire for who does not long to help God in some part of His wide work? The joy of it is that the desire may be gratified. Paul said, "We are laborers with God."

The first duty of every young person is to acknowledge the obligation of obedience to Christ as the Master of life. The heroic old prophet Jeremiah said, "It is a good thing for a young man that he bear the yoke in his youth." The "yoke" means harnessed for service. The ox that is not yoked will pull no load, nor will the horse that is not harnessed. When the prophet said that it was a good thing for a young man to bear the yoke in youth, he was thinking of the obligation which rests upon every young life. The master of every youth is Christ; the field of effort is the Church; the purpose of labor is the building of the kingdom of God in the world. The young person who acknowledges his obligation to Jesus Christ will be obedient to that universal obligation. The ship which is under control of the helm may be driven straight to the port in spite of wind and tide, but you can do nothing with a ship with a broken helm. You can do much with one who recognizes God's obligation, but those who do not feel this restraining hand are merely driftwood, tossed by the billows and dashed upon the rock.

Life must be unified by a great purpose. A pile of steel filings may be of the finest quality, and may weigh tons, but these unrelated bits have no value until welded into a great shaft and attached to an engine. Then they will drive a steamship across the Atlantic in five days. Until a young person's life is pledged to definite work for Christ, it will be but a confused heap of impulses. But bind these together and they will make life mighty. The young person who floats along the line of least resistance, avoiding every thing that looks like hard work, is useless. He who has neither plan nor program for life, who follows a happy-go-lucky policy, is of little worth. Too many of our young people are like "Flanigan's" train, "off again, on again, gone again." Young people are red blooded, full of energy, always on the move, but until their lives are tied to a definite thing, their energy will be wasted and their lives will be but a mass of beginning and endings. They will be under full head of steam but bound nowhere.

Dean Swift had an appointment to perform a marriage. His train was delayed. It reached the city at the exact hour of the wedding. Rushing through the crowded depot he sprang into a jaunting car and shouted to the driver, "Drive like Jehu, I am late." The driver struck his horse a cruel cut and went tearing down the stony street. The Dean, a short fleshy man, had difficulty in keeping his seat, but finally noticed that they were going in the wrong direction and angrily shouted to the driver, "Where are you going?" "I don't know, Sir. You didn't tell me where you wanted to go, you told me to drive like Jehu and I am doing it."

Everywhere we find young people of splendid ability who work like Jehu, but accomplish little becauce their activities are not concentrated upon some worthy object.—*The United Presbyterian.*

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REAL LEADERS FOR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

The provision made by the Uniting Conference that the second and the third quartely conference shall be held at the discretion of the district superintendent is of far-reaching consequences. This provision allows the superintendent to give one-half of his time to the first and the fourth round of quarterly conferences in the usual routine of his office; the other half he is free to show himself to be a real leader in his district. In this, he will shine as a leader, or else he will prove himself to be a "dud."

More and more our Methodist people are coming to look to the men in charge of districts to be leaders who can enterprise new undertakings and can get the best results in their work with pastors and lay leaders on their districts. Such leadership has become impossible on big districts, with four rounds to make each year, often crowding three conferences into each Sunday. Now this need not be with the "calling of questions" turned over to the pastors, most of whom can hold a quarterly conference fully as well as the district superintendent.

We are free to admit that this new plan will be more difficult than the old one of "calling the questions." It will test the real ability of the man in charge to lead in all the enterprises of his district. In former years a district was often regarded a shelf on which to place a man who had lost his ability to hold a leading appointment. But that view has passed and, with the new provision, still other demands will be made of district superintendents. Only those who can show themselves outstanding leaders, able to use their own time and the resources of their preachers in the finest and most effective way, can hope to hold their jobs. And why should they?

We favor the limited term of the Episcopacy so that it will be possible, when there are bishops who disclose to their brethren that they are not qualified for the work of the Episcopacy, they can be relieved. The same rule should hold with district superintendents. Too fine a field for great service is this to be encumbered by men too lazy or too inefficient to lead on in a great way. Only men with a passion for conquest, eager to give to God the best they have, can lead as district superintendents. This present provision certainly makes possible a new day for the sub-bishops in the Methodist church. But they must be men of good natural endowments and ready and willing to bear the cross in the forefront as they lead the laborers in the great needy fields of every district in American Methodism. — *N. C. Christian Advocate.*

BORN OF ADVERSITY

Some of the finest tangible gifts and most constructive influences which have enhanced our civilization were given to past, present and succeeding generations by those suffering from serious handicap, physical or otherwise, but who unselfishly looked beyond their own afflictions to the benefit, welfare and happiness of their more fortunate fellows.

An invalid Southern woman, on her way by steamboat up the Potomac River to a hospital, noted the deserted ruins of a once-great mansion, the home of George Washington, and to her came a vision from which was born, through loving labor and sacrifice, a nation-wide association composed of patriotic American women, who have made of Mount Vernon a national shrine, visited by reverent thousands of American citizens every years, and by many distinguished guests from other nations. This great shrine "of each patriot's devotion" was made possible through the foresight and unselfed labor of one frail woman whose indomitable courage enabled her to fully realize her glorious vision—to give to the hallowed home of our First President that sanctity, reverence, and constant care it so richly merits.

A God-fearing English allegorist of the 17th century, languishing in a dismal prison cell, caught a vision and penned a mighty volume dealing with Christian fortitude in the face of despair, a soul-cheering, spirit-raising work that has lived, and will live, through the years.

A young Italian music student, on the verge of starvation with not a lira in his pocket, eagerly grasped at an opportunity to compose an operetta that might, in a competitive contest, win a small cash prize. He retired to his wretched lodgings and there, hungry and ragged as he was, composed a most beautiful score of operatic music, which is widely recognized today and will live long after the now-famous composer has gone to his rest.

A little gnome-like figure of a man, a hunchback, anything but attractive from a physical standpoint, but an inventive genius in the field of electrical science, unselfishly gave to the world the fruits of his talents—and mankind has profited immeasurably thereby.

A woman, born without sight or hearing, seemingly doomed from the beginning to a pitiable existence, was nevertheless possessed of a spirit that would not admit defeat. Although her battle was most severe and fought under a terrible handicap, this woman learned to speak and, through her highly sensitized fingers, learned to "see" and "hear." Her courageous example has inspired countless thousands and today she stands out prominently among the distinguished women of America.

In view of the above, Shakespeare's oft-quoted line; "Sweet are the uses of adversity," takes on a new significance, and we are inclined to the belief that the Heavenly Father grants to our less physically fortunate brothers and sisters certain compensating blessings which the able-bodied do not possess—nor need.—*Supreme Council Bulletin.*

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Measure not men by Sundays, without regarding what they do all the week after.—*Fuller.*

GIVING IS LIVING

By Norman S. Ream

"Go, break to the needy sweet charity's bread,
For giving is living," the angel said.
"And must I keep giving again and again?"
My peevish and selfish answer ran.
"Oh, no!" asid the angel, piercing me through,
"Just give 'til the Master stops giving to you!"

If every Methodist and every Christian would just keep giving until the Master stops giving to him, as expressed in the above verse, what a glorious future the church would have! If every Christian would just stop to think what could be done if he would share his wealth with his fellow men!

When I use the word "wealth" I am not concentrating on material possessions alone. Many people do not realize that their time and their talents are also needed to help the church to function as the greatest institution in the world. In early England a steward was a person of great responsibility. It is even so today. Every church member has a responsibility to share his time, talents, and money to help the church to spread the teachings that the world is equally waiting for and which will ultimately save the world from destruction by its own hand.

The church is analogous to a family. As the family has expenses to meet every month, so the church has its bills to pay. The family, through the payment of taxes, provides for the education of its children. The church, through its missionaries, provides for the Christian education of the children of God.

Christian giving is not material wealth for material wealth, but material wealth for spiritual wealth. If you want your heart to be in the cause of Christianity, then your wealth, too, must be there.

There are 168 hours in a week. How many of them do you share with Christ? The same logic applies to Christianity as applies to life; you get out of it just what you put into it. ". . . 'For giving is living,' the angel said." Those who share many hours a week with Christ receive a great joy and sense of spiritual security which those who live within themselves never realize even exists.

Great Salt Lake is dead. The reason it is dead is because it keeps within itself everything it receives. Just as a sea or lake becomes dead when it takes much and gives nothing, so will a personality die if it refuses to share with others the gifts that it has received. I recall what one preacher said at conference-institute last summer. He said: "What a great joy it would be if every time the preacher asks a member of the church to do something, that person would answer, 'Why sure, I'll do it and be glad to get the chance.'" The preacher would have to be a strong man to withstand the shock. Every person has something he can do better than anyone else. Why not use that "something" before it becomes a dead asset?—*From a prize winning essay written for a Utah Conference Stewardship festival. Reprinted from "The Stewardship Spokesman."*

"No man will rise high who jeers at sacred things."

WHOM SHALL WE HONOR?

At the Quarterly Meeting of the Branch of Woman's Work in July, the needs of our Theological Seminary were discussed and the following recommendation was adopted:

"We recommend that we support Dr. Forlines in his plans to make the Seminary an "A Grade" institution by helping to supply the needed volumes for the Library.

"In order to find a way by which this may be done, we recommend that the books be given in honor or in memory of people, and that a sticker be placed in the books indicating by whom they are given and in whose honor.

"That the promotion of this plan be put in the hands of the Branch Secretary of Christian Education and the Chairman of Districts."

On the same day a committee of men was appointed by the Mid-Year Conference to work in conjunction with the above committee.

The joint committee is planning to send letters to District Chairmen, Auxiliary Secretaries of Christian Education, pastors and other church leaders.

Dr. Forlines has asked the North Carolina Conference for one thousand books, or the equivalent in money, and we are sure that each of our Auxiliaries and many individuals will wish to contribute the price of one or more books at $2.50 per volume.

We suggest that the donors indicate whose name shall be placed in the books purchased with their money. Why not honor parents, friends, or faithful pastor, a Sunday School Superintendent, Auxiliary President—or one of the men who has made the Seminary what it is?

"All the world loves a lover" is an old saying which is not more true than that all women are interested in young preachers who are preparing to give their lives to the greatest work in the world. Let us show our interest by contributing to their preparation for their life work.

Mrs. C. W. Bates,
Mrs. Geo. R. Brown.

New occasions teach new duties; Time makes ancient good uncouth;
They must upward still, and onward, who would keep abreast of Truth;
Lo, before us gleam her camp-fires! We ourselves must Pilgrims be,
Launch our Mayflower, and steed boldly through the desperate winter sea
Nor attempt the Future's portal with the Past's blood-rusted key.
—*James Russell Lowell.*

He that remembers not to keep the Christian Sabbath at the beginning of the week, will be in danger of forgetting, before the end of the week, that he is a Christian.—*E. Turner.*

A world without a Sabbath would be like a man without a smile, like a summer without flowers, and like a homestead without a garden. It is the joyous day of the whole week.—*Henry Ward Beecher.*

OUR STORY PAGE

THE GREAT STOVE WAR

Mary Deming, her feet scarcely touching the floor, sat in the high boxed-in pew of the old Litchfield Church and wished for a stove. To be sure her mother had brought their footstove, but how could a tiny box like that warm the feet of a family of five? Mr. Beecher, too, was preaching one of his very long sermons. Over an hour already, she knew from casting a wistful glance at the hour-glass and then in hopes of forgetting the cold, she gazed at the canopy hanging on a thin rod over the preacher's head. "Why doesn't it fall," she wondered as she often had wondered before. Harriet Beecher, the gay little daughter of the minister, called it a turnip.

"Oh, dear," thought Mary, turning her attention from the big turnip to the congregation, "why can't I stand up like Deacon Trowbridge and stretch my arms and legs?" But only deacons did that, her mother said. Children must sit very still. Hopefully she held out her hand to her grandmother who was chewing fennel-seeds to keep herself awake.

But even the fennel-seeds which grandmother stealthily drew out of her deep pockets would not relieve the cold feeling. Shivering, she wished she had on her heavy coat lined with rabbit's fur. Why couldn't the Litchfield Church have a stove? Her father, who had been down to the coast towns in the war of 1812, said most of the churches there had stoves. That was four years ago, and Litchfield still had none. Only the week before she had heard her father telling Mr. Beecher that he thought they were behind the times, but Mr. Beecher had replied that while he was entirely in favor of a stove, there were some of the members who were set against having any new-fangled heating invention, and said it must be that people were growing weak if they needed to be kept warm while attending church.

Mary, looking around at some of the folks who were opposed, wished that she were big enough to say something they would listen to. And so, she knew, did Harriet Beecher and all the children who had to sit with cold feet three hours at a stretch.

All the way home, riding in the stout two-seated wagon, she rubbed her feet together and considered the injustice, until finally arriving at their big farmhouse and standing before the fireplace she spoke right out, "Father," she said, planting her feet squarely together, "I speak for all the children when I say to you that we want a stove."

"That we do," backed up her brother, William, though a little taken back by his young sister's daring.

"Yes," continued Mary in her high-pitched voice, "and if these sticklers for a cold church don't want one, let them stay outside under the apple tree."

"Mary," and her mother's voice was stern, "it is not proper so to speak of your elders, but I do agree, John, that it is time to do more than argue about it. Of course, when there was no such thing as a stove, we were glad to endure the cold, but now it is quite different."

"Well," said Mr. Deming slowly, "I'll tell you a secret if you'll be sure to keep it. Some of us younger fellows are getting so tired of this stove war that we have decided to act on our own. Although Deacon Peck is as stubborn as ever, Mr. Beecher says that there have been many won over to our side. So today seven of us have decided to buy a stove and set it up before another Sunday."

"A stove," echoed Mary, and spun around the room like an animated top.

The week seemed long. Briskly the stove war was raging with many of the neighbors bringing in reports of what both sides were saying, one report stating that those opposed would throw out a stove if one were purchased.

While her father did little talking, Mary noted that he was one who made a trip to the city to buy the stove and bring it up over the hills in the big wagon with his two gray horses. But not until Saturday afternoon did they think it wise to set up the stove and connect it with the chimney that the committee had built some time before when the agitation for the stove had started.

Never before had Mary felt so excited, and for once longed for Sunday to come.

When Sunday came, it was warm. One of those late warm spells had come to the New England hills. "Indian summer," smiled grandmother archly, she being one not entirely convinced that a stove in church was proper, "sort of a joke on the stove."

"Not the only joke," laughed her father with a mysterious twinkle in his eyes.

"Maybe we'll be too hot," said mother. "Strange how last Sunday was so cold we sat shivering, and now we have the stove, it's come off hot like this."

Mary didn't worry about that. It was enough for her that the stove was there. Even before they arrived at the church, she could see the teams driving into the horse-sheds. Everybody was going to be on hand.

Tip-toeing with anticipation, she followed her father and mother in. How warm the sun shone through the many windows while there, standing in the middle with its long black pipe curving to the chimney, was the much-discussed stove, a black, oblong affair, looking solemn enough, Mary thought, for any church.

She was especially glad that they had arrived early and that from their pew she could see the precious new heater. Almost on the edge of the seat she perched as, scanning each person who came in, she tried to tell by his face whether or not he was pleased. Deacon Kilbourn in his fine buff coat was, she noted, smiling jovially. But of course he would, for he had been one of the seven who had made the purchase. Old Deacon Trowbridge, on the other hand, she noticed, was shaking his head doubtfully as he gathered the skirts of his great black cape about him in a manner which seemed to say with his every step, "A stove is an abomination unto the Lord." Then, coming in with his cane, Uncle Noah Stone muttered and scowled as he came down the north aisle as far from the stove as possible. Next came Nathaniel Bunce, young editor of the village paper. Mary felt certain from the way he was rubbing his hands over the stove, that he would write up an excellent article in favor of heat. Mr. Beecher from his high pulpit looked benignly down, while the singers in the gallery sang the psalms with fresh vim.

Mary, delighted, sat back more and more certain of the stove's acceptance. In spite of a few glowering looks and Mrs. Peck's fanning herself with an old palm-leaf, she saw Mr. Beecher striding grandly through the many sheets of sermon. Suddenly, flop went Mrs. Peck's purple bonneted head on her husband's broad shoulder.

''Overcome with the heat,'' whispered grandmother, as Mrs. Peck, with as mush confusion as possible, was led out between her husband and oldest son.

Very handsome in her limpness, Mary thought, as she looked up anxiously to her father who was at that moment exchanging a peculiar glance with Deacon Kilbourn. Mr. Beecher preached right on, not even pausing when the heavy door slammed shut.

''Why doesn't he stop?'' thought Mary. Couldn't he feel how tense everyone was getting? Even her spine tingled. No sooner did he pronounce the ''amen'' than everyone began to talk and not in low tones, either.

''Stifling,'' fumed Uncle Noah, ''that stove must come out.''

''I agree,'' sniffed Mrs. Trowbridge, ''it simply made me so sleepy I couldn't listen to the sermon.''

''Poor Mrs. Peck,'' sighed another, ''I hope she'll recover.''

Never had there been such confusion. What was her father going to do standing by the stove with his hand on the lifter. He was speaking, too. ''I'm sorry you are all suffering from the heat, but please don't lay it on the stove. See, my friends,'' and he lifted the lid, ''there's no fire here. The day being so warm, we thought we would wait until another Sunday.''

Everyone looked amazed, some chagrined, others amused, and those who had been complaining hung their heads sheepishly. A tense moment was relieved by one of Mr. Beecher's contagious laughs and he said, ''Now, let's join hands and sing the doxology.''

Mary slipped her hand into her father's. ''We've won,'' she whispered.

''Yes, Mary,'' he replied, ''and wouldn't it be wonderful if all wars begun with words could end with a handshake, and a song?''—*Harriet Smith Hawley*, in ''*Juniors*.''

WHERE THE BLUE BEGINS

By Maj. Frank M. Thompson, U. S. A.

Is the subject of a book written some time ago by Christopher Morley.

It is the story of a man who had a sufficiency of this world's goods, yet found life humdrum and unsatisfactory. He would go, as countless thousands have done, in quest of that which would satisfy.

He makes his way to New York, where he saw the lights of the town, ''paneled in gold against a peacock sky.'' He enters into the glory of that mighty city; its art and architecture. He visits its marts of trade. He goes down to the sea in ships. He finds beauty, romance, courage, conquest, but he does not find the blue. Wearied with his fruitless wanderings, he returns home, and, lo, as he opens his own door the miracle of peace and happiness floods his soul.

Where does the blue begin? In the heart of a young man when he has equipped himself for life's work; when he and another join hands; when they look with eyes of wonder on their first born; when grown old they see their dreams realized in their sons and daughters.

Where does it begin? At the end of a good day, in a little garden, in a home where there are laughing children and love.

Where does the blue begin? Within my heart
And there it ends, and there's its whole expanse.
For there it burns, a crystal flame apart
From intellect and worldly circumstance.
And where it burns most fiercely, that is art;
But when it flickers gently, that's romance.

—*Supreme Council Bulletin.*

MORAL ISSUES

Resolutions of Northern Baptist Convention

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Whereas, gambling has spread through the commercial and social world with tremendous rapidity in recent years so that it has become acceptable in almost every stratum of society, therefore be it

Resolved, that we condemn all forms of gambling, organized or unorganized, legal or illegal. Furthermore, be it

Resolved, that we vigorously oppose the operation of all devices such as slot machines, punch boards, and similar contrivances. Furthermore, be it

Resolved, that we condemn the use of any forms of gambling in churches as unethical, immoral, and contrary to Christian standards. Furthermore, be it

Resolved, that we lend our cooperation to every legitimate effort to abolish the foregoing evils.

(E)

Whereas, the wide distribution of salacious literature is destructive to personal morals and social health; and

Whereas, the effect of such literature on the morals of young people is especially harmful, preparing the way for moral breakdown and spiritual death; therefore be it

Resolved, that we pledge ourselves as individuals and churches to oppose by every possible means the sale and distribution of such literature and especially to exercise continuous and diligent oversight over conditions in our several communities.—*Biblical Recorder.*

The 151st General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church which met in Cleveland, Ohio, recently protested against what it claimed to be an apparent ''partnership'' of the United States with Japan in the Sino-Japanese conflict. In this connection the Assembly consisting of 925 commissioners adopted a resolution urging that Congress immediately pass legislation to prevent the sale of munitions and war materials to Japan.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

"WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT INTEMPERANCE?"

Topic for August 13, 1939

By REV. RAYMOND W. WHITE, D.D.

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, August 7—The Sin of Ephraim. Isa. 28:1, 7, 8.

Tuesday, August 8—A Kingdom Lost. Dan. 5:24-30.

Wednesday, August 9 — Ignorance, the Cause of Sin. Hosea 4:6-11.

Thursday, August 10—A Drunken Murderer. Matt. 14:1-12.

Friday, August 11—Among "Works of the Flesh." Gal. 5:17-21.

Saturday, August 12—Denied Spiritual Inheritance.

The Text: Prov. 23:29-35.

To the Leader

This is the first of three topics on "Some Problems of Today." The purpose of this series is to call the attention of our youth to the evil effects of some enemies of the body, mind, and soul. The discussion should go beyond a survey of materials and an analysis of the situation. Youth should find and follow the way out. The leader can use to an advantage "Youth Action on the Liquor Problem" (15 cents, International Society of Christian Endeavor, Boston). Emphasize the importance of attaining right attitudes in school groups pointing out the importance of Christian youth taking significant stand against drinking at school functions. Point out the right attitude toward drinking at school functions and lead to definite decisions as to the stand youth should take. Find the desired results and the ways to attain them.

Questions for the Open Forum

1.—What does the Christian mean by intemperance?

2.—What temptations surround the youth of our society?

3.—What are the facts about the physical effects of alcohol?

4.—What are the social effects of alcohol?

5.—Is alcohol served at our social functions? Explain.

6.- What is the Christian attitude when offered alcohol?

7.—What is the best way to control the alcohol menace?

8.—What is the Christian attitude toward a drunkard? Toward drinkers?

9.—Can the alcohol problem be solved by mere law? Explain.

10.—Should a Christian take a social drink? Explain.

11.—Should a Christian use or permit his property to be used for the sale of liquor? Explain.

12.—What definite stand can we take in the matter of drinking? Will we take it?

The Poet

It's a work of prevention and cure;
A work for the rich and the poor;
A work that is slow and yet sure;
A work whose effects will endure.
Then shout for it, hearer and preacher;
Shout for it, master and man;
Shout for it, scholar and teacher;
Praise it wherever you can.
Temperance lessens the stealers,
Robbing by day and by night;
Temperance adds to the kneelers
Who in religion delight.
Temperance aids the repealers
Of the infamous liquor laws;
Temperance helps the revealers
Of light on our nation's cause.
It's a work for the old and young,
It's a work for the pen and tongue,
It's a work for pulpit and pew,
It's a work for me and for you.

—*Author Unknown.*

Little Gems

Temperance is the nurse of chastity.—*Wycherley.*

Temperance in everything is requisite for happiness.—*B. R. Haydon.*

In temperance there is ever cleanliness and elegance.—*Joubert.*

I do not drink; I have a better use for my head.—*Thos. A. Edison.*

Temperance to be a virtue must be free, and not forced.—*Bartol.*

Topic Hints

A New Life: Temperance is a virtue. It is a virtue of a Christian, a new man in Christ Jesus. Temperance is born in the heart and grows into action. The new birth plants the seed in the heart and spiritual nurture promotes the growth. Civil law may control the liquor traffic but it can never compel the virtue of temperance. Formal obedience to the civil law or moral law may make one a good citizen and a moral creature without generating the fruits of the Spirit. The safe way out is to become a new creature in Christ Jesus.

A New Mind: A new creature in Christ Jesus will experience a transformed mind which will be renewed day by day. The transformed mind stayed on God will find perfect peace. The Christian will use his mind and become informed concerning the physical, economic, and moral results of the use of alcohol. The evangelical Church is daily printing hundred of pamphlets and articles to guide Christian readers and students. There is no excuse for the Christian being uninformed.

A New Will: Christ abiding in the heart gives to the submissive a strong will. Christ gives strength to the will that the ideals of the mind may be reached. Temptations make the will stronger if Christ leads the victor. Embarrassment in refusing to drink with friends or foes amounts to nothing when within one experiences the encouraging Spirit of his Lord. The inner urge to Christ succeeds when the outer laws of men fail.

Initial Step: If one really desires to do something about intemperance, the first place to begin is at home, in himself. He should practice temperance in thought, in word, and in action. The best way to stop the liquor traffic is by the refusal of our youth to drink. The brewers know this and make every effort to teach our youth to drink. A heap of heart-aches and heart-breaks would be averted, if youth never touched liquor, the imp of tragedy.

Royal Company: People who practice temperance should live in a closer fellowship. They should think together and work together. In union there is strength. Each member of the group will be exposed to temptation in a variety of daily toil and nightly entertainments, but time should be given and programs prepared for people of temperance to enjoy themselves freed from the enemy of their bodies, minds, and souls. In every community there can be found a group of sober-minded youth large enough to promote social activities where liquor is not served. Why not do it?

Extension Work: Temperance begins at home but it should not stay there. The glowing torch of Christianity must be swung in the dark avenues of life. The transformed life yearns for a transformed community. A democratic form of government gives to every citizen the right to voice his opinion. The Christian is a citizen and is entitled to vote his convictions without embarrassment. In community, in town, in city, and in state youth should make a very definite stand at the polls when the liquor issue is involved. A temperate citizen of the Kingdom of God should be a temperate worker in the government of man.

In All Things: Not only must one be temperate as regards the liquor question, but he must be temperate in all things. Gossip is the fruit of temperance and nonetheless is an overworked body. Minds have been emptied when stomachs have been packed. Jobs have been neglected when nerves have been "shot." There is nothing in this world quite so beautiful and effective as a well balanced life. Be temperate in all things and support all things which work for temperance.—*M. P. Recorder.*

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Be as careful of the books you read as of the company you keep; for your character and habits will be as much influenced by the former as by the latter.—Ex.

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"Tobacco brew mixed with soapy water makes an excellent wash for insects," remarked the gardener.

"I don't care—let the little beggars go dirty!" replied his neighbor.

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Traffic Cop (producing notebook): "Name, please."

Motorist: "Aloysius Alastair Cyprian."

Traffic Cop (putting book away): "Well, don't let me catch you again."

MISSIONARY COLUMN

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NEWS ITEMS GLEANED FROM "WORLD OUTLOOK"

Historic Westminster Abbey was opened on April 13 so that the public might enter for continuous intercession for peace around the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. It is said that during the crisis of September, 1938, when Mr. Chamberlain made his historic trips to Munich, thousands flocked to the nation's shrine in the Abbey to offer prayers for peace of the world.

Devout Spanish people are flocking by hundreds of thousands back into their church since the Spanish Civil War ended with the victory of Generalissimo Francisco Franco, according to recent news dispatches from Spain. Newspaper streamers announced the close of the war with the words, "The war has ended; long live Christ the King."

Madame Chiang Kai-shek in an article published recently in "The Central Daily News" publicy deplores the "Seven deadly sins" of China which she says are (1) self-seeking, (2) false pride, (3) cliquism, (4) defeatism, (5) inaccuracy, (6) lack of self-discipline and (7) evasion of responsibility. She said, "These seven sins have long retarded China's emergence as a world power and now delay our victory in the war."

The German people buy an average of 950,000 copies of the Bible a year, according to a recent statement of the Prussian Bible Society. In the past six years they have bought a total of 5,700,000 Bibles. The Prussian Bible Society declares the Bible is still Germany's best seller, having outsold Hitler's *Mein Kampf* by two hundred thousand copies yearly during the six years since the Nazis came to power in 1933.

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SPECIAL MISSIONARY NOTICE

Since being elected Secretary of Scholarships and Native Workers at the Branch Meeting last April I have tried to inform myself as to just what my opportunity for service in this part of the work is. Sometime ago I had a notice in the M. P. HERALD calling attention to the fact that I would be glad to contact anyone interested in my phase of the work, so far no one has written me, so here I come with a few suggestions and I am hoping these suggestions will bear fruit.

I am reliably informed that $10 will pay for a medicine unit and also that $10 will support a mountain girl of Kentucky at Pine Ridge for 20 days of the school term.

What I am trying to say is this: That 10 World Service dollars designated for a medicine unit of 10 World Service dollars designated for the support of a girl at Pine Ridge will count just as much on your World Service Budget as $10 undesignated. I am hoping we will rally to these two deserving causes and put the N. C. Branch on the map along this line this our last year as a Branch. I would like to see the N. C. Branch pay for 5 or 6 medicine units and send $30 or $40 to Pine Ridge scholarships. You are going to pay your World Service Budget anyway so why not designate $10 of it to one of these good causes?

Who will be the first Young People's Society or adult group to write me saying you want to help in this good work? Come on folks, let's put this across. It can be done if we try hard enough. Just send your $10 to Mrs. Coy Kearns, Branch Treasurer, Denton, N. C. and tell her which cause you are helping and send me a card telling what you have done. Thanks.

MRS. W. H. NEESE, Denton, N. C.
Secretary Scholarships and Native Workers.

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Amount previously reported		$379.18
Haw River Circuit	$4.00	
Mebane	3.00	
Whitakers	10.00	
Worthville (new Auxiliary)	5.00	
Graham	10.00	
Spring Church Circuit	1.00	
Tabernacle	10.00	
Grace	15.00	
Mt. Zion, Pinnacle	3.00	
Bethel, Alamance	6.50	
West End, Thomasville	1.00	
Siler City	5.00	
Total receipts for July		$ 73.50
Total amount collected		$452.68

MRS. COY L. KEARNS, *Treasurer,*
N. C. Branch, Women's Work.

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THE MARKS OF A METHODIST

"A Methodist is one who has the love of God shed abroad in his heart by the Holy Ghost given unto him: one who loves the Lord his God with all his heart, and soul, and mind, and strength. He rejoices evermore, prays without ceasing, and in everything gives thanks. His heart is full of love to all mankind, and is purified from envy, malice, wrath, and every unkind affection. His one desire, and the one desire of his life, is not to do his will, but the will of Him that sent him. He keeps all God's commandments, from the least to the greatest.

"He follows, not the customs of the world, for vice does not lose its nature through its becoming fashionable. He fares not sumptuously every day. He cannot lay up treasures upon earth: nor can he adorn himself with gold and costly apparel. He cannot speak evil of his neighbor any more than he can tell a lie. He cannot utter unkind or evil words. No corrupt communication ever comes out of his mouth. He does good unto all men; unto neighbors, strangers, friends and enemies. These are the principles and practices of our sect. These are the marks of a true Methodist. By these alone do Methodists desire to be distinguished from other men." John Wesley.—*From the May "Missionary Record."*

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Client: "What on earth would I have done without you?"

Lawyer: "Oh, about five years."

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Medico: "Ask the accident victim what his name is, so we can notify his family."

Nurse (a few minutes later): "He says his family knows his name."

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Bethel S. S., Randolph	$ 4.74
Vickery S. S., Guilford	2.66
Liberty S. S., Davidson	1.00
Mrs. J. E. Kirkman, High Point	10.00
Rockingham S. S.	2.00
Bess Chapel S. S.	2.95
Glen Raven C. E. Soc., clothing child	15.00
Ladies' Aid Soc., Elwood, Ind., feeding child	5.00
Harmony S. S., Yarboroughs	1.00
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A Friend, Denton	10.00
Hope S. S., Siler City	1.00
Yadkin College S. S.	1.50
N. C. Branch, by the Treasurer	149.18
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Central S. S., Asheboro	40.00
Julian S. S., Tabernacle	6.00
Rehoboth, Granville	10.00
Liberty S. S., Davidson	1.00

Clothing and Other Gifts

Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Mabry, Lexington, two fine young chickens.

Mrs. E. M. Brown, High Point, a box of clothing for boys.

We are thankful for these offerings of money and substance.

All is going well with us here at the Home except that we are slipping back into debt a bit for current expenses during these summer months. The August, September and October offerings will put us in pretty fair shape for conference if all our people will remember the Home liberally.

All of our children from the youngest to the oldest have had a vacation this summer, lasting from one to two weeks. This came about, for a goodly number, through the kindness of the Presbyterian Orphanage of Barium Springs. That orphanage owns and operates a splendid camp ground on the Catawba river about eight miles from the orphanage, and they kindly rented it to us for a nominal amount for one week, and we took about 60 of our children up there for that week, these being the ones for the most part who had no place to go. They thoroughly enjoyed it. And all the rest have visited friends or relatives. We are all back home now, and are on the last stretch of summer work before school begins.

Yours in His service,
A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Kernersville-South Winston Charge.—The work of this charge has been moving along as usual since our last report to the Herald. The third quarterly conference was held at the Kernersville church Saturday, July 15, with the usual attendance. The votes for delegate to the next annual conference were canvassed by a committee and the result announced. Paul Butner, of the Kernersville church, received the majority of votes and was declared elected delegate. His "runner-up" was Glenn Ingram, of Pine Grove church, and the vote was reported to be close.

The annual revival meeting was held at Pine Grove church beginning the third Sunday in July. Rev. J. R. Hutton, superannuate, of High Point, preached at the 11 o'clock service, and Rev. C. A. Brown, pastor of the Pilgrim Holiness church in Kernersville, was the preacher at the afternoon service. A good dinner was enjoyed in the grove of the church during the noon hour. Rev. W. L. Harkey, pastor of the Lincolnton charge, arrived on Monday and did all the preaching during the week. The meeting closed on Friday night. There were two reclamations but no accessions to the church. Brother Harkey did some excellent gospel preaching during the week, which we trust will bear fruit in the years to come.

Our next revival meeting will begin at South Winston church next Sunday morning. The members conferred with each other and decided to ask Rev. W. C. Luck, a Baptist minister, to preach during the meeting which will continue during all next week, with services at 7:30 each night.

The revival meeting for Sandy Ridge church will begin the second Sunday in September. Rev. G. W. Fink, of Jamestown, a pastor in the Western North Carolina conference (former M. E.) has been engaged to do the preaching during the meeting, which will continue for one week or more.

The Kernersville church took a vote on a name for the church at the service last Sunday night. A committee headed by Paul Butner had been appointed to suggest to the church a number of names. The committee reported three names—"Robert Memorial," "Cherry Street," and "Linville Memorial." A majority of the members present voted to adopt "Cherry Street Methodist Church" as the name for the church. The adoption of a local name was made necessary because of the union of Methodism, there being two Methodist churches in Kernersville.

The annual picnic for Kernersville church will be held at the Guilford Battleground Park Saturday afternoon of this week. The members of the Sunday school will meet at the church at 1:30 p.m., and will be conveyed to the scene of the picnic in automobiles and trucks.

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The pastor and family have been remembered from time to time with various gifts from members of the different churches. The gifts were such necessities as flour, meat, canned goods, vegetables, watermelons, gifts of money and grapes. We are deeply appreciative of all the gifts and thank each one for their particular gift.

The writer has accepted an invitation to do the preaching in a series of revival services at Morehead Methodist church, on the Summerfield charge (former M. E.) of which Rev. R. P. Gibbs is the pastor, beginning the fourth Sunday in August.

The annual reunion of the Lashley family and their relatives will be held at Pine Grove church next Sunday, starting at 11 a.m., and continuing for part of the afternoon. A sermon in the morning, the dinner at the noon hour, and a singing program in the afternoon will be the program for the occasion.

C. B. WAY, Pastor.

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Dunn's Chapel, South Carolina Conference.—July 17 to 22, classes in Leadership Education were taught in Dunn's Chapel, near Columbia, S. C. Rev. E. Lester Ballard was dean and teacher of a group of eight, all earning credits, in Course 144b, "Christian Worship." Mrs. E. Lester Ballard taught a group of five, all earning credits, in First Series courses, "The Life of Christ" and "Being a Church Member."

Devotional services were conducted each day between class periods, and evangelistic preaching services each night, deepening the spiritual life of the church. As a result of credits earned during the past two or three years, plus credits earned in three classes, seven of the group were awarded "First Certificate of Progress."

It is to be regretted that the pastor, Rev. Mr. Fry, on account of illness, could not be present. The interest manifested by the people was gratifying and very encouraging. Young people would rather engage in things worth-while, if given a chance, than turn to the frivolities of life for activity.

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West End Church, Dr. R. M. Andrews, Pastor.—As a climax to summer activities a picnic was held for church and Sunday school members, Saturday, August 6, at Greensboro Country Park. A large number turned out, bringing well-filled baskets, and everyone enjoyed the afternoon of entertainment and eats.

Our pastor brings us fine messages each Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour, and we have been having visiting speakers for the evening services during the past few months. On the evening of July 16, Wayne Kernodle, president of the Young People's Work of the Methodist Church in the Western Conference, spoke to us. His topic was "Choices," using the verse, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." The audience was impressed with his sincerity and enthusiasm for work in the Kingdom.

Last Sunday evening Rev. W. F. Ashburn brought us a good old-fashioned gospel message which was appreciated by each one present.

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The stomach should digest two pounds of food daily. When you eat heavy, greasy, coarse or rich foods or when you are nervous, hurried or chew poorly—your stomach pours out too much fluid. Your food doesn't digest and you have gas, heartburn, nausea, pain or sour stomach. You feel sour, sick and upset all over.

Doctors say never take a laxative for stomach pain. It is dangerous and foolish. It takes those little black tablets called Bell-ans for Indigestion to make the excess stomach fluids harmless, relieve distress in 5 minutes and put you back on your feet. Relief is so quick it is amazing and one 25c package proves it. Ask for Bell-ans for Indigestion.

Circle No. 1 met Monday afternoon with Mrs. Jack Kimrey and Mrs. J. K. Osborne. The devotional period was conducted by Mrs. M. H. Waynick. Prayer was offered in the interest of our coming revival. Miss Helen Saleeby spoke at length in a most interesting manner of her trip to Beirut, Syria, and other places in Europe. Follownig the business a curb market was held.

Circle No. 2 met Monday evening with Mrs. Bonkemeyer. The young people will have a busines session and picnic Thursday evening at High Point Lake. Mrs. C. C. Lemonds is in charge of this group.

We are happy to report that several of our members on the sick list have improved and are out again. There are others who are ill and in the hospital or shut in, however, for whom we wish a speedy recovery to health again.

MILDRED STAPLETON, Reporter.

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Mt. Pleasant Auxiliary, North Davidson Charge, Rev. O. B. Williams, Pastor.—The Auxiliary met in the home of Hrs. Arthur Berrier Saturday night, August 5, for the regular monthly meeting. We were sorry to have only 14 members and one visitor present, but due to circumstances it was unavoidable.

In the absence of our president, Mrs. V. G. Morris, our vice-president, Mrs. Roy Hilton, presided. Mrs. Harold Payne had charge of devotionals, using the guide book as recorded for August. Also using the Missionary Record and discussing some of our missionaries. Assisting Mrs. Payne with the devotionals were Mrs. O. B. Williams, Mrs. Thomas Hilton, Mrs. J. C. Hayworth, and Mrs. Lester Leonard.

Our members always make a splendid report of activities, having made 18 sick calls, and sending some few trays, also sending cards since last meeting.

Since Mt. Pleasant will be the host for Rally Day, and acting upon the request of our Sunday school superintendent, the Auxiliary agreed to sponsor the program. A committee was selected for this purpose: Mrs. A. R. Craven, chairman, Mrs. O. B. Williams and Miss Dorothy Hilton, assistants.

The Auxiliary is having the church painted and every member glories in her contri-

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The Auxiliary served the Thomasville Lions Club with a picnic supper Wednesday evening, July 26, and appreciated the opportunity to do this ,for the proceeds will help a lot toward the painting of our church. We hope we will have the pleasure of entertaining them again soon.

After the passing out of "Heart Sister" presents the hostess served delicious ice cream and cake. Then meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. A. R. Craven in September.

MRS. A. R. CRAVEN, Cor. Sec.

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Bethany Church, Randolph Charge, Rev. H. L. Isley, Pastor.—Our annual revival began the third Sunday in July and continued through the next Friday night. Rev. A. D. Shelton of Greensboro was the visiting help. Everyone enjoyed his fine sermons. There were 25 conversions and 12 additions to the church.

We had 115 present for Sunday school and preaching Sunday.

The Christian Endeavor society will meet Sunday night, August 13. Miss Clara Jessup will be the program leader. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings.

The Helpers' class held their July meeting with Miss Gladys Pugh the fifth Saturday in July.

Our oldest member, Mr. E. R. Trogdon, is in poor health at this writing.

DORIS WOOD, Reporter.

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Pensacola, Rev. W. C. Clark, Pastor.—Home-coming day services were held at our church on July 23 . Rev. Homer Casto delivered the morning sermon. Rev. Homer Casto is a former pastor of ours and we are always glad to have him with us and hear him preach again. Rev. W. C. Clark preached for us in the afternoon.

We want to thank Mrs. C. W. Robertson and M. H. Blankenship for furnishing the beautiful flowers for the church services. We also want to thank the other choirs which helped us sing.

We were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ray with us for Home-coming day.

MRS. W. G. BLANKENSHIP.

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Spencer - China Grove, Rev. Atlas Ridge, Pastor.—We have been enjoying some fine messages delivered to us by our pastor, who has filled each appointment since our last report. There has been an increase in our Sunday school attendance. We had 111 present Sunday, August 6, and our prayers are there will soon be many more.

Our Ladies' Aid met July 29th with Mrs. Titus Wright. We had the attendance of 26. There were 14 regular members present : several members were absent. We will meet with Mrs. Clyde Wright this coming Saturday night.

We held our third quarterly conference on August 6th at South China Grove M. P. church. Rev. A. Ridge was in charge, with all the officers present but one. The regular routine of reports and incidental business was followed. Nominees for delegate to the annual conference were selected. C. E. Pierce was chosen by Spencer-China Grove.

The Christian Endeavor society has been meeting each Sunday night with the average attendance of 20.

We had a baptizing August 6. There were 15 baptized by our pastor, Rev. A. Ridge. Some were old members and there were seven joined the church last night.

We are having our mid-week prayer meeting at the church and on Saturday night cottage prayer meetings. We have some wonderful times in these prayer services, and we ask all Christians to pray for our church that we may ever follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

MRS. TITUS WRIGHT, Reporter.

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Hickory Grove, Guilford Charge, Rev. Joel B. Trogdon, Pastor.—There has not been a report from our church for some time, but our work is going on fine. Our Sunday school and church attendance has held up fine during the summer months.

Our pastor was not with us the last fourth Sunday, as the churches gave him a vacation. But he and Mrs. Trogdon were with us at our Sunday school picnic which was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Boren, Saturday afternoon, August 5. A delightful afternoon was spent with these dear people, after which a bountiful supper was enjoyed by all present. We are striving to have all claims, etc., paid by conference.

The third quarterly conference has been announced to meet at Vickery church next Saturday, August 12.

Our revival will begin the fourth Sunday in September. We still ask the prayers of all Christians that our church work will be on the upward go.

MRS. C. D. TEDDER.

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Seagrove.—Our pastor, Rev. J. H. Trolinger, filled his regular appointment Sunday, August 6, at 11 a.m. He delivered an interesting sermon on the subject, Patience. His messages are interesting and inspiring. We were glad to have several visitors at church Sunday, some of whom were relatives of our pastor.

Our Sunday school is holding up well in attendance, even though some are away on their vacation. Children's Day program was held the first Sunday night in July.

Nearly all members of our Sunday school enjoyed a picnic and weiner roast at McCollum's pond Saturday night, July 29.

Our revival services will begin the fourth Sunday night in August. Brother Trolinger will be assisted in these services by Rev. Mr. Surratt.

Elmer Holt of Worthville taught a singing school ten nights during July and we are expecting him back the week previous and the week of our meeting.

The July meeting of our Ladies' Auxiliary met with Mrs. Mary Frye. The attendance was good . The meeting was presided over by Mrs. James Greene in the absence of our president, Mrs. A. C. Harris. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. C. H. Russell of Steeds, one of our members, is recovering from an operation: also Mrs. Alson Auman is recovering from a serious illness, and we are glad to have Miss Nova Yow back in Sunday school, who has been absent on account of sickness. We are thankful for all these blessings, and are praying for an old-time revival when our meeting begins.

MRS. NOAH WILLIAMS, Reporter.

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Weaver's Chapel, Littleton Charge, Rev. D. D. Broome, Pastor.—We have been enjoying some fine messages delivered by our pastor, who has filled all of his appointments since our last report.

Our third quarterly conference was held August 5 at College Street church. We were glad to have with us in this meeting our pastor's father-in-law, Mr. Blackwelder, from Concord, and one of our superannuated ministers, Rev. H. S. B. Thompson, of near Vaughn, N. C., who had a stroke some time ago, but is able to be out again. Mrs. Sallie Williams of College Street church was elected delegate to the annual conference this fall.

Our revival will begin on the third Sunday in August with Rev. Mr. J. D. Cranford of Vance charge as pulpit help. There will be all-day services with dinner on the grounds. We invite our friends to come and worship with us.

ALICE MAE WHITBY, Ass't Reporter.

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Canaan Church, North Davidson Charge, Rev. O. B. Williams, Pastor.—We are glad to report that the work at Canaan is moving along nicely. We held our revival which began the fourth Sunday in July. Our Children's Day program was given at the 11 o'clock hour. Our pastor brought the afternoon message. The Rev. W. L. Harkey, from Lincolnton, joined us for the evening service and did the preaching for us. He brought some messages that stirred the hearts of our people, and which resulted in a great revival in our church—one of the best we have witnessed for some time. His messages and the prayers of the church touched the hearts of a number of those who were out of touch with our Lord. Sinners repented and came home to Christ. Church members were reclaimed and the entire church was revived.

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On the closing evening 13 new members were received into the church.

At the close of the last service Rev. Mr. Harkey left for his home. He left in person but the fruits of his labor shall remain. May God bless him in his great work of saving souls.

Our pastor brought a great message at the first Sunday appointment, his subject being "Greater and Lesser Loyalty." He said that the greater loyalty was to Christ and the church. He also warned the new converts that Satan would try to deceive them, but that they should be loyal to Christ and His work.

Our Sunday school is growing in number and interest. We hope to continue to grow till all in our community are in Sunday school and church.

Pray for us at Canaan that we may do that which God would have us do.

ARLENE BERRIER, Reporter.

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Davis Street Methodist Church, Burlington, Dr. Fred W. Paschal, Pastor.—Since last reporting to the Herald we have been moving along nicely with all church activities. Sunday school and church attendance has been gocd during the summer months.

Our pastor brought us a wonderful message on Sunday morning, using as his theme, "God's Love." We were so glad to welcome three new members into our church family.

Taking place of the regular 8 o'clock service Sunday evening, an "all singing" service was given by the three choirs—the junior, young people's, and senior. Several beautiful numbers were rendered by each choir, also a trio and a quartet.

On Tuesday evening, August 8, the Philathea class will picnic at the home of Miss Swannie Coble, near Kimesville lake; the Baraca class is also invited.

On Thursday evening of this week the Sunday school will have its picnic at Pastime Lake.

To date the Woman's Auxiliary is doing a splendid work, with all circles steadily adding new members; also budget paid up to date. The young people's group, which has recently been added, is very enthusiastic.

Mr. J. G. Rogers is our delegate to annual conference October 18.

We are praying for a great revival, which will be held at our church during the month of September, and we ask your prayers that God may richly bless our efforts.

MRS. WALTER WILLIAMSON, Reporter.

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Mt. Hermon Church, Mt. Hermon Charge, Rev. J. R. Anderson, Pastor.—Although it has been some time since a report came from our church, our work has been going on. The Sunday school attendance and interest have been very good. The Children's Day program has been delayed, but has been announced for next Sunday following Sunday school.

The Auxiliary is still carrying on its work. On the 17th of August the Kiwanis club from Burlington will meet at the church for picnic supper. The ladies of the church are asked to come and bring a basket. Recently the Burlington Mills officials were similarly entertained. The Auxiliary, aided by other members of the church,, raised money for the painting of the interior of the church auditorium. We think this painting added much to the appearance of the church.

We have just concluded a series of revival services, lasting two weeks. Rev. Mr. Merritt of Graham was the pulpit help. Everyone enjoyed his preaching very much and we hope it will be seed sown on good ground. There were around 35 conversions and 18 joined the church by confesion of faith and 5 by letter. We hope the church will be a help to these, and they an asset to the church.

Since our last report two members of our church have passed away—Mrs. Mary Ann Neese and Mr. Cicero Thompson. We feel that in their passing we have suffered a great loss.

May we ever press on and work together to accomplish much good.

MRS. PAGE JUSTICE, Reporter.

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Congregations must justify their existence. If they only bring people together to be "very much pleased," why, the lecture bureaus will contract for all that. "Did you worship? Were you edified? Did the Lord speak to you? Did you speak to Him? Do you mean more seriously to be pure, honest, upright, generous, manly, holy, from what you did and heard today?" These are the questions . . . to which we must have affirmative replies.—*John Hall.*

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Mrs. E. L. Johnson

On July 3, Mrs. E. L. Johnson, who has been a member of the First Methodist church of High Point for many years, passed away. Her death was preceded by months of declining health which she seemed to endure patiently. Also she seemed to face death with faith and hope.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by her husband, three sons, two daughters, her mother, three sisters and three brothers. Our sincere sympathies go out to the many relatives and friends of the family.

Funeral services were conducted from the First Methodist church by Dr. George R. Brown, Rev. M. C. Connor, and the pastor.

J. C. MADISON.

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Dwiggins

Mrs. Myrtle Bell Parker Dwiggins was born August 25, 1870, and departed this life Friday evening after a lingering illness. She was the daughter of the late John S. Parker and Jennie Lowery Parker, of Iredell county. She was a member of Kannapolis Methodist church and is survived by her husband; six sons, J. H., R. L., J. V., D. R. and A. M. Dwiggins; two daughters, Mrs. R. R. Austin and Mrs. Eugene Grayson. She also left the following brothers: J. S. Parker, J. H. Parker, and one sister, Mrs. W. H. Howard. There are 30 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren left to mourn their loss.

The funeral services, which were held in the Methodist church, were largely attended. The pastor was assisted in the services by Rev. C. W. Hartman.

D. C. HUSS, Pastor.

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REVIVAL MEETING

The revival meeting will begin at Brown Summit Methodist church the second Sunday in August, the 13th. Also the second Sunday in August will be observed as the annual home-coming day for Brown Summit church. Three services are scheduled for the day: the morning worship service at 11 o'clock, an afternoon service, and an evening service at 8 o'clock.

On this home-coming day dinner is to be served on the grounds and everyone is extended a cordial invitation to attend and bring a well-filled basket of food.

Services will be held throughout the following week at 8 o'clock each evening, with a consecrated preacher of the gospel, Rev. Charles Denny White, bringing the messages to us. Rev. Charles White is a pastor in the former M. E. Church. Come one, come all, to hear God speak to us through His messenger.

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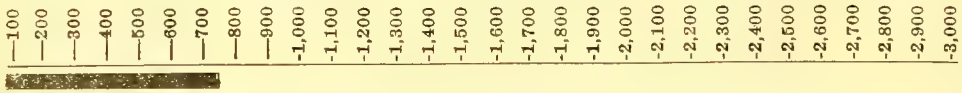

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"Nothing but Leaves"

The incident in the earthly life of our Lord when He came to the fig tree seeking fruit and found none has become a parable of life; representing people who although they belong to His Church, render no service to Him. It is frequently stated by pastors that quite fifty per cent of the members of their churches are inactive, unfruitful, as Christians. They joined the Church, took its vows, pledged to be faithful, but cannot be depended upon to support its program in a financial way or by personal service. This great host is counted annually as Christian workers; is numbered among those who love the Lord and we are seeking to bring in His kingdom. But instead of bearing fruit daily they leave all the toil and arduous service to the faithful. Here is the greatest barrier to world redemption the writer knows. These unenlisted, inactive Church people stand between the active, consecrated Church member and spiritual progress. Gideon with his three hundred faithful, loyal, courageous men won a greater victory than he could have won with the thirty-two thousand standing around and afraid to fight. Any Church we know of would be able to carry out its program better rid of the fearful, unbelieving, censorious folk whose only contribution to the Church is to pad its membership roll, than it is now doing. Our observation of such idle people is that they never become concerned about the progress of the Church until some loyal soul proposes that something really worth while be done.

Many of these members who are unidentified with any part of the Church program do attend church services; seem to enjoy singing the good old songs and hearing the sermons, but absolutely refuse to further identify themselves with Kingdom service. During the decade we visited hundreds of churches and talked with their pastors we have often seen pastors and church officials much in the spirit of the prophet Elijah when he threw himself under the juniper tree and prayed for death to relieve him of his prophetic office. It is terribly disheartening to see a worthy project fail because some absentee member Jezebel-like sends a threatening message. And it takes more grace than the average person has to remain optimistic when no competent person in the membership is willing to accept a position of leadership when the work of the Church bogs down and fails before you. So the cry goes up from pastors, "Give us people who can lead and we will do something worth while."

Without capable, faithful stewards the finances get behind; without alert teachers and superintendents the Sunday school loses pupils; without faithful trustees the church property gets into a bad state of repair, etc.; it is a long story and often punctuated by tragic occurrences. All because—well, some one failed to do his part. Instead of bearing fruit there was nothing but leave to manifest spiritual life. It is really marvelous that the Church continues to function under such handicaps. Its progress over such obstacles must be an evidence of Divine favor for the Lord is able to raise up a Gideon's band amongst the host of the thousands who are fearful and afraid, and but for the testimony of the heroic Joshuahs, and Calebs in the crises of the Kingdom the slow of heart, cowardly majority found in the group might disband the organized Church, and Judas-like, betray it into the hands of its enemies. The Christian Church possibly never had a greater opportunity than now but it must be capitalized, and it take heroic souls, not idle, pleasure loving church members to capitalize such an opportunity.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

A Meeting of the Joint Program Committee

On Wednesday of last week Dr. Bates, Rev. J. Elwood Carroll and I met with Bishop Purcell and his committee and Rev. W. J. Plint of the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference in a joint meeting of the Program committees for the Annual Conference sessions. While it is not possible to give here in detail the things agreed up yet I will say that it was decided that each annual conference should finish its work Friday afternoon, October 20 and that the new conference should be organized Friday night. It was stated that in view of the large number of people to be entertained during the conference it was necessary to speed up the work of the new conference so as not to run longer than Monday, October 23. As has been previously announced all the night sessions will be joint sessions. Following the meeting of the joint committee our committee got together and made the program for our part of the conference, that is the three days that our conference will use in its finishing up session.

Some Finishing Up Meetings

During the latter part of September and the first part of October we want to have in different sections of the state a series of meetings which we might call Finishing Up Meetings at which time pastors will be expected to report on what has been done and what they think can be done for the remainder of the conference year. In order that pastors may not have to drive so far we will take a smaller territory than we are accustomed to us. When the announcement of time and place is made I trust that each pastor will cooperate.

Final Announcement of the Picnic

Inasmuch as there will be no HERALD printed next week this is my last chance to urge our pastors and their families to attend the picnic for the Greensboro District at the Battleground Lake on Friday afternoon, September 1. Dr. Hayes, the District Superintendent, has graciously invited our ministers and their families to join them at this picnic and we want to show our appreciation of the invitation. Let those who go take a well filled basket. Dr. Hayes has suggested that we arrive early enough for each of the two groups to have a check up business meeting before supper.

A Sunday On the Mt. Pleasant Charge

Finding myself without any appointment for the coming Sunday I took the matter up the first of last week with Rev. J. W. Braxton, the pastor of the Mt. Pleasant charge in regard to being there on the following Sunday. Brother Braxton replied that it would suit him exactly. So on last Sunday morning we journeyed to Pleasant Union church for the ten o'clock appointment and then flew (almost) to Mt. Pleasant for the eleven o'clock service. I heard no comment at Pleasant Union as to whether the congregation was up to the standard or not. Anyway a goodly number came and seemed to be enjoying the service. The fact that several of the people did not arrive until the service was beginning and that we had to hurry away just as soon as the benediction was given made it impossible to speak to anybody except a few early comers. While there is a disadvantage in not being able to have fellowship with the people at the close of the service yet it was said that the advantages offset the disadvantages. It is said that the people turn out better to an early morning service than they would to an afternoon service. The Sunday school follows the church services. Pleasant Union was the home church of the late Rev. J. H. Bowman who did excellent work in our conference for many years. It is also the home church of Rev. J. T. Bowman, the present pastor of our First Church in Thomasville. While the membership here has never been large yet this church has played an important part in our conference activities.

At Mt. Pleasant the pastor, Brother Braxton, announced that the congregation was considerably off for the day due in part to revival meetings at other places, to sickness and other causes. As this announcement was being made it was a great comfort to the president that the people did not know that he was to be there at that time. This church is one of our largest and best rural churches. The auditorium here is large and there are several Sunday school rooms. During the present pastorate an educational building has been erected at the rear of the auditorium which adds tremendously to the efficiency of the plant. While it was a great pleasure to be in the services here last Sunday one disappointment was the absence on account of sickness of Brother S. A. Alexander who has been one of the leaders here for a long period of years and who has been rather seriously ill for a number of weeks.

Not only the church property and grounds have been greatly improved under Brother Braxton's leadership but lights and running water have been put into the parsonage. Both the church grounds and the parsonage yard have been planted to shrubbery which adds considerably to the attractiveness of both places. Brother Braxton easily ranks as one of our leading ministers. He is very active and keeps close to his people. They appreciate him greatly and would like to keep him a long time. But there are other people who would also like to have him.

Appointments

Sunday, August 20, 11 a. m. First Church, Charlotte.

Sunday, August 20, 7:30 p. m. Caroleen on the Shelby-Caroleen charge.

Sunday, August 27, 11 a. m. Harmony Grove church on the West Forsyth charge in dedicatory services.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

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If we make religion our business, God will make it our blessedness.—*H. G. J. Adam.*

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It will cost something to be religious: it will cost more to be not so.—*J. Mason.*

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Seest thou a diligent man in business he shall stand before kings.—*Solomon.*

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The only way to realize that we are God's children is to let Christ lead us to our Father.—*Phillips Brooks.*

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A Message In Verse

MY TAPESTRY OF LIFE

As I take up the threads of life, each morn,
Let me weave each thread with patience, and take care
That I tangle not the ends, but let me
Weave a pattern, both beautiful and rare.

And in this pattern let me weave, each day,
Thoughts that are beautiful, all that's good and fine,
Love that is pure and true, and though the way
Be some times rough, my faith in the Divine.

. . . .

And as I weave the tapestry of life,
Let me, the beauty of it never mar
With threads of envy, avarice, and hate:
But love for fellowman, both near and far.

Let me weave into this pattern, and when
The threads are finished, and the ends all tied
Let me hear the Master say, "'Tis well done"
When He turns it on the other side.

—*Zella May McCarl.*

No Paper Next Week

The founder of the Herald established the custom of taking off a week in August for rest. We are observing the custom for the week of August 20-27; but hope to greet you again with the issue of August 31.

May we not have your renewals? As stated last week, if all the unpaid subsidy should be sent in it would greatly relieve our strained financial condition. We greatly appreciate the responses to our appeals this week and in the past, but past subscriptions do not pay present bill.

District Picnic Changed to the Jefferson Club Near Guilford College

As we are getting ready to go to press Dr. L. B. Hayes, District Superintendent of the Greensboro District, Methodist Church, requests that the above change be made. The date is the same, the hour is the same, and those invited are the same, but the place of holding the picnic is changed.

Paragraphs for Preachers

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."—*Jesus Christ.*

"I have a firm conviction that the most pressing need in the pulpits of the land today is for a larger measure of intelligent, discriminating, forceful and inspiring Biblical preaching."—*Dean Charles R. Brown.*

"The Great Business of Preaching embodies four factors, any one of which is potent, but taken together are irresistible; 1—The Lure of a Majestic Fraternity, the Comradeship of a High Calling; 2—The Charm and the responsibility of a Teaching Ministry; 3—The Witchery of a Speaking Vocation; 4—The Fascination and Wonderment of the Shepherd's Task."—*Dr. Edgar Dewitt Jones.*

"Our greatest object in life is to find the rest of ourselves."—*Dr. Rufus Jones.*

"Preaching is communicating the riches of the Christian revelation of God to the heart of man."—*Dr. Raymond Calkins.*

"Preaching is the communication of religious truth through personality."—*Bishop Philips Brooks.*

"The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us."—*The Bible.*

Although it may be most difficult to instruct the aged in your congregation, and equally difficult to enlist them in any new enterprise you shall propose, your appreciation of what they have been and shall do will always be gratefully accepted.

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Preaching even in the formal sense can never be effective without an appreciative audience. St. Paul's sermon at Mars Hill to the Athenians gathered there is generally regarded as a failure. Not because the Apostle was not an effective preacher, but because he did not have a responsive audience. Many a sermon in our day is ineffective for the same reason. There must be a certain amount of immediate preparation for an effective sermon; both the preacher and the hearer must be prepared. The worship service is intended to help prepare the audience for the message the minister brings. And when the prepared hearer and the prepared preacher meet for preaching there will be delivered an effective message that day.

The Ministerial Bachelor's Club Loses Again

Rev. J. E. Garlington, pastor of Spring Church Charge, leaves the state of "single blessedness." Last Monday, August 14, he was joined in marriage to Miss Virginia Dare Massey, Pleasant Hill, N. C. Both are graduates of High Point College and are most excellent young people. The editor of the Herald desires to join the large host of their friends in wishing them much happiness as they sail the "sea of matrimony."

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Rev. J. Leo Pittard, pastor of Moriah Church was the guest preacher at West End Church Sunday night. We were pleased to have Mrs. Pittard with him. They came in time to attend the meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society which is just prior to the evening service. Brother Pittard brought a very timely message.

GETTING TIED UP TO THE CHURCH

I am asked by a discouraged pastor, ''Can we do anything to tie the men up to the church?'' Some years ago, when in charge of the Methodist Minute Men, I proposed a ''Win-One'' campaign, and prepared a little book called ''The Win-One Worker.'' These workers pledged to win at least one man to Christ and church membership within six months. Men all over the nation accepted the task earnestly and enthusiastically and Methodism received over 200,000 additions that year. I once organized my men to go out after new members, just after a financial visitation campaign. Some of them came back thrilled to find that they could win another to Christ and church membership. I recently found a printer who agreed to furnish 2000 embossed calling cards for ten dollars. He would change the name for each 100. That would make it possible for individuals to get 100 for 50 cents. Each card contained the name of the individual, while in the corner were the words ''member of Broadway Temple Bible Class.'' This gave members an opening to invite other men to the class, while it provided them an attractive calling card. It would greatly help a group of men to visit a mission in the city which lodges and feeds the discouraged, out of work, and lonely. They become more satisfied with their own condition and see the need of a real personal religious experience. The men can take charge of a Sunday night service. They can furnish special songs, speakers, ushers and, if possible, provide a flower for everyone who attends. One year our men attended a seven o'clock morning communion service and took breakfast together at the close. The Catholics do that frequently and make much of it. It was a beautiful hour to break bread with the Master and many men attended, who might otherwise have missed its helpfulness. We may well multiply the use of the Methodist Brotherhood lapel button. It is beautiful, signifies to others that this man is proud of the cross. Dealers can hardly provide enough crosses today for the girls. Why should the men be less proud to advertise their discipleship!—*Rev. C. F. Reisner* in *Pastor's Journal.*

SUITABLE PROFICIENCY

By Albert Leonard Murray, Lit.D.

Nature is at once an exacting and a rewarding master. She permits progress only to those plants, animals, organisms, qualified to advance. The seed, sown in the soil, emerges into new life only when properly qualified as a living germ environed by the conditions of germination. Later, the heads of corn form only when previous degrees of growth of root and stock have prepared the plant to proceed toward its destiny.

In our schools the child must learn the numerals, addition and subtraction before he can advance to multiplication, division and more complex mathematics. The teacher tests the pupil's proficiency, not to expose his ignorance, but to qualify the pupil for a forward step. This same law of emergent sequences obtains in all arts, sciences, industries, commerce, in personal biography and social history. Its strict requirements and unerring rewards are vividly demonstrated in the evolution of democracy, the emergence of the idea of liberty, in the fascinating story of transportation, in fact, everywhere suitable proficiency is the condition of progress, and Nature urges all things toward realization and achievement.

Incorporated into the very nature of life and things is this universal law. Men and things exist to attain ends. We advance step by step and only when the previous step leaves us in a position to attempt successfully the succeeding step. It is interesting that we speak of graduation from schools and colleges, for the word is derived from the Latin *gradus,* which means a step. Mere dreaming and wishful thinking without coordinated action does not advance us. When we grasp the significance of tests as to our suitable proficiency in the previous degree as the condition of our emergence to a further degree, we enlarge our respect for the institutions that practice Nature's wisdom, and realize that only thus are we assured of advancement.—*Supreme Council Bulletin.*

UNION CRUSADE WEEK

Beginning with a Fellowship Day on Sunday, August 20; the Young People of the Greensboro Union will become the first group to observe ''Union Crusade Week.'' The Fellowship Day will begin Sunday with a Morning Watch Program at 7:30 o'clock; after which breakfast will be served at Muirs Chapel. The day will then be spent with various activities centered around this lovely spot on the Muirs Chapel Road. After breakfast the group will enjoy the Sunday school lesson and then go together into the church service for another inspiration service with Teague Hipps. After the 11:00 o'clock hour the entire group will enjoy dinner on the grounds . . . everybody pack enough chicken and goodies to make the day pleasant. The afternoon will give way to discussion, recreation, a watermelon feast, and close with a vesper service. The Fellowship Day should prove to be an interesting day with which the begin ''Union Crusade Week.''

On Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock at West Market Street Methodist Church, the Union will enter in on the first Union Crusade Week ever held. Rev. M. Teague Hipps, Conference Director of Young People's Work for our Conference will guide our thoughts on problems which we are interested. The West Market Young People extend a most cordial and hearty welcome to the Union and are delighted that the Union accepted their gracious invitation to meet in their church.

Each night there will be group singing, 15 minute discussion groups, inspirational guidance with Mr. Hipps, and on two or three nights there will be recreation. All in all we are expecting a most wonderful week of Fellowship and already feel that all the groups of the Union will enjoy the entire program.

The Union Crusade Week will come to a close on Friday, August 25, 1939, but we hope the effect will be a lasting effect to encourage and guide our lives forever.

We cordially invite the young people of Greensboro and vicinity to join us in this day of Fellowship and week of special services.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By **O. L. EASTER**

BEVERAGE ALCOHOL AND THE COMMUNITY

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, August 20

Lesson Text: Joel 1:5-7; Daniel 5:1-5, 17, 25-28.

Golden Text: "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink." Habakkuk 2:15.

The problem of alcoholic intemperance is not only an individual problem of the drunkard himself but it is also a vicious social one. Joel makes a direct appeal to the individual drunkard to awake and weep, for out of their intemperance has come a nation, strong and without numbers; whose teeth are the teeth of lions. He pictures this group of individual drunkards as another nation coming up upon Israel who laid waste her vines and barked her fig-tree. Now it is left to the Christian Church, perhaps, to weep over the lost sheep of the house of Israel and to go after the one sheep who is lost and suffering because of his own sin. Many have come to feel that this matter of alcohol is a religious one entirely, and would turn it over to the preachers alone to do all the wrangling and shouting for its disuse. Joel throws it back to the statesmen and social leaders who would claim their concern for the welfare of the nation as a community, and there it is till this day although the statesmen have refused to receive it as such.

There is a very interesting manuscript to be seen in New York Library. These words are beautifully engraved in the style typical of such documents in early America:

"Being satisfied from observation and experience, as well as from medical testimony that ardent spirits as a drink, is not only needless, but hurtful, and that the entire disuse of it, would tend to promote the health, the virtue, and the happiness of the community, we hereby express our conviction, that should the citizens of the United States, and especially the young men, discontinue the use of it, they would not only promote their own personal benefit, but the good of our country and the world."

This document is signed by three great statesmen as follows: James Madison, Andrew Jackson, John Quincy Adams. They with Joel are admitting that alcoholism is a vital community problem to be dealt with by patriotism as well as religion. Japan is reported to be using alcohol and its drug counterparts in her frantic struggle against China. Bombs have proven powerless to break morale among the peoples of war-torn lands, so Japan turns to the weapons of intoxication and drugs to do the job by free or cheap distribution of them to the Chinese. We cry out with Habakkuk to Japan "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink." The same insidious attack is being made upon America and, ironically enough, it is being made by those who pretend to be bringing our country out of chaos. They are setting in motion, wherever blind voters will allow, traffic in alcoholic beverages. Thus they contend that by the government operating stores and giving license to others we shall receive revenue whereby America will be saved from economic distress. Oh yes, they do say that this tax on liquor will serve to control it and bring temperance. We had just as well put a tax upon the bubonic plague to regulate it. Talmage, a great preacher of another decade, exclaimed "Oh! the folly of trying to restrain an evil by government tariff! If every gallon of whiskey made—if every flask of wine produced, should be taxed a thousand dollars, it would not be enough to pay for the tears it has wrung from the eyes of the widows and orphans, nor for the blood it has dashed on the Christian church, nor for the catastrophe of the millions it has destroyed forever." The tax from a barrel of whiskey may help to free us from a few bills, but that one barrel of whiskey can enslave a host of citizens in the bondage of a habit that will take from the community their good citizenship and the ability to pay all the other vital taxes.

Herbert Hoover once wisely declared that "a nation is made great by the moral fiber and character of its citizens; nations die when these weaken." He could easily have taken his cue from this sagacious remark from reading the pages of a history book. It sounds like a suitable moral to pin at the bottom of this story of Belshazzar as told by Daniel. First Belshazzar the king made a feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank before them. That is, he legalized whiskey and made it the custom of the court to drink so that from then on every citizen of Babylon felt in style by passing liquor around on cocktail trays. He simply did in a moment what the movies are doing every day as they subtley portray the drinking of liquor in almost every picture; what the government of America does by putting bond upon every bottle. Then comes the hand writing on the wall. Of course, the poor drunken, misled people of Babylon could not read that writing of doom, just so will we in several years not be able to discern our weakness. But Daniel who had been a total abstainer easily interpreted the writing and here was the verdict, "God hath numbered thy kingdom, and brought it to and end. (Because) thou are weighed in the balance (of character, moral fiber, etc.) and art found wanting. Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians." Thus in conclusion we must add to the voice of the Christian church the voice also of patriotic lovers of our noble land to cry out against those vicious traitors to all that makes our country who would give to his neighbor drink.

Great Soldier of Service: Charles Elisha Taylor.

It is not a question of what a man knows, but what use he can make of what he knows.—*J. G. Holland.*

Dr. Bethea writes that he lent a book entitled "Those Twelve" which he values very highly, to some one in Greensboro, and would greatly appreciate it if the book should be returned to him at 165 Hillside St., Asheville, N. C.

WHAT ARE WE DOING TO OUR MISSIONARIES?

Are They Forgotten Men and Women in Methodism?

By Mildred W. Cranston

In the British Museum rests the diary of Captain Robert F. Scott, Antarctic explorer, who with several of his men died of exposure and hunger on his way to the home base after a successful trip to the South Pole. On the last page of that document are his own last words: "For God's sake take care of our people." To their eternal credit, the British people have been true to his trust.

These words have echoed and reechoed in my mind during the last two years as I have meditated about the present perils that surround our missionaries in China. They came even closer home when, six months ago, there was held not far from our home the funeral of one of these, a Methodist missionary doctor. He had tried to get back to his inland station from Hongkong with supplies for his hospital and a vast collection of articles for his friends. The roads were blocked and all his plans went awry. Ill, discouraged, and defeated, he crept back to this country and committed suicide within a few miles of friends who did not know he was on this side of the Pacific. No one can be blamed for this and other similar tragedies that have occurred to our people through the years. It is the kind of life we as a church ask them to live, which they volunteer to live, that is responsible for suicides and physical and mental breakdowns in greater number than we like to admit. The death of this doctor and its manner are not unique, but the event is only more tragic at this time because of China's need for him, for he was young, skilful, and particularly beloved by the Chinese.

The few missionaries who, in the past, thought it might be an easy job have long since passed from the scene. In China these days it is a choice between coming home to America or remaining in almost constant danger. It is possible to oversentimentalize their position, and the missionaries themselves would be the first to deplore it. If they could ask a boon, it would be not that they be removed from their situation but that the church stand back of them with its fullest moral and financial strength.

In the first place, never a letter comes from China these days but cries out in shame and indignation that the bulk of Japan's strength in war materials comes from America. Certain organizations are exerting their power to the utmost to bring about legislation to prohibit shipment from this country of the means of Japanese aggression. Too few of our church people are sufficiently aroused, however, and gatherings of Christian people are easily satisfied to stop with vague resolutions deploring the Far Eastern conflict. We can best take care of our people in China, American and Chinese, by cutting off war supplies at their source. The letter of George Fitch describing the bombing of Chengtu on June 11 and his feelings upon realizing that very probably the materials for mass murder came from this country ought to be broadcast throughout our church.

In another vein, we must take care of our people by maintaining and strengthening the financial structure which can give them a decent measure of economic security. Bombing from the air, and danger of disease for oneself and one's family are bad enough, but infinitely worse are gnawing uncertainty about one's job, doubt of ability to educate one's children, and worry over provision for one's old age. These problems, envisaged ahead of time, have led far too many of our young missionaries to leave the field after a single term.

Our obligations toward the men and women we employ, as a church, are surely as sacred as those assumed by any secular organization toward its employees, but we have not always so regarded them. There are the N.'s, for instance, compelled to leave the field because of ill health, cut off from the mission payroll after a few months with two young children to support and a job to find in a strange land. After fifteen years in China, by the way, America seems a strange land indeed, and it is a heart-breaking task to face competition in trying to get a means of livelihood. After another fifteen years Mrs. N., a widow, is still paying on the debt they contracted in the months following their dismissal by the board.

There are the C.'s, who had four children of school age when they came home for their second furlough. They couldn't quite leave them here to fend for themselves, so Mr. C. returned for six years more in China, alone, while his wife kept the family together in America. "My hardest job," she says dispassionately in recalling those years, "was trying to keep the children mindful of the fact that they had a father. I made it a rule that every Sunday they all should write to him, in order to make him seem real." Three hundred and twelve Sundays without a father! Then he came home, and the two planned to return to China as soon as the smallest child was ready for high school in America. Their furlough time ended, and the board decreed that they had to go at once or not at all. The worm turned at that point, and that fine man at fifty, and after the three terms of successful service, sought a job in this country.

Then there are the F.'s. Dr. F. was sent out as a physician, but after a few years the Mission asked him to become sort of a treasurer and business manager for them and he served in this capacity for several years. The older two of their children were nearly ready for college when they returned for furlough. Without warning, Dr. F. was dropped from the payroll "in the interests of economy," and, upward of fifty years of age and rusty after no medical practice for nearly ten of them, he had to scratch for a living. The second of his sons is just now in the midst of his college course, having entered school ten years late.

Or there are the M.'s, who decided to leave their three in America when they reached school age, and spent seven years without them in China. (O you lucky mothers of America who can bear your children in safety and know you can be with them every week and every day as long as they need you! I have seen missionary mothers in China weep with each advancing birthday of their children, since each year brought nearer the inevitable break-up of their family!) The children "worked their way" through college. (The board can supply anyone interested with information concerning the amount of money given each missionary child for his education.) To the outward eye those children seem quite normal; yet one of them is permanently embittered with parents who "deserted" him; another is living under the threat of tuberculosis, a result of economizing on food during lean years, and a third is so introverted that he cannot confide in anyone save his sister who stayed with him in this country. A talk with a college personnel official reveals the information that a startling large number of missionary children are psychological problems.

Or, finally, there is the case of Miss L., ill for ten years with an Oriental disease, dragging back to China for two final terms against the advice of medical and board authorities because she had to fulfil the requirements for her pension and had no other provision for her old age, dying, finally, alone in a strange city just a few months before she had filled out her time!

There are other cases, but the foregoing are sufficient to mention as typical of what happens to ''our people.'' No one person or group of persons is directly responsible for the suffering of these men and women. If we had more money we could be kinder, perhaps. I believe that if the church at large knew these things they would be more generous—and more businesslike and ethical. We need to be conscious of our grave responsibility in employing a missionary in the first place and in dismissing him (and sometimes it has been done so abruptly and coldly) in the second.

Specifically, the rules regarding furlough time and salary should be far more flexible, enabling those with children to have sufficient time and far more adequate financial means for adjusting them to this country and its educational system. We need suitable supervised homes for those children who have no relatives in this country to care for them. Scholarships in colleges ought to be provided in increasing numbers to help them make their start. And for their parents there should be available a number of pastorates and assistant pastorates, as well as college professorships, for missionaries only, or for those who, for whatever the reasons, cannot return to the field and need something to tide them over until permanent employment can be found. Our school and church life would be enriched by such contacts.

In these days when health, employment, and life insurance plans as well as old-age pensions are becoming the accepted rule for almost every secular organization, they ought to be part and parcel of our mission system, so that these ''our people,'' who go to do our work for us, can be reasonably free from financial worry. If the secular world insists upon a square deal for the workers of its world, the Christian church surely cannot do less.

The Methodist church has become very large in recent months. We are almost intoxicated with our bigness. There is always the danger in any great body that in our adoration of the One we shall be unmindful of the Many who compose it. The missionary must not be the forgotten man in this great church.

Captain Scott left, along with his diary, a message to the British people, and its closing words were these:

> Surely, surely a great rich country like ours will see that that who are dependent on us are properly provided for.

In other words, perhaps, but with the same meaning, our missionaries in China, watching the planes fly overhead and wondering whether the next bomb will destroy them, or their home, or their children, or their Chinese friends, are saying the same thing.—*Zion's Herald.*

"THE WORLD CONFERENCE: SOME IMPRESSIONS"

Amsterdam—Midway in their ten-day assembly, the 1,350 delegates who are here attending the first World Conference of Christian Youth are grappling with some of the major political, economic, social, educational and ecclesiastical problems in the world today. Into all their discussions is coming the spiritual judgment of young Christians who begin their every morning session with a worship service, an expository sermon and two hours of intensive Bible study in small groups where every delegate is given a chance to be heard.

Unlike most of its predecessors, the Amsterdam World Conference expects to pass no resolutions. According to those who set it up, the meeting is intended to explore the basis of understanding among Christian young people from all the countries of the world. The conference has recognized from the outset that there are differences here. There are 220 separate religious groups represented, ranging all the way from Russian Orthodox (in exile) to the Society of Friends. The claim is being made that it is the largest and most representative body of official delegates to ever come together under any auspices.

One of the pronounced differences was faced openly at an early session of the conference when the delegates heard an Eastern Orthodox church member, a Dutch theologian of the ''crisis'' school, and an American who believes in social action. The points of view of these three speakers were given close attention. In the words of the chairman, the Rev. D. T. Niles of India, it was a symposium of the ''Church-center point of view, the Bible-centered point of view, and the life-centered.''

A strong flavor of the so-called ''crisis'' theology runs through the official program. Since the Conference is being held on the continent of Europe, it is natural that continental theology prevails. Many of the young delegates, however, are chafing under the other-worldliness of the crisis emphasis and are anxious to stamp the conference decisions with a more activistic theology. The American delegates particularly are showing the restlessness.

The American delegation numbers 325 and is the largest single group in the assembly. Seated in the choirloft of the concert hall where the sessions are being held, the Americans form a solid bloc of delegates spread out behind the platform and the speakers.

Perhaps the greatest single achievement of the Conference has been the fact that young men and women from over seventy countries are meeting together on absolutely equal terms, sharing experiences, talking over their problems together, eating together, and otherwise living a community experience that is itself a judgment upon the world of nations. Over seventy different passports were shown at the Dutch frontier, but they have been forgotten since.

Over and over again in the Conference discussions, the delegates remind each other that their differences are subordinate to the basic unity which is their membership in the Christian church. As an illustration, in a discussion of international problems, an Englishman and an Irishman came to a deadlock in thetir two positions. One suddenly said to the other, "But we are arguing our differences only within the terms of politics. As Christians, there is no deadlock between us." Within a few moments, they had transcended the limitations of historical politics and come to an agreement that was broader than either of their former positions. "I believe in the holy Catholic church," was chanted unisonally by the entire group at their opening service, and repeatedly this belief is being proved a cornerstone of the Conference.

In many of their minor definitions, the Conference is showing a wide range of interpretation from country to country. All shades of the pacifist position are represented here, just as they would be at a similar convention in America. European young men, all of them forced to take military training, are even somewhat more inclined to resignation in the matter of war than are their American brothers. However, there are a number of valiant pacifists from the countries of Europe who are here.

In defining the church, a good deal of hair-splitting has gone on. The orthodox position, that a church is inseparable from the sacraments, the orders, and the creeds, has created a wide note of resentment among the free church representatives, particularly those from the more informal communions. The issue over credalism will come to a head on Sunday in the ritual of the Lord's Supper, which is being administered according to four different rites in four different churches of the city. The fact that at the heart of Christian symbolism stands a four-way division has created a good deal of chagrin, particularly among the Americans. Efforts thus far to hold a common communion service have failed to make an impression upon the organizing committees of the conference.

The first world conference has been managed with a maximum of efficiency. The city of Amsterdam and the entertaining country have gone out of their way to make the large number of delegates feel at home. The Minister of Education for the Netherlands entertained the entire assembly at a reception in the government museum of Amsterdam on Wednesday evening. On Saturday, the city of Amsterdam is conducting four excursions for the delegates to outlying communities.

The conference will adjourn next Wednesday, the second of August.

OVER THE DOORS OF WAR OFFICES

In 1790, Dr. Benjamin Rush, famous physician, and signer of the Declaration of Independence, suggested that the following inscriptions be painted over the doors of war offices:

An office for butchering the human species.

A widow-and-orphan-making office.

A broken-bone-making office.

A wooden-leg-making office.

An office for creating private and public vices.

An office for creating public debt.

An office for creating profiteers and bankrupts.

An office for creating famine.

An office for creating political diseases.

An office for creating poverty and the destruction of liberty and national happiness.—*Unity.*

THE DISCIPLINE OF THE INNER LIFE

By LEVI DAWSON

Fellowship with God is a gift. Wesley proclaimed it as within the reach of all. That does not mean, however, that it is obtained easily. A man needs all his endeavours before he can gain that communion.

To enter the Kingdom of Heaven, Jesus said, a man must strive hard. He must keep on seeking until he finds. He must be as persistent as a neighbor knocking for bread at midnight. In the words of the apostle, he must "contend earnestly for the faith." God is not unwilling to grant the fellowship, but a man must want it more than anything else in the world before he can appropriate it.

It is a law of life that nothing worth while can be attained without effort. Education is free to all. Books were never so easy to obtain. The wisdom of the ages is within the reach of all, however poor. To appropriate this gift to himself a man must strive hard. He must spend hours in study. He must deny himself much that is pleasant in order to gain his place in the Kingdom of the Wise. Any man can obtain that prize if he wants it badly enough to sacrifice for it.

It is not other with God's greatest gift. The saints bear witness that entrance to the Kingdom of Heaven is free to all, but its doors open only to those who press violently in. A man wrestler in prayer, he must agonise to enter through the narrow door. Without that striving on man's part God cannot give. Man must be able to receive. Wireless waves have been in existence ever since the world was made, but it was only after much struggle that man was able to receive. Reception of spiritual power is likewise not gained without a struggle.

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The most important thing for those who would know God is to take time to be alone with Him. That is a struggle for most of us. Life is so full and time is so occupied. Yet time must be found even if something else has to go. It is no good saying we have no time to pray. We shall find time if we want it badly enough. That is God's condition. We can find time for things when they matter enough to us. Haphazard prayer has never yet led to an experience. A disciple's road is a disciplined road and the vision only comes to the man who submits to the discipline.

Paderewski is reported to have said that if he missed practicing one day he noticed the difference in his playing. If he stopped for two days his family noticed it, three days and his friends remarked about it, a week and the world knew it. So much does greatness depend on discipline. One of the secrets of the unreality of our religion is the smallness of our prayer. We must recover the discipline of the seeker before we can see the vision of the saint.

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We need not only disciplined time but harder thinking. We cannot feel the power of God until we strive to know something of His mind and purpose. Friend cannot talk with friend in the secret places until there is real understanding of the heart. That is why the Bible and the works of the saints must means so much to us. To company with those who have known Him intimately is to gain that understanding of His ways which is so indispensable.

A second-hand religion, gained only from the utterances of preachers and talks in a class meeting is never really vital. There must be discipline of individual search—a man must find God and himself. There is a strange lack of faith and the assurance of victory among Christians today. The world situation, the indifference of men and women, are too much for us. We wonder and faint and become inert. There is a real connection between this state of mind and the fact that we are no longer a Bible-reading people. The assurance of our fathers came because they lived in the Scriptures, and there they saw and heard their God. When we recover their love for their Book we shall know their faith.

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We have plenty of ideals for the world and for ourselves. We have good moral principles by which we guide our conduct. These things alone are insufficient. To have the certainty of God a man must have the disciplined inner life. Only he who chooses conflict rather than casualness in this sphere will know the witness of things unshakable.

There is no finding without seeking in the Christian life. It is also wonderfully true that there is no seeking without finding. The search may be a long one, the striving may be hard, but the answer is certain. If seeking is the indispenable condition, finding is the unrevoked promise. To those who seek through the darkness and struggle on over heavy roads there is the knowledge that Christ went that same way and that His vision may be ours.

The disciplined life is the only life into which God can come in His fullness. In the struggle there is perfecting of character and the making ready for the guest. For man is not the only one who is seeking. God also seeks and longs to be known. God also knocks and longs to enter. God also strives—

> About your gates I shall not cease to plead
> As man to speak with man,
> Till by such art
> I shall achieve by immemorial plan
> . Pass the low lintel of the human heart.

When God and man seek together they find each other and share the joy.—From *The Methodist Recorder*, London.

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THE STABILITY OF CHARACTER

By Rev. Sylvester Thorne

The true Christian heart is not self-dependent. Neither do we rightly speak of it as a vessel for holding Divine grace, as though the grace did operate upon the vessel. The heart, the soul, is an organism that, if not penetrated, vitalized, sustained, within the environment of Divine grace will droop and die. And the more it grows, the more robust and strenuous it becomes, the greater its appetite will be, and the more of this grace will it stimulate. The more lavish your expenditure, the greater your income. The more you use, the more you get. Grace is a stream from which you draw your full supplies, but there is no diminution of its volume. It is the gift of Christ, and bread in His hands is ever multiplied until all needs are met. God tells us, in Christ, of a perpetual feast of fountains of living water that are never low. Yea, He tells us of the fountains of the Divine Heart opened forever on the cross; and of their healing and reviving virtues every human child may drink and live.

One amazing truth is discovered unto us, that the heart of man becomes the one invulnerable and invincible factor in God's universe. Wonderful, that this timid, flickering, wavering spirit of ours, so full of moods and humors, so uncertain and inconstant, so delicate and fragile and sensitive, a thing of wayward impulses, registering every vagary of fond desire and intent, swept by every current, swayed by every breath; should attain such strength and solidity and majesty that time cannot touch nor enmity impair it. Yea, it is mightier than the rocks; for though they stand so proud, they yield and give. The ceaseless, persistent flow of the sea wears its own pores and veins and arteries in them; and then thrusting in its tendrils with the weight of an ocean behind, enlarging, expanding, it has its way, and the tiny porous passage become the gaping cavern.

God has set fast the mountains; but even they are not so strong. For the Himalayas are young and the hills of England old; and Time, with its rude assaults, lowers the lofty head, while glacier lacerates the proud breast, and the very hill are worn away. But the heart of man, fortified by the grace of God, is invulnerable—the heart cleansed and strengthened by the blood of Christ, which is the Love of God, is beyond the reach of time. It is the master call of all things; it is the sovereign of all issues. The heart of man held in the hand of God is the greatest and strongest thing in the universe.

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YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE FORMER METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH PARTICIPATING IN THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF METHODIST YOUTH MEETING AT WARRENTON, MISSOURI, AUG. 30-SEPT. 3.

An invitation has been extend to the former Methodist Protestant Church to have young people attend the youth meeting of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, the National Council of Methodist Youth at Warrenton, Mo., August 30-September 3. Our representatives are to work with carefully selected representatives from the other two Methodist Church for the purpose of studying the youth set-up for the new Methodist Church. Those who have been selected and plan to attend the date from the Methodist (Protestant) youth groups are:

Miss Mary Neel, 1416 Fulton, Ave., Birmingham, Ala.
Miss Lea Joyner, Grayson, La.
Mr. Wilson Little, 1318 Third Ave., New Brighton, Pa.
Mr. Donald Barss, 810 Walnut St., Coshocton, Ohio.

The writer plans to be present during the entire time and will be one of the resource leaders in the group studying the youth program for the Methodist Church.

F. L. Gibbs, *Executive Secretary.*

August 14, 1939.

OUR STORY PAGE

LUSTER FOR THE GIFT

Rita Morrison waited on the steps of Grand High School for Virginia Mead. Almost disconsolately she answered greetings of classmates who passed her. A bit tragically she began when Virginia arrived: “You don't mind stopping at Durham's store a minute, do you? I have to pick up some handkerchiefs for Aunt Kathryn's birthday tomorrow.”

“I'd love it.” Virginia's eyes sparkled. “Shopping is my delight.”

“When you have plenty of money for gifts.” Rita was so gloomy her tones seemed to come from a deep cavern. “But with only a dollar to spend for Aunt Kathryn—so darling she deserves millions—it's far from a pleasant errand.”

Virginia hummed a minute to herself. And the sparkle stayed in her eyes. Like all the other girls in their crowd, she adored Rita's Aunt Kathryn. Her front veranda was their gathering place. It was wondferful Aunt Kathryn had a birthday tomorrow, for now she could give her a gift to show appreciation of all her kindnesses.

Durham's store was only a few blocks from Grant High School. But several girls stopped to chat with the two chums on their way. And to each one of them Virginia confided the reason for their errand up-town.

Some of them gave Virginia a knowing smile which seemed to say, “We'll remember what you've told us.” And others, “What a joy it will be to give Aunt Kathryn a gift!”

Finally Rita jerked out some impatient words. She had not wanted all the girls to know about Aunt Kathryn's birthday. “Marta and Helen especially,” she finished. “They have plenty of money and their gifts, like those of the family, will overshadow mine.”

“Not mine.” Virginia was very mysterious. “I won't let them.”

They were at the handkerchief counter at Durham's store before Rita spoke again. To the clerk there she said, “Will you please put three of your prettiest three-for-a-dollar handkerchiefs in a gift-box?”

Impulsively Virginia began: “Oh, let's look at them, Rita. Perhaps,” she was talking to the clerk now, ‘you have some pastel shades. They are ideal for summer, you know.”

Carefully Virginia began to lift the handkerchiefs the clerk brought to the counter. At some she shook her head. Then quite gleefully she turned to her friend. “Doesn't this green one with the white border look perfect for a summer day? And doesn't this yellow one with the delft blue design just match Aunt Kathryn's yellow silk blouse and the vest she had last year?”

Her animation caught Rita as if it were something contagious. She herself clutched a square of white cambric in which were quaint, old-fashioned nosegays.

“This looks most like Aunt Kathryn,” she smiled. “The minute flowers start blooming in her flower garden she has them scattered every place through the house. Why not have them in her handkerchief?”

“Of course,” Virginia almost clapped her hands. “And instead of having the box holding them tied in that pink ribbon they use for all packages, let's carry it home and use some new striped green-and-white I bought at the five-and-ten the other day for gifts I give in spring. It's decidedly suitable.”

In Virginia's room, with the dainty hand-made curtains and the crocheted rugs and all the other pretty things she herself had made for it, Rita saw her friend's gift—two big balls of silk strips wound tight.

“For the rug she wants to crochet for her own room,” Virginia explained. “I didn't know she had a birthday just around the corner. But the day she told me she wanted to make this rug when she had time to get the old silk blouses and dresses of the family collected and made into rugs, I started collecting ours and making these balls.

“And now—” she brought from her closet a pasteboard box across the top of which was pasted pictures of flowers cut from seed catalogues—“the balls go into this ready for delivery.”

“Ginger, you genius!” Rita's brown eyes were positively shining, her auburn curls dancing, “I love your gift almost as much as I do mine. I didn't know handkerchiefs could make such a personal gift.”

“Any gift can be personal if you just select it carefully for the person for whom you intend it. It's feeling that a gift has been chosen just for you—chosen to match something you have or something you like—that gives a gift a luster like that on Granny's valuable old china.”

Rita nodded wisely then.

She smiled more wisely the next day when Aunt Kathryn had opened the green-and-white striped box, taken from it the three handkerchiefs.

Meaningly she slipped her hands into Virginia's and Rita's, who knew then that neither the expensive fruit dish of Marta nor the Oriental scarf of Helen had overshadowed her gift.

For Aunt Kathryn, when she opened the box and looked at the handkerchiefs, had cried, “Oh, you bought this one for my yellow blouse and this one for the printed linen I love so well, and this green one for when I wear white! How darling of you!”

Gratefully Rita whispered, as the two girls started into the kitchen to bring in tiny cakes for the chocolate Aunt Kathryn had ready to serve her guests: “You were right about the luster of a gift, Ginger! Never again will I give one I didn't select very, very carefully to match the personality of the person for whom it is intended.”—*Nancy Brewer*, in *The Girl's World.*

There never was a good war, or a bad peace.—*Benjamin Franklin.*

Men who have nice notions of religion have no business to be soldiers.—*Wellington.*

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT GAMBLING

Topic for August 20, 1939

By REV. RAYMOND W. WHITE, D.D.

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, August 14—Gambling Over Jesus' Vesture. John 19:23, 24.
Tuesday, August 15—Gambling with Birthright, Gen. 25:27-34.
Wednesday, August 16—Gambling with One's Soul. Mark 8:34-38.
Thursday, August 17—Gambling with Sin. Luke 15:12-16.
Friday, August 18—Gambling with Death. Gen. 2:15; 3:4-6.
Saturday, August 19—Gambling with Eternity. Matt. 7:21-23.

The Text: Amos 8:4-10.

To the Leader

This is the second of a series of three topics on "Some Problems of Today." In discussing these three topics, the group should explain the problem, analyze the situation, find a way out, and resolve to go in that way. In discussing this topic, describe the nature of gambling, introduce other evils with which it is associated, and show how it is gardually creeping into charitable and religious enterprises. Point out that gambling is the fruit of a gambling idea which originates and operates in the carnal mind. Make it plain that Christ transforms the mind and enriches it for a more noble purpose than the uncertain game of chance. Make it clear that a transformed mind is the fruit of a changed heart which is the work of the Holy Spirit in co operation with our submission. Do not spend all of your time in talking about the mote in the eyes of others and fail to remove the beams in the eyes of the group. Note the fly in the ointment of society but be sure there are no gnats in your own vinegar.

Questions for the Open Forum

1.—What is gambling? Why harmful?
2.—Where does the gambling idea and desire originate?
3.- What is the object of a wheel of chance?
4.—What is the real purpose of the fortuneteller?
5.—What questionable games are often sponsored in religious enterprises?
6.—In what ways is the simple punch-board related to the gambling idea?
7.—To what extent do we patronize games of chance?
8.—What should be our atitude toward the slot-machine? Seashore games of chance?
9.—What games of chance do we have in our community? Do we patronize them?
10.- -How would our refusal to engage in gambling affect it? Its promoters?
11.—Should a Christian refuse to take a chance regardless of the cause for which the game is promoted? Explain.
12.—What is the tendency of our Government in the matter of gambling? How do you account for it?
13.—What should be the Christian attitude toward specific violators of the gambling laws?
14.—In what ways can youth help to reform the law? Will we do it?

The Poets

Some play for gain; to pass time others play
For nothing; both do play the fool, I say:
Nor time or coin I'll lose, or idly spend:
Who gets by play proves loser in the end.
—Robert Heath.

Immortal were we, or else mortal quite,
I less should blame this criminal delight;
But since the gay assembly's gayest room
Is but an upper story to some tomb,
Methinks we need not our short being shun,
And thought to fly, content to be undone;
We need not but our ruin with our crime,
And give eternity to murder time.
—Edward Young.

Little Gems

By gaming we lose both our time and treasurer—two things most precious to the life of man.—Feltham.

Gaming is the destruction of all decorum: the prince forgets at it his dignity, and the lady her modesty.—Marchioness d' Alembert.

Game of chance are traps to catch schoolboy novices and gapping country squires, who begin with a guinea and end a mortgage. —Cumberland.

It is possible that a wise man may be prevailed on to game; but it is impossible that a professed gamester should be a wise and good man.—Lavater.

If thy desire to raise thy fortunes encourage thy delights to the casts of fortune, be wise betimes, lest thou repent too late; what thou gettest, thou gainest by abused providence; what thou losest, thou losest by abused patience; what thou winnest is prodigally spent; what thou losest is prodigally lost; it is an evil trade that prodigality drives; and a bad voyage where the pilot is blind.—Quarles.

Topic Hints

Gambling: Gambling is either getting something without giving an equivalent for it or it is giving something without getting an equivalent for it. Some one profits at the expense of another. The whole story of gambling is never told in what may be seen at the counter before the wheel of chance. Whatever may be gained at the counter can never replace what is lost in the heart. The gambler always loses in the realm of the heart. This is a tragic loss.

Gambling Age: This is a gambling age. In public places where the law permits gambling, and in secluded dens where the law forbids gambling, the game of chance goes on. The wheel of fortune may be found in the dens of thieves; it may be found on some church-lots dedicated to the Son of God, Who prayed for the redemption of gamblers on the cross. Punch-boards are seen at soda fountains and children ring our door-bells asking us to "take a chance" for what they insist is a worthy cause. Gambling devices and gambling promoters are like the sands of the sea.

Sanctified Gambling: The slaves of gambling endeavor to sanctify their craft. Oftimes they throw sand in our dim spiritual eyes by claiming that the cause justifies their filthy means. Benefit organizations will often "chance off" an atractive article to help the poor and prove to their satisfaction that this is a worthy way of relief because the proceeds are for a worthy cause. They claim that the wheel of chance at the firemen's carnival saves our houses from burning and the game of chance on the church lot pays the preacher's salary or conference benevolences. Jesus came to take the kingdoms of the world but He would not accept them on the devil's terms in the wilderness. A worthy cause never sanctifies the means.

Little Sins: Minute sins never justify the sinner. A minute stake never justifies gamglinm. Gambling is gambling whether the stake is one cent or a million dollars. It is as much wrong to gamble our pocket money as it is to gamble the roof that covers our family. People are oftimes misled because they see only the stake. Let any gambler turn his eyes upon his own soul and he will find a loss of integrity which make men great men and which make nations great nations. Integrity is lost in gambling regardless of the sizes of the stake.

The Remedy: Gambling cannot continue without patrons and promoters. We can refuse to be either. If every church member in this fair land of ours would refuse to have anything to do with anything that had the appearance of gambling, this menace would soon lose its momentum. It is not likely that every church member will agree to do this, but each one that does do it will generate and maintain an integrity to be desired by all honest men and will make a contribution to this country to be commended by all honest countrymen. As a group, we can refuse to patronize the gambling interests. We can support institutions which are opposed to gambling. We can become acquainted with the dangers of gambling and oppose the game of chance in thought, in word, and in action. We can help substitute more enriching means of acquiring material wealth. We can vote against gambling and gamblers at the polls and we can oppose methods of gambling if we are ever elected to an official position. Will we do it?—M. P. Recorder.

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Runnion-Drake

At the Merrimon Avenue Methodist Parsonage, Robert Drake and Mary Runnion were united in marriage, August 10, 1939, 8 o'clock in the evening, the writer officiating.

The bridegroom is a member of our church and a splendid young man. The bride is a charming young lady, formerly of Newport, Tenn. These young people are deservedly popular, and we predict for them prosperity as they travel the path of life.

Many friends give to them their blessing and good wishes as they start life together.

N. G. BETHEA.

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First Hunter: "What would you do if you saw a bear?"

Second Hunter: "I'd climb a tree."

First Hunter: "But don't you know that bears can climb trees?"

Second: "Yes, I know that, but my tree would shake too hard."

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FALL PROMOTIONAL PLANS

Mission Study Books for Fall and Winter, 1939-1940

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Study groups for adults have not gone out of date. They have increased, as the reports of adult education centers and the American Association for Adult Education and the experience of most of us will attest. Quite apart from those interesting experiences that have educative value, but which in no remote sense can be compared to study groups, there has been an increase in the number of men and women enrolled in classes for the serious consideration of vital issues.

The major weakness in the church's fellowship program is that adults have passed judgment upon it without knowing its aims or achievements, and others have attempted to defend it with a vague and hazy mixture of fact and fancy. The intentions of these defenders have been good, but pious generalities are unconvincing. We need to know the life and hopes and contributions and needs of the American Indian or the East Indian, of the Negro in the United States or in Africa, of the dwellers in American cities or in crowded China; and we need to know what the situation is today. This suggests why nothing else in the curriculum of Christian education can take the place of courses which present the facts of missions. The Bible is essential, but not enough; Bible study in itself and by itself does not make us aware of the world's needs today. We cannot answer the world fellowship challenge unless we are aware of present-day needs that challenge us to action in the spirit of world fellowship.

Mission Study Opportunities

At least three oportunities for adult mission study groups are within the reach of every church:

1. An occasional course in the regularly organized men's, women's, of mixed classes in the church school.

2. A specially organized adult group to meet for six or eight sessions to study Christ and the World Community, or missionary motive, or world peace, or any similar subject.

3. A world friendship institute or church school of missions. The worth of this institution was proven long ago and in many localities it holds its place as a regular and fixed part of the church's program. While one finds many variations, it is usually a Sunday evening or week night event, organized for a period of about six weeks with three or four elements in the program: supper (optional), a brief devotional service; classes for those of different ages and interests, an assembly period, with a special feature such as an address, a missionary play, a stereopticon lecture, or an exhibit.

The heart of the school is the class period, when there may be a class for the junior high school age, a young people's group, and two or three adult classes with a choice of themes and division on the basis of interest, or with men and women separated or with the young adult group by itself and older men and women in a group or groups of their own. This class period is the opportunity for mission study.

Many churches have come to regard this as fixed in their year's progarm. "We would as readily give up our Sunday School as our school of world friendship," a church officer remarked.

Interdenominational Courses of Study for Schools of Missions

The most comprehensive effort in this field are those in which many denominations cooperate. Each year two themes are chosen, one dealing with Christian work abroad and the other with Christian work at home. Denominations have united under the title of The Missionary Education Movement to produce these books. The writer of this article is our Methodist Protestant representative on the Missionary Education Movement. We choose the themes which will be emphasized during the year, suggest writers, review manuscripts, and co-operate in every way possible to bring out each year books in outward attractiveness and rich in content. We, therefore, are glad to recommend to pastors and leaders the following books for this year. The theme is Christ and the World Community: At Home—Abroad.

Adult Books.

Homeland Harvest by Arthur H. Limouze. This book tells the story of the frontier churches, demonstates the results of home mission efforts, and interprets the place of American missions in the world-wide Christian movement. It emphasizes the new leadership arising in the major home mission fields, methods of evangelism today, and the cost of the enterprise. The concluding chapter states the dominant issues now calling for fresh pioneering by the Christian forces of Amreica. The author has had many years of experience as a national executive in home missions and is an authority on their history. Price 60 cents.

A Course for Adult Groups on Christian Missions in America by Mabel M. Sheibley. This is a booklet of teaching and discussion plans based especially on Homeland Harvest. Price 25 cents.

Spanning a Continent by John R. Scotford—This is a booklet of pictures and accompanying text presented in dramatic fashion the problems confronting the church in the United States today, and what home missions are doing toward their solution. Valuable supplementary material for study groups. Price 25 cents.

Through Tragedy to Triumph: The World Church in the World Crisis, by Basil Mathews. Here the world mission of Christianity is freshly described against the background of the International Missionary Council meeting at Madras, in which the author participated. Mr. Mathews gives a perspective of the universal church, of its problems and achievements, of the essentials of the faith by which it lives, of its plans and hopes for the future. Price 60 cents.

A Course for Adult groups on the theme Christ and the World Community," by T. H. P. Sailer. Based primarily on Through Tragedy to Triumph. Price 25 cents.

The Church Buildings for Tomorrow—Leslie B. Moss. Suppplementary study based on Madras Finidngs. Price 25 cents.

The World Mission of the Church—Findings and Recommendations of the International Missionary Council meeting in Madras, India, December 12 to 29, 1938. Price 50 cents.

Books for Young People and Seniors

Right Here at Home by Frank S. Mead—The real people reached by home missions are introduced in this book—young folks and older ones, persons from different race ancestries, from retarded areas, from across the sea—all those who have been given a chance through missionary agencies at home. Price 60 cents.

A Course for Young People and Seniors on Christian Missions in America by John Irwin. The suggestions for young people's groups are based primarily upon Homeland Harvest, those for seniors on Right Here and Home. Price 25 cents.

Comrades Round the World: Christian Youth in Action by S. Franklin Mack—Mr. Mack, a leader in the Christian youth movement, has attended the Madras meeting and traveled round the world within the past year. He introduces to senior high school readers their Christian comrades of many countries. Price 60 cents.

A Course for Young People and Seniors—by Sue Wedell. Based on above book. Price 25 cents.

One Great Fellowship by Herrick B. Young. This is a rich collection of photographs with acompanying descriptive text, shows vividly the impact of Christ on the world in the past, the present implications of that impact, and the goals for the future of world missions. Valuable for use in all grades. Price 25 cents.

Books for Intermediates

Tales from East and West compiled by Margaret B. Cobb and Ezra Young—This is a series of adventures in Christian service taken from life at home and in other lands. Price 50 cents.

Books for Juniors

Far Round the World by Grace W. McGavran—True missionary stories for juniors, picturing the missionary enterprise. Price 50 cents.

A Junior Teacher's Guide to Accompany "Far Round the World." Price 25 cents.

Under the North Star by Katharine E. Gladfelter—A story and course book for junior children and their leaders, containing stories of an Eskimo boy and girl, folk talks, informational material, and session plans for eleven meetings. Price 50 cents.

Books for Primary Groups

Welcome House by Jessie Eleanor Moore—Through this true story of a missionary family for whom a welcome house was prepared by friends for their furlough in America, the primary children may learn in simple terms of missionary work around the world. Price 50 cents.

How to Use Welcome House—Price 25 cents.

Windows Into Alaska by Gertrude Chandler Warner and Elizabeth Harris—This primary story and course book gives informational material, suggestions for activities,

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FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Cedar Cliff Church, Mt. Hermon Charge, Rev. J. R. Anderson, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday at 11 o'clock. He brought us a very interesting sermon from the book of Genesis, of how Abraham was going to offer his only son for a burnt offering to the Lord. He made it clear that we should be just as willing to offer our children to the Lord, because they are His own, and He has every right to them.

One visit to our church would convince anyone that we have had a great revival; there has been a great increase in attendance and we feel that the Lord has been visiting our church and in our homes, also stirring up some of our run-down Christians and making them want a part in God's work. We are very happy for this and hope that the good work may continue. And to everyone who doesn't attend church we extend a very cordial invitation to pay us a visit. We are trying our very best to get our whole community on fire for God. May we all work for this cause.

REPORTER.

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New Salem, Randleman Charge, Rev. C. L. Spencer, Pastor.—It has been sometime since the Herald readers have heard from us. There is no reason for this delay except the reporter has had a bad case of negligence. Everything is moving along nicely in our church.

Our Sunday School is holding up fine. It has been more largely attended this summer than usual.

Our pastor filled his regular appointment last Sunday night. August 6 he brought us an inspiring message.

On Saturday night. August 5, our church gave a lawn party and cleared $23.00, for which we will use to buy song books for the church.

Our Sunday School enjoyed a picnic at the Guilford Park last Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Fred Allred was elected as our delegate to the annual conference.

Congratulations to Mr. Ewart Pugh, who took for his bride Miss Lillian Hayes, August 5. We wish them all the happiness and success throughout their life.

We are looking forward to the third Sunday in September for our revival to begin.

We hope everyone will be much in prayer for the revival services.

MRS. R. F. WARD, Reporter.

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College Street, Littleton Charge, Rev. D. D. Broome, Pastor.—Well, folks, here we are again! Working hard as usal, with the good help of our pastor and his wife, we are never idle, always have something on our hands and minds that we want to do.

The third Sunday morning in July at 11 o'clock we observed our Children's Day program. Miss Annie Perkinson had charge of the program with her sister at the piano. At the close of the program our pastor gave us an interesting talk on Children's Day offering and what it benefits.

Then on Saturday following the third Sunday in July the Woman's Auxiliary sponsored a big Brunswick stew at the home of Mrs. Frank King. Thanks to all the public for patronizing us, and for their liberal donations. Also I must congratulate Mr. Leonard Walker for making such good stews. He is one of the best stew cooks.

The Auxiliary met last Tuesday at the church for the August meeting. After the program, during the business discussion, the selling of ice cream, on Saturday, to raise funds, and also the making and selling of aprons, were discussed and decided upon.

The intermediate class in Sunday School has had several contests of various kinds. One of the most outstanding was the doubling of the penny for the class treasurer. Edith Harris won the first prize and Ollie Harris and Edna Perkinson the second. A medal pin was awarded to each of the winners.

On the first Saturday in August, the third Quarterly Conference was held at 2 o'clock. It was stated by our pastor to be the best one we have had this year. Mrs. Sallie Williams was voted to go to conference this fall.

Our pastor has filled all of his appointments for us and he still has service on the first Sunday night as well as on the third Sunday morning.

We would like to have the prayers of all that are interested in us and our work.

ANNIE PERKINSON, Reporter.

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Pine Bluff Church, Rev. C. G. Isley, Pastor.—We are glod indeed that our church work is moving along and working nicely. Rev. Mr. Isley filled his appointment Sunday with a very expressive and interesting mesage on "Robbing God." He showed in his message how we rob God by not giving and doing good and also how we are too busy in life. I am sure I can speak in behalf of all who heard this message that we enjoyed it to the fullest extent.

We people here at Pine Bluff are indeed glad that the helper in our revival meeting which will start the fourth Sunday in August is Rev. C. L. Spencer, of Randleman Charge. With his help we are sure we will have a spendid revival.

CLIFFORD BARBEE.

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Friendship Church, Shiloh Charge, Rev. C. E. Ridge, Pastor.—Our special meeting closed Friday night. Rev. E. A. Bingham, who aided in the meeting, has endeared himself to our people. Regardless of the busy time and the rain we had good congregations. Those uniting with the church Sunday morning are: Mrs. Wade Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. John Irving York, Annie Laura and Harold Wood, Henry Clay and John Hartley, and Ted and Guy Shoaf.

Monday night the Woman's Auxiliary met with Mrs. Luther Phillips.

Misses Adele and Juanita Phillips visited Manteo last week and had a good time. We are glad that Mrs. Robert Shoaf and Mrs. Willie Shoaf are well enough to be out again. We missed them while they were ill.

Our people have recently purchased new carpet for the church and painted the cemetery fence.

Mr. J. E. Essick has been ill but we are glad he is now able to attend chucrh.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hartley and Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer Farabee took a trip to Asheville, Blowing Rock and nearby mountains. They had a delightful time.

We feel that our church is growing and doing good, yet we still have some among us who will not accept Christ as their Savior and yield their lives to His love and service. Pray for us.

IDA B. HOLT.

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Haw River Circuit.—We are glad to report a most successful series of meetings on this charge this year. A total of 15 accessions. The best attendance since I have been heer.

The round of Children's Day Sundays was completed with the service at Mizpah on the first Sunday in August. We had a group of young ladies, members of the Midway Sunday school, to present a pageant, "The Challenge of the Cross," at three of the churches. Splendid and impressively done. The young folks have our thanks. The combined offering was almost seven times larger than last year.

Our hearts were made sad at the home-going of one of Mizpah's most loyal and devoted members, Mrs. J. D. McCollum. In spite of the fact that she heard little the preacher said, she was seldom absent from her place at the services. We shall miss her from her accustomed place.

The Quarterly Conference confirmed the election of Brother Walter Maxwell, a member of Friendship Church, as delegate to the Annual Conference. The Conference also instructed the preached to purchase a new electric refrigerator for the parsonage. The folks who live in the parsonage are enjoying a real treat.

C. W. BATES, Pastor.

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Rankin Memorial Church, Rev. Edw. Suets, Pastor.—We are glad to have our pastor back after a ten-day vacation. We have been fortunate, however, to have two visiting preachers wiht us recently. They were Dr. L. B. Hayes, district superintendent of the Greensboro District, and Prof. P. S. Kennett, from High Point College. We thoroughly enjoyed the messages they brought us.

The Woman's Auxiliary met in regular session last Monday evening at the home of Mrs. J. A. Lee. The attendance was very good despite inclement weather, and much interest is being shown in this work.

Our revival will begin Sunday, August 27, and we are looking forward to a great meeting. Come and bring your friends and don't forget to pray for the services.

REPORTER.

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Glen Raven Charge, Joseph Coble, Pastor.—The Glen Raven Church and Fairview have just completed a two-weeks Bible school. The school at the Fairview Church was held from 9:30 to 11:30 for a period of ten days with the assistance of ten teachers and the enrollment of 84 pupils. The former M. E. Church, New Salem, held their school with Fairview with Rev. Mr. Parrish leading the singing.

Bible school at Glen Raven was held from 4:30 until 6:30 for ten days with eight teachers and an enrollment of 53. Both of these schools were assisted by Rev. Haywood Harrell, of Duke University. Mr. Harrell did a fine piece of work among the young people of both churches. Each evening he conducted a course in "The Life of Jesus" for the adults for one week at Glen Raven and the following week at Fairview.

The third quarterly conference was conducted by the pastor at the Fairview church, August 13. The votes for delegate to annual conference was counted and Mr. J. L. Stanley was elected. Work is about to begin on covering the parsonage, reported Glen Raven church. The Fairview church reported the beginning of painting the church and minor repairs on the building.

The revival meeting at Glen Raven will be held August 27 through September 8th. One meeting each day will be conducted by Rev. J. R. Anderson, of the Mt. Hermon Charge. The special meeting at Fairview will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Merritt, pastor of Graham M. E. church. We are holding a joint meeting with New Salem churches. Rev. L. L. Parrish will be our hymn leader for the services.

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Union Chapel Church, Mocksville Charge, Rev. K. G. Holt, Pastor.—Rev. Mr. Holt filled his regular appointment at Union Chapel the second Sunday night.

Our revival, which began the fifth Sunday in July, closed the following Friday night. The meeting seemed to be a success. Rev. J. T. Bowman, the helping minister, delivered some most interetsing sermons. Several confessions were made and nine new members were taken into the church. We extend to Rev. Mr. Bowman a cordial invitation to viist us again. We were glad to have him in our midst and we feel that our church has been lifted up by his help.

Our church has been wired and we are now ready to enjoy electric lights as soon as the power line is finished. We have also underpinned the front of our church and improved the ground around it.

Our choir leader, Edmund O'Neil, is recovering from an appendicitis operation. He is getting along nicely, we are glad to state.

RUTH BOYER, Reporter.

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Liberty Hill, Anderson Charge, Rev. T. M. Johnson, Pastor.—Well, another year has rolled around and our revival started yesterday with a splendid crowd attending both morning and evening services. Rev. Herbert Gorman, of N. C., is helping Mr. Johnson in the meeting. Rev. Mr. Gorman took his text Sunday morning from the 11th chapter of John, the 32nd verse. He brought a very touching and inspiring message, both morning and evening. Mr. Gorman helped last year in the meeting. We all think he is a fine man of God and pray for him as he presses on through life doing the work for the Master.

Miss Mable Nalley, of Fairview, is spending the week among friends here attending the meeting.

The quarterly conference will be held at Fairview August 26th.

A crowd met last week and cleaned the church ground and cemetery. Everything looked very pretty since it was worked and then after the nice rain Sunday.

The Intermediate Girls' Class with their teacher, Mrs. Nick Smith, enjoyed a delightful picnic at Greenville, S. C., last week.

The young people of our church have planned to have the Bible school, taught by our pastor, Dr. Johnson, on the New Testament. No definite date has been set yet.

Rev. Herbert Gorman and Dr. Johnson was dinner guests Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Davis.

The young people of Fairview church plan to be with us Tuesday. They came last year one day and we are always glad to have them.

Our Sunday school was back above normal Sunday. There were 131 present. We were so proud to see the children back with us Sunday. It just made our hearts rejoice to hear and see their bright and smiling faces, as it had been several Sundays now since the children have attended, as they were asked to stay at home on account of polio. We are so thankful that the ban is lifted and they can come back and worship with us. It just made our superintendent so happy to see the Sunady school back above the 100 mark. He has worked so faithful this year for our Sunday school and church, but of late the attendance has been low on account of polio. But our prayers are that it will continue now to stay above 100.

We were indeed glad to have the Pearson trio to sing for us Sunday morning. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pearson. Also the Fulton quartet sang for us Sunday night. We are always proud to have special singing. We welcome them back real soon. Pray for our meeting and that many souls may be saved.

MRS. JOHN McCLIMON, Reporter.

A GYMNASIUM FOR OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

We have waited long and patiently for the time to come when we could start a gymnasium for our boys and girls, and have tried several plans,, memorial and others to get one built but without avail.

For some months we have had the permission of our trustees to begin, but the way did not seem clear until now.

We ourselves were able to donate quite a bit of the rough lumber and other donations of brick, timber and materials helped us to make the start. Brother S. P. Montgomery, of First Church, High Point, has aided materially in developing the plans, enlarging somewhat on the blue prints sent out by the State Board of Education. And Mr. Montgomery will give what time he can in directing the erection of the building. Mr. W. P. Jester and his sons are building the brick foundation, donating a part of their work, and our boys are keeping brick and mortar at their hands.

Mr. E. J. White, a good carpenter, has been employed to direct in the building and our own boys will do all the carpenter work under his direction, except as friends may donate their labor.

People of High Point and surrounding communities are very kind, so we are hopeful of getting the building enclosed and the floor laid in good time for use this fall and winter. Our youngsters have made a fine record in athletics during the last few years with very poor opportunities for practice, so they are very happy in the prospect of this building and we are happy for them.

A number of our friends have said, "When you are ready to build we will be glad to contribute." We thank you and now that the foundation is actually being laid on this happy day, Monday, August 14, 1939, we shall be glad to receive your contributions, such contributions as will in nowise interfere with your regular contributions for the current expense fund.

With praises to our God and His wonderful leadings and with happiness in our souls because of the joy which has been brought to our Home by the progress of this project, I am, yours in His name,

A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

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1. Pastor of pastors.
2. General and Missionary Superintendents of the Church School.
3. Two youth representatives to be nominated by the youth organizations of the Church and elected by the Quarterly Conference.
4. At least two laymen, elected by the Quarterly Conference, and at least two laywomen, elected by the Local Church Woman's Society of Christian Service.

It shall be the duty of the pastor to convene the members of this Council who shall elect such officers and committees as may be determined." We would suggest the use of these persons named for a Committee on a Church School of Missions during the coming year. A constitution is now in the process of being worked out for this group but in the meantime, local churches may find it opportune to use this group named as the nucleus for the Church School of Missions.—Bettie S. Brittingham, Executive Secretary Board of Missions.

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A Delightful Visit

Mrs. Dixon and I had the privilege of spending last Saturday night in the splendid new home of Conway Bayliff and his charming wife. They have built in the edge of Burlington and our hearts were made glad when we found them so comfortably situated. Paul Guice and his wife "Edna Doby," "Christine Fogleman" and her husband, "Ruth Lamar" and her husband, Rachel Fogleman, and David and Thomas Weatherly were guests in the home for the evening. Others had planned to be present, but were prevented by revival services and other things. It was a delightful visit and it cheered our hearts to find these our former students and their husbands and wives getting along so well in life. We looked at the group and thought, How worth-while is the work of an institution like this, and how wonderful are the returns on the money invested annually in dependent children! God bless all those who contribute. It is a great work if rightly done, and we are only doing our poor best with the funds which come into our hands.

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May none presume to say,
"There is a better way";
Since, from days of old,
Like the purest gold,
Heroes we most admire
Were tried in flaming fire.
Amidst the storm and stress,
Of life's wild wilderness,
Souls ever loyal and true,
Came triumphantly through.

Until time shall cease,
No place of release;
Until one's last day,
No better way;
Than hearts kept aflame,
In the Christ's name.
Freed from beguiling charms,
Upheld by everlasting arms,
Led by paths saints have trod,
Sheltered by the eternal God.

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Jones

On July 6, 1939, the death angel took as its victim Mrs. Nancy Couch Jones, "Aune Nan," as she was often called. She was born November 3, 1857, and had lived 84 years, eight months and three days. She was the daughter of George and Cynthia Little Couch. She was married to the late E. S. Jones on December 20, 1871. He preceded her to the grave seven years ago.

Sister Jones professed faith in Chirst and joined Hickory Grove Methodist Protestant Church at the age of 12 and remained a faithful member until death. She loved her Bible and was devoted to her church. On account of the infirmities of age she was unable to attend the services for three years but she read her Bible daily and prayed that she might be submissive and be ready when the summons came.

She lived an ideal Christian life, was always cheerful, visited the sick and tried to help those that were in need and distress. She will be missed in the home, the church and community, but we feel our loss is her gain.

She leaves to mourn her loss two sons and two daughters, A. L. Jones, C. E. Jones; Mrs. J. B. Hassell, Miss Nora Jones; 13 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral was conducted at Hickory Grove church by her pastor, Rev. Joe B. Frazier, assisted by Revs. O. C. Loy and E. O. Peeler. Her body was laid to rest beneath a profusion of beautiful flowers beside her husband.

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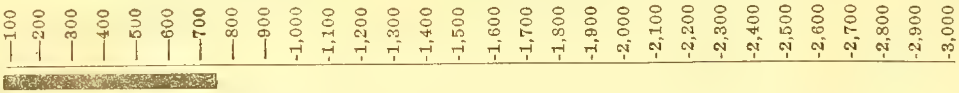

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Some Values of Worship

Every pious person has learned by experience that worship has certain indispensable values to life. For what is more soothing to our sorrows than worship? What better thing can man do to rekindle the dying embers of interest on the altars where his soul bows, than real, vital worship? How else can man fill the emptying wells of inspiration, if he neglects this means by which the showers of blessing shall visit his soul? Worship also exercises a most beneficial disciplinary influence upon life. It tends to develop a habitual reverence which makes it easier to know and to do the will of God.

Therefore, one is to be pitied who sees nothing more in Christian worship than a religious form; if to him the most important things in worship are postures, responses, the recital of creeds and the singing of hymns, then must his spirit grow weary and become lean as he engages in them. No litany, however well recited is justified as an end in itself. But if it become the stairway down which the angels of God descend to a weary, stranded life, lying unprotected beneath the stars, who can foretell the results of such an experience? A worship service should be evaluated by what it does to the lives of those who engage in it. If they come out of it unchanged, with the same prejudices, the same attitudes of distrust, of opposition and of unkind criticism; then the time spent in a worship service is worse than wasted.

But if the skilled fingers of the Tuner of man's spirit gets a chance at one's life; if the breath of the Almighty is allowed to breathe upon him, and the voice of God finds a listening heart to His word, then the whole life may be transformed, made new. "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain help in time of need."

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Herald Subsidy Again

Again, I am calling attention to the importance of each charge raising HERALD Subsidy in full this year. The HERALD has meant much to our conference. In fact, I doubt seriously whether the conference could have gone forward as it has without the HERALD. It has been as helpful this years as it has ever been and we never needed it more than we have this year. Now we want to see to it that it finishes the year in just as good financial condition as possible. So, Brother Pastor and Brother Layman, see to it that the subsidy is raised and sent in quickly. It will not hurt any church to raise the small amount asked for and it will help the HERALD greatly.

Quarterly Reports

Third quarterly reports have been coming in rapidly for the last week. Some of these shows up fairly well and some are rather poor. Insofar as I have seen no charge reports as being out completely on the annual conference budget. Several pastors reports that certain churches on circuits are out but not the entire charge. Some say that the charge will pay in full. This is very encouraging and I hope that many can pay out. But this should be said, the time is short. Brethren, do your best.

There seemed to be some confusion in that I sent the quarterly report blank to our superannuates and to those men serving in our institutions and on our boards. My sole reason for sending to them was that they might read the one paragraph on the report blank concerning the filling out and returning a card which was being enclosed. It was not expected that they would return the report blank to me although some of them did. I guess I should have been more specific in my instructions.

A Sunday Morning at Charlotte

Sunday morning, August 20, was spent with our church in Charlotte, Rev. T. E. Strickland, pastor. I found a fairly good sized congregation present and it was pleasant to be with them. This church has gone forward since its reorganization two years ago as well as could be expected. The pastor is hopeful of finishing the year in good condition. Brother Strickland is held in high esteem not only by our people but by others as well. At the time I was there he was to preach at the evening hour to a union service of quite a group of churches in the Memorial Stadium.

A Sunday Evening At Caroleen

Going on from Charlotte I found myself at Caroleen for the evening service. This was my first visit to this place. Here I found a good sized church building on a high hill. There was a splendid congregation present for the evening service. Brother Herbert Garmon, the pastor, was away assisting Dr. T. M. Johnson in a meeting but Rev. L. S. Helms who lives nearby presided over the evening service. This church was organized, I was told by Rev. J. H. Moton in 1902. In the first years of the church's history Rev. N. G. Bethea was pastor there and the people are still talking about his great work there. It certainly is refreshing to hear people tell of the great work our men have done in the days gone by as well as to hear them talk of present achievements. Brother Garmon is greatly loved by the people here and they are anxious to keep him.

Two Days At Lake Junaluska

Hurrying away from Caroleen on Monday morning I set sail for Lake Junaluska to sit in with Bishop Purcell's cabinet in the afternoon. The new discipline of the Methodist Church had arrived and the good bishop spent a good deal of time in explaining certain features of it. Many business matters concerning the new conference were discussed. Knowing that Bishop Straughn was coming on Tuesday I remained over to have a conference with him. He is so fatherly in his attitudes that it is always refreshing to be with him but especially so in these times of stress and strain concerning the work of the finishing up conference and the going into the new. I arrived at home Wednesday noon and spent the rest of the week in conferences and trustees meetings and in business matters in general.

At Harmony Grove In Dedicatory Services

Last Sunday morning was spent at Harmony Grove on the West Forsyth charge in dedicatory services. Rev. G. B. Ferree is the pastor of this church and by his assistance and the cooperation of the membership the church was rebuilt about three years ago and Sunday school rooms were added. They now have a fairly good plant, one that will much more nearly meet the needs of the community. And the fine thing about it is that it is paid for. The ritual of the Methodist Protestant Church was used in the dedicatory services. One interesting feature of the service was the assistance given by the son of the pastor, Rev. Sulon Ferree. Brother Ferree graduated from High Point College a few years ago and from the Westminster Theological Seminary last May. He is ready for an appointment in our conference this fall and some charge will be benefitted by his services. This summer he is assisting his father in the revival meetings on the charge. The revival was beginning at Harmony Grove last Sunday.

This is Rev. G. B. Ferree's fifth year on the West Forsyth charge. He and his family have rendered fine service to the people. Brother Ferree was a builder before he entered the pastorate and even yet he can work with his own hands along with the people in making improvements on church buildings.

Not Able To Visit All Charges

The time between now and the Annual Conference is now getting short and I find it impossible to visit all the charges on Sunday. But it will be possible for me to hold a good many quarterly conferences provided they are not all at the same time. I am giving this week by Sunday services and quarterly conference engagements so those wishing my services can see whether the time is already taken or not. I am not listing committee meetings and things of that kind.

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A Message In Verse

WE ARE GOD'S HANDS

By Lois Holland Palmer

We are God's hands, we are God's feet,
And ours the strength to do His will.
Our hands must serve, our hearts must seek
His planning daily to fulfill.

We are God's hands, we are God's feet,
And unto us is given grace
To spread abroad the love of God
To every soul of every race.

We are God's hands, we are God's feet,
Through us alone His work is done.
He blesses us, and bears us up,
And gives us strength the course to run.

We are God's hands, we are God's feet,
We dare not falter, then, nor fail,
But follow on where Jesus leads,
And answer mankind's pleading call.

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The Consecrated Service

The practice of consecrating one's life and possession to the Lord is very ancient. Even heathen peoples are known to have done this. The Hebrew worshipped Jehovah with tithes and offerings—gifts, they were of things which he gladly sacrificed to the Lord. But the devout Hebrew also gave himself; Isaiah in the temple offers himself to the Lord, Hannah brings her small son to set him apart to the service of God. And when Moses was ready to build the Tabernacle in the wilderness, he called upon all the people, saying, "Who is this day willing to consecrate his service unto the Lord?" Among those who responded to that appeal was Bezaleel, an artificer in gold and silver. Here the records show that it was Bezaleel who made the Cherubim, the Cherub, and the precious vessels used in the worship of Jehovah. It was Bezaleel who covered the tables with beaten gold. He was no preacher, not even an exhorter, but how valuable was his consecrated service to the Lord!

And God is still in need of those who are willing to consecrate their services to the Lord. The teacher with his talents for teaching laid upon the altar; the officers in the Church who are giving their time and their possessions for the extension of the Kingdom of God. This consecrated service; what would your local church do without such men and women in your membership? Workers who are always ready to respond with their skill, time and means when the call comes from the pastor, "Who is this day willing to consecrate his service to the Lord?" We thank God for the great host of faithful workers we know in the Church today. Our faith in them helps to keep our faith in the final triumph of righteousness unwavering.

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We greet our readers again. After a rest of one week the Herald comes back to its subscribers.

How Big Is Your World?

There is such a difference in the size of our worlds—yours and mine. Some claim the universe as their very own; all who live in it, all who have lived in it, and all those who shall yet be born; all belong to them. Citizens of the universe, lovers of mankind, debtors to all who have achieved and a channel of blessing to unborn generations.

Then there are others who belong only to their own race and time. The past to them is an unread book; they cast no horoscope for the future. The sorrows and sufferings of those outside their race or clan do not touch them. Nothing is good or glorious which has not come from their race or country. You must speak their language to enter the circle of their concern; your blood must be as their blood to belong to their world.

But there is a group with a still smaller world. Men with parochial minds, narrowed interests; whose attention is ever focussed upon their own life. They are the centers of their universe. But as the poet as well said:

He is dead whose hand is not open wide
To help the need of a human brother,
He doubles the length of his lifelong ride
Who gives his fortunate place to another.
And a thousand million lives are his
Who carries the world in his sympathies—
To deny
Is to die.

A casual reading of the daily press emphasizes the need of the world citizen. Those whose interests are Christian enough to cross the color line in service; whose concern for the human race is vital enough to make them disregard the lingoes and isms of the people as they go about as messengers of truth for world redemption. People who have not allowed their interests in the failures of others to outrun their introspective knowledge of their own weaknesses. The trouble with so many of us is, our world is entirely too small, our interest in the progress of the human race is too circumscribed. We need to read again John 3:16 and to put the emphasis upon SO in that sentence—God SO loved the world—not the Jews, not just the saintly ones, but the world. None is excluded from His love. It is still true today that "Whosoever will may come." Men of every language and tongue, of every time and clime are included in the invitation from heaven. Let us study to widen the horizon of life—to make our world coincide with the world which God so loved.

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Prayer must change the life of the bad man who prays before God will answer it by changing the life of another for whom that one prays.

Sunday School Lesson

By **O. L. EASTER**

ISAIAH: A LIFE DEDICATED TO GOD

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, September 3

By Rev. O. L. Easter

Lesson Text—Isaiah 6:1-13.

Golden Text—Here am I; send me.—Isaiah 6:8.

The great lives that have swept before the gaze of the world have been both its salvation and its chief glory. Man's history is simply a written story of the great personalities that produced the situations of historical significance or at least the personality that served to meet and master their situations. To fully understand history one must study the biographies of the lives that make up the human list of that particular age. Thus the story of Israel and the history of that great people is wrapped within the biographies of these lives that we have been studying. We are led to believe that God spoke to them and revealed Himself to Israel in miraculous ways that through Israel as a chosen vessel should come the very kingdom of God on earth. Hence we must look to the lives within Israel if we would even understand the workings of God.

Thus we turn this day to study the life of Isaiah to understand the history of Israel and to comprehend the power and majesty of his life. We naturally shall go back along the life of Isaiah to probe out the secret of his great spiritual power in Israel, and very naturally we pause at this extraordinary episode in the temple. If the men of Isaiah's day were asking him by what right did he speak to them thus he replied by saying, "In the years that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord," etc. If we are seeking a clue to his life Isaiah would not take us to where he was born as ordinarily we might do to see his environment, but he would lead us to where he was "born again" there in the temple. This chapter records the first mighty sweep of inspiration that came over his soul, and bound him to God as His witness and accredited messenger for the rest of his life. This is given by Isaiah himself as the secret cipher of his life and in its sequences are to be found some of the vital forces that lay back of the powerful life of Isaiah and the chosen race of Israel. Herein is seen the part played by God in His call to men and their course of responding to that call. These steps are in logical and telling order: God's purity and majesty, man's impurity, God's cleansing, God's call, man's subsequent response.

First he beheld God in the worship of that hour and wondrously beheld His greatness. For a choir he heard a chorus of angels singing "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Host." The presence of God shook the very foundation of the temple and for the voice of this vision He had the words of the Lord. Thus we see that even in the temple Isaiah saw and found far more than was ordinarily manifested there, but we must be impressed that it was while there that he saw God high and lifted up. We do not always see God and His glory when we are at church, but in no other place are we likely to see Him. In our hour of need and inadequacy we find our souls crying out for some such link with God and surely through the avenues of temple worship men should seek direction for those yearnings for the good we comprehend not.

> "In even savage bosoms
> There are longings, strivings, yearnings
> For the good they comprehend not;
> And their feeble hands and helpless,
> Groping blindly in the darkness,
> Touching God's right hand in the darkness
> And one lifted up and strengthened."

How natural then for Isaiah to express his feeling of impurity and imperfection before such a being. Isaiah would at first have joined in the seraph chant but he caught his breath and was struck dumb by the sense of uncleanness that seized him. He was as a deformed creature receiving for the first time a mirror to first behold his misshapenness. We like the devout Bernard when he studied this chapter exclaim, "Had the prophet need of a coal! Oh, then, grant for me a whole globe of fire, to purge away my filthiness, and make me a fit messenger to this people!" The more deeply we see the need of our world for strong and holy men and women to make it a world it should be, the more deeply do we feel our need of purification. We notice that with his cry of uncleanness God had purity ready to supply him Revelation of the notion and presence of God would simply be torture for us were it not for the fact of the "live coal" in the hands of the seraphims.

God cleanses them He calls to service. God's voice has ever since the fall of man sounded out this heartsearching cry, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?"

> "Oh, dull of heart! Enclosed doth lie
> In each 'Come, Lord,' a 'Here am I.' "
> —*Trench.*

No better background for the art of church worship can be found anywhere than in this incident of Isaiah's call. Therein are seen all the progressions of soul worship: first, awe and adoration; second, humility and confession; third, justification and commitment to service. When we remember Isaiah's vision in the temple every house of divine worship should be alive with the sense of God whether it be a temple or an arbor.

> "I like to go into a church
> When only God is there,
> And fall upon my knees to Him,
> And bow my head in prayer.
> And when I must go forth again
> Where men, indifferent plod,
> I am better for the time
> That I have spent with God."
> —*Alice Cowles Morris.*

AFRAID OF TRUTH?

Said Jesus once upon a time: ''Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.'' ''Know the truth?'' Down through the centuries the world's wisest minds have grappled with this question—to no avail. A comprehensive answer to the great mystery is largely withheld from our understanding.

Many of us, however, could know more of life's truths than we do. Why not ''begin at home'' and start today to face the facts about personal character? As we grow older, we become better acquainted with our weaknesses and our stupidities. No facts could come closer to us than those which we encounter daily in ourselves, yet most of us manage rather successfully to elude them. Why? Cobwebs in the brains of most of us prevent clear thinking. Not a few, however, fail to employ self-analysis because they are afraid—afraid that the foundation of their conceit may be shaken.

Without giving much thought to the matter, we all tend to place a rather high estimate on our own personalities. Our smug complacence, to be sure, often carries us through situations that might otherwise prove embarrassing. A family quarrel, an unpleasant affair at the mill or the office, a tempest in a teapot at the club is precipitated. Who is to blame? Not I, surely. But what of that sarcastic reply you received today from a business associate? That hurt look you saw on the face of your friends? Could your action have been senseless, your words unkind? No. We rationalize our faults and, like Scarlett O'Hara, say to ourselves, ''I'll think about it tomorrow.'' Afraid to face the truth! Here you are eagerly awaiting a promotion from your employer. Some one else gets the job. ''Well, of course, he had a pull,'' is your face-saving remark. The truth? Perhaps. Or did your employer analyze your effectiveness without the aid of your own rose colored glasses? Afraid of the truth!

No, no! Be honest! Let a little of the bright light of day play upon your character, lest you become the possessor of a static personality. Many a discontented, maladjusted individual would be a happier man or woman today had he in his youth faced with grim determination the truth about himself. An earnest effort at self-knowledge may bring many a surprise. Like a flash it may occur to us that certain contemptible little habits which from time to time we have noticed in our friends but never dreamed were also a part of our own make-up are daily dragging us down and shaping our characters after a pattern, alas, so different from what we had set for ourselves. Have you the moral stamina to look these hard, cold facts in the face and resolve to fight that which is unworthy? Or are you afraid?

Let us go still deeper into the subject. A working religion involves not only right saying and doing, but, most of all, vital believing. We need to get on an honest footing with God as well as with ourselves. Here, once again, we are afraid.

Do you know what you believe? Gradually, as the years come and go, we build up for ourselves a rambling, unsteady structure of pious religious aspirations and half-baked conceptions, without much thought of coordinating them or applying them in the field of daily experience. Just as our pioneer forefathers in building their homes followed the habit of adding here and there additional rooms to the original structures, so many individuals continue to accept new ideas without bothering very much to discard outworn ones, or to relate the new to the old. Some young men and women, however, during their college years or later in life, arrive at the realization that certain of their views and opinions do not tie up with the thinking of their earlier years. But for some reason they retreat hastily from the revelation that they are outgrowing their former religious concepts. Afraid!

Honesty, sincerity, love of truth—are not these the ethical foundations of all religions? Have the courage to confront and sort out your thought tangles, retaining those ideas and ideals which you are ready to accept and discarding the unworkable and outworn ones. You do not have to compromise with your own common sense to be a Christian. Nor are Jesus' teachings obscure or deceptive. If you are honestly seeking the truth, God will guide you. He will lead you through all your tragic doubts and perplexities to a new appreciation of His wisdom and a new understanding of His power and love. Do your new insights play havoc with hoary traditions, time-honored doctrines? Fear not, for ''the foundation of God standeth sure.'' The only dislocation is in mankind's faulty reasoning and stubborn disobedience to the light. ''Seek and ye shall find.'' Trust your own mind and heart, and God will lead you to a fuller, richer faith.

Dr. Albert Schweitzer, world-famous musician, philosopher and physician, as a young man was moved to delve deeply into New Testament research. These studies were ''accompanied,'' he says, ''by the painful consciousness that this new knowledge in the realm of history would mean unrest and difficulty for Christian piety, I comforted myself, however,'' he continues, ''with the words of St. Paul's, which had been familiar to me from childhood: 'We can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth.' . . . Even if it comes in a guise which piety finds strange . . . the final result can never mean injury; it can only mean greater depth.''

Why not begin today to climb step by step to a more honest judgment as to what you are and what you believe? With God's guidance you can do it.—*Zion's Herald.*

PASTORS, PLEASE GIVE ATTENTION

It is exceedingly important that I get the names of the delegates to the Annual Conference at the earliest possible moment. If you have held your third quarterly conference, please let me know who is elected to represent your charge. Remember, Conference comes two weeks earlier than usual—which pushes my work up by that much. Your help will be appreciated.

C. W. Bates, *Secretary.*

Turn to the letter of President Pritchard, read his appeal for the Herald and act upon his suggestion.

West End begins its fall revival services next Sunday. Rev. A. D. Shelton is expected to assist the pastor and his people in this revival of religion.

GETTING PEOPLE TO ATTEND CHURCH

By Franklin P. Frye

The improvement of church attendance is one of the basic problems of the Christian church today. It is a pressing as well as a basic problem. Recognizing this, the General Council of the Congregational and Christian Churches in 1929 appointed a Commission on Church Attendance. Largely as a result of their work, a book, "How To Increase Church Attendance," was published in 1936. Although not an official document of the commission, it was edited by a commission member, Roger Babson, and many of its contributors are members of the commission, while most of its material resulted from the commission's studies. To this book, my article owes much.

Statistics seem to show that church attendance has had times of great increase followed with rhythmic regularity by a period of decline. The lowest ebb in recent centuries was about 1600. Additions to the church by confession of faith reached their height about 1921, when 1,700,000 new members were added. (These figures were, I think, for Protestant churches of the United States.) Since then, says the commission's statistician, "both church attendance and additions by confession have gradually declined." The additions by confession in 1935 were 990,000. Figures kept by 1,000 churches show an increase from 1930 to 1932, followed by a decline of about 5 per cent from 1932 to 1936. Some observers have claimed an increase in most sections of the country since 1936, but that seems largely conjecture. Some signs seem to indicate that church attendance, as well as contributions, rises or falls with economic conditions. Which is the cause and which the effect is a matter of opinion.

If the church of Christ is to cope with its own problems, if it is to provide vision and power in this hour of need, it is imperative that its people be brought back to a new love for the worship of God. I am not saying that all our problems would be solved if our churches were filled. Rather, the first step to a filled church is an emptied church. Some churches will have to be emptied of self-sufficiency and pride, some of class and race prejudice, some of formality, and some of vulgarity. Our emphasis must be on *improving* rather than merely *increasing* church attendance. The second step to a church *is* a filled church: filled with faith in Christ and His way of living; filled with courage and hope that God will bring a better day through us; filled with a sense of the uniqueness of the church among human institutions; filled with concern about the millions of non-churched pagans; filled with enthusiasm for a revival of loyalty in church attendance.

All this is to say that we must begin with the faithful group of twenty-five to thirty-five per cent of a church's membership which is present nearly every Sunday. Even these can, with a little care, improve their own record.

The next class to be reached is those who attend church frequently, as once or twice a month, but not regularly. Cannot we by sermons, literature, and personal conversations make these good folks realize the uniqueness of the church as the only institution directly fostering religion? Cannot we convince them that spasmodic attendance is less helpful to them, less influential on others?

A third class comprises those who attend church regularly—every Easter—and those who never attend. The distinction is that the "once a year" people show at least some vestige of regard for the Christian faith, while those who never attend usually reject either the Christian religion itself or the church as an institution. Pastors and Christian laymen who seek to make contact in a natural friendliness with those who seem most indifferent, even hostile, sometimes find a surprising response to *genuine* religion.

Many and varied are the suggestions made for increasing church attendance by methods. These include campaigns and contests; sermons and literature; reviving the family pew; a unified service which would have all or most of the church family in the church at the same hour and would allow individual families to come and leave the church together; shorter and more numerous services; nurseries to care for young children while parents attend church; junior choirs; Go-to-Church bands; allowing people to attend the worship service without staying for the sermon, or to come for the sermon only; week-day religious education on public school time; more challenging preaching; more comfortable preaching (or comforting); "preaching to life situations"; sermon themes chosen by the congregation (if you can arouse them to do so); giving more people worth-while tasks; making our sanctuaries more worshipful and our church buildings generally as attractive as public school buildings; emphasis on the service as a whole rather than the sermon; adequate church publicity; a local church news sheet.

I agree with those who feel the time has come with an absolute and unequivocal promise to attend church every Sunday, unless Christianly impossible, must be exacted of every candidate for church membership. Having company come, staying up too late the night before, not liking the sermon topic, and not feeling "in the mood" would not be Christian excuses. Young people going out to work must think enough of church attendance to ask for time for it.

Rev. John L. Keedy of Pilgrim Congregational Church of Toledo, Ohio, makes some interesting comments on the strategy he believes in employing, including the following:

> (1) Building up a large congregation of worshipers who shall be in the worship service Sunday after Sunday is a major task of the church.
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> (2) Loyalty to church is a chief Christian virtue, and regular attendance at church services is a major Sunday duty.
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> (3) There is a dominant spiritual life-germ in every child; unfailingly, a gradual spiritual growth results from years of regular participation in worship of growing boys and girls.
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> (4) The unit of approach to the church is not the individual but the family.
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> (5) Where the church has the loyal cooperation of the home, it seldom fails with the children. Parents should cooperate by attending, working in, and praising the church.

(6) Sunday school and Scouts are not an adequate church experience for youth, nor is Bible class or men's club or women's union for adults. Membership in such organizations may supplement church attendance, but cannot be a substitute for it.

(7) A large part of the children of the church school can be brought into the regular congregation. A truly worshipful service, of which they are taught the meaning, will bring them soul uplift, even though they do not understand everything that goes on.

(8) Winning people by clubs or social programs is impermanent. They must be told boldly that there is no substitute for regular church attendance.

—*Zion's Herald.*

FAILURE OF THE VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) SYSTEM

By BISHOP JAMES CANNON, JR.

(The ABC system of Virginia was established by the General Assembly of Virginia, when it repealed the Statewide Prohibition Law, which law prohibited the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, including beer, wine and spirituous liquors. The law established a State Commission of three which issues, at its discretion, licenses to sell beer and wine, and is authorized to set up stores for the sale of ardent spirits—whiskey, brandy, gin, etc.,—in packages only, not to be drunk on the premises. The North Carolina law was avowedly patterned after the Virginia ABC law, it being openly declared that the Virginia system is the best method which has yet been devised for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

As I think it probable that Virginia and North Carolina will lead the way in the return to State Prohibition, I have thought the following statement might be of interest to the readers of our Church papers.)

I have been away from Richmond most of the time for the past few weeks, but have recently seen an editorial in the *Times-Dispatch* calling attention to the fact that in the last twelve local option elections in Virginia the drys have won eight of the elections. This is in line with what has been going on in the nation at large for the past four years. In that time there have been something over 8,000 local option elections, of which the drys have won over 6,000.

It has been my privilege to speak on "The Church and the Liquor Traffic" in Florida, Louisiana, Ohio, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Missouri, North Carolina, in addition to about thirty or more times in Virginia, within the past twelve months. I was glad to be an active participant in the fight to defeat the effort to establish a dispensary system in Dorchester County, Maryland, where we won by a safe majority, and within the past month to speak and to write in connection with the efforts to establish the ABC system in Asheville and Buncombe County, North Carolina. In this election the drys won by a smashing majority of 5,816.

As one of the General Superintendents of the United Methodist Church, the entire United States is within the sphere of my operations, but my work in connection with the Asheville election was not only as a bishop of the Methodist Church opposing, by authority of the General Conference, the liquor traffic as one of the "works of the devil," which our Lord the Master came into the world to destroy, but as a witness concerning the results which have followed repeal of the State Prohibition law of Virginia, and the institution of the ABC system.

In the Asheville (N. C.) election I was faced with an open letter from Mr. John Stewart Bryan, President of William & Mary, and publisher of the Richmond (Virginia) *News Leader,* which letter was printed by the "wets" with heavy headlines as expert testimony concerning the results of the ABC system in Virginia. The wet leader declared that "President Bryan is not only a leading educator, but a newspaper writer and author of renown," and that, therefore, his opinion "is of unusual interest to our people in Buncombe County."

I quote from Mr. Bryan's letter: "My experience has been that the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board in Virginia has performed a social service of immense value. Those who see the figures feel that while much money is being spent for alcohol—no doubt entirely too much—yet in former times no one knew how much the bootleggers got; now at least the use of alcohol is being followed and checked, and the public knows what is going on. Furthermore, and more important, not only has the bootlegger been eliminated, but the idea that every one had to drink has been profoundly altered."

This is a most amazing statement. What are the outstanding facts? The ABC Board it was declared would promote temperance. If that means that it was to reduce the amount of intoxicating liquors legally sold by the state it has done nothing of the kind. The sales in the first year, 1934-35, amounted to $12,230,000 (round numbers); in 1935-36, $12,936,000; 1936-37, $16,162,000; 1937-38, $16,944,000 1938-39, $16,948,000—a growth in sales in the five year of $4,718,000, or more than 33 1/3 per cent.

The revocation of permits on account of drunken driving, beginning with 1933, were: 1933, 516; 1934, 1,042; 1935, 1,841; 1936, 2,529; 1937, 3,127; 1938, 3,115, showing that the revocation of permits was six times greater in 1938 than in 1933.

The number of ABC stores has steadily increased until there are now 87, located by the ABC Board in accordance with its own views, in many cases contrary to the wishes of the people.

The jail commitments in Virginia have increased to a most alarming extent, reaching approximately 87,000 the past year. In Richmond, our capital city, the arrests for drunkenness, have increased from 3,080 in 1932 to 5,914 in 1938. The ABC Board has opened not only the 87 stores for hard liquors, but has licensed approximately 5,600 beer and wine shops, which sell intoxicating beer, and wine (which can be fortified to over 20% in alcoholic content). These beer and wine shops are in operation in almost every community in the state, to the great damage of the young people of Virginia. It is distressing that most of the sales of beer and

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OUR STORY PAGE

THE LITTLE BLACK BOX

"Now hold still, everybody!" commanded a rosy-cheeked boy as he balanced himself upon a slippery rock. He centered his camera to be sure to get the three smiling children and the big Eskimo dog into the picture. The camera's shutter clicked and sent them all laughing and scampering about again in the soft reindeer moss.

"Well, Jerry, that finishes our roll of film, doesn't it? You really should have been in the picture too!" declared Sue, Jerry's sister. The two Eskimo children, Toolik and Neya, smiled at their little white friends joyously.

"Thank you for bringing little black box along today," said the Eskimo boy. "Soon we see pictures of great ice mountain."

His sister, Neya, nodded her head enthusiastically. "Not many people see ice mountain break off into iceberg. But warm weather just right this spring. Ice mountain melt for months and months. Slide out over the water. Today big piece break off and iceberg float out to sea!"

Jerry smiled at the way Neya explained things. But he knew she was right, and he was especially proud to have a snap-shot of the great chunk of ice just as it dropped into the ocean with an enormous splash.

"Don't forget to turn the film!" warned Sue. All four heads bent over the camera to watch the film slip past the little red window in the camera while Jerry wound it up. They made a pretty picture themselves—Sue and Jerry with their red berets, their mackinaw suits and galoshes; Toolik and Neya in embroidered suits of soft reindeer skin, their fur hoods or parkas pushed back off their shiny black hair.

Jerry and his sister had expected to be very lonely when their father's work as a mining engineer had brought him and his family to Labrador. But Neya and Toolik were the jolliest playmates ever. They had already learned to speak English at the mission school. Now Sue and Jerry were learning how friendly and helpful their dark-skinned little neighbors could be.

"We'll bring you each a print of these pictures as soon as they're developed," promised Jerry. The two Eskimo children beamed with joy. The little black box was both a mystery and a delight to them.

"Down, Husky!" shouted Toolik to his sturdy Eskimo dog. Husky continued to jump about the four children, barking playfully, not heeding Toolik's English words.

"He must know it's time for all of us to start home," laughed Sue. "Why, only last week he followed Jerry and me almost all the way home."

Toolik chuckled. "No worry, Sue. Husky always come home all right. Husky never get lost yet!"

The children said goodbye and started home. Toolik and his sister lived farther up the coast. Sue and Jerry soon lost sight of them around a bend in the shore. Then they scampered off over the rough blocks of ice which the sea had tossed up on the beach after the spring thaw. Now and then they stopped to pick some of the wild flowers which grew in rocky crannies, often partly filled with the past winter's snow.

An outburst of noisy barking suddenly made the children turn around. There came Husky, jumping over the rocks and ice as friskily as a mountain goat. When he caught up to his young friends, he jumped against each of them so boisterously he almost tumbled them over.

"Go back home!" Jerry commanded sharply. But Husky seemed to take the strange words as Jerry's way of welcoming him.

Sue chuckled when he brother vainly kept repeating the command. "It's no use, Jerry. Husky hasn't learned much English yet. We'll have to show him what we mean."

Jerry grabbed Husky's stout leather collar and ran with him in the direction of the Eskimo settlement. Husky joined merrily in this new game. But the moment Jerry let go and started in the opposite direction, the dog promptly wheeled about and followed him.

"I don't like to let Husky get into the habit of following us home," the boy said thoughtfully. "But we can't waste any time. It's getting late. You know how foggy it gets in the evening along the coast."

Sue nodded. "I know what! Let's pretend we're going into the water. He won't follow because he knows how cold it is."

Out across the blocks of ice to the water's edge ran Sue and Jerry. Husky looked perplexed. For a moment the children thought he would go home. Then out he bounded after them.

The heavy dog landed with a resounding thud on the slippery ice at Jerry's feet. A rumbling sound, followed by a sharp report as if someone were cracking a whip, startled the children. Suddenly the ice under their feet tilted dangerously. A splash followed. When Sue and Jerry look around, they discovered that the section of ice upon which they were standing had broken loose under their weight. Now a gap of icy water separated them from the mainland.

At first Sue did not realize the seriousness of their predicament. But Jerry was quick to see that their ice-floe had been caught by a current. A chilly wind, which they had not noticed when the played close in under the high banks, helped sweep them northward in the direction of the Eskimo settlement. Neither child spoke. Even Husky seemed to sense the danger, for he sat quite still now, his eyes round and solemn.

"Oh, what shall we do?" Sue groaned at last. Jerry didn't answer. He was thinking fast. Through the rising fog he could just make out the little cluster of sod houses where Toolik and Neya and their people lived.

"Help! Help! We're floating out to sea!" yelled Jerry as loudly as he could. But he knew shouting would do no good. The wind only carried the sound of his voice out to sea. He knew the Eskimos would hardly see him through the fog even if his voice did attract someone's attention.

Sue began to cry. "Oh, if only Husky could help us!" she sobbed. "He got us into this awful fix in the first place!"

Jerry looked around at the strong, intelligent dog a moment. Then he pulled off his red cap. "Give me yours too," he told his sister. With his handkerchief he tied both caps firmly to Husky's collar. Then he urged the big dog to the very edge of the ice.

"Go home!" shouted Jerry, motioning toward the settlement which was already disappearing in the fog. Husky did not move. His big eyes looked up at the boy as if to say, "I'm very sorry, but I don't understand your language."

Suddenly Sue remembered the word Toolik's father had called to his team of dogs when they pulled the sledge over the snow. "Mush!" she shouted. Husky pricked up his ears.

"Mush!" both children cried. At the same instant Jerry gave the dog a push. Into the water he plunged, then swam powerfully toward the shore as if he really understood.

The fog grew denser. Sue and Jerry trembled both from fear and the cold. After what seemed like hours and hours of waiting, they heard voices somewhere in the direction of the shore.

"We're here! Out on this ice floe!" cried Sue. But the others must not have heard. If they had, they could hardly have found the children in the fog. Their voices seemed to grow fainter again in the distance.

"If we only had a light!" exclaimed Jerry. "They'll never find us without a light!" He fumbled in his pocket and brought out a small waterproof box.

"Dad told me always to carry these matches," he explained to his sister. "But a match can't be seen very far through this fog."

"If only our camera would burn," sighed Sut, picking up the little black box.

Jerry shook his head. "It's metal," he said. Then he jumped to his feet. "But camera film burns like anything! I put some in the stove once at home."

Jerry's fingers were trembling so he could hardly pull open the back of the camera. Sue grabbed his arm.

"The iceberg pictures!" she exclaimed. "We may never get any more like those we took this afternoon!"

Jerry hesitated. He was extra proud of those pictures. Then the men's voices sounded again in the distance. He knew Toolik's father and the other men must be out there, paddling their kaiaks about in the fog. They were risking their lives in their little seal-skin boats among those crashing chunks of floating ice. It would be foolish not to burn the signal at once so they all might return to safety.

Bravely, therefore, Jerry unrolled the long streamer of film and paper. He touched a match to the loose end and held the spool high over his head as long as he dared. The film flared up in a brilliant streak of light. When it fell to the ice, the wooden spool continued to burn for some time afterward.

Now the children heard shouts from the distance. The flare had sent its signal through the fog. In another moment a little fleet of tiny bobbing kaiaks appeared as if by magic.

"Are you safe, Sue and Jerry?" cried a familiar voice. An anxious-faced boy ran across the ice to them. It was Toolik. Husky had come straight to him, still dripping from the icy swim. The dog had kept barking until his master saw the red caps and called the men to their kaiaks.

The children's father was waiting anxiously for them when they climbed ashore after their exciting rescue. So was Husky, his thick fur still wet and rough with sea water. He seemed to know his white-skinned friends had had a narrow escape, for he jumped up to greet each of them in turn.

Jerry explained to his father and the little crowd of Eskimos how Husky had saved him and his sister from danger. Then Sue told how brave Jerry had been in burning the precious camera film to make a signal light for Toolik and the others.

"The little black box!" Neya exclaimed triumphantly. "See, it saved you from the icebergs!"

"You're right, Neya," grinned Jerry. "But I won't be satisfied until we get another snap-shot of the formation of one of those icebergs!" And before the summer was over, he and his playmates got the picture they wanted in the little black box.—*Seth Harmon, in The Sentinel.*

The President's Letter

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Appointments

Sunday, September 10, 11 a. m. Brown Summit; 2:00 p. m. Flat Rock on Flat Rock Charge.

Sunday, September 17, 11 a. m. Asheboro; 2 p. m. Giles Chapel on Richland.

Saturday, September 23, Cleveland charge quarterly conference at Mt. Pleasant morning and afternoon.

Sunday, September 24, Oak Grove on Cleveland charge at 11 a. m. in dedicatory service.

Sunday, September 24 in afternoon, quarterly conference Fallston Charge.

Sunday, October 1, Lincolnton, preaching at 11 and quarterly conference in afternoon.

Saturday, October 7, Friendship on Shiloh Charge, preaching at 11 and quarterly conference in afternoon.

Sunday, October 8, Alamance, Center at 11; Sapling Ridge at 2:30 p. m.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

Failure of the Virginia ABC System

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wine are made by young women, when formerly no women were seen in beer or liquor saloons.

The statement by Mr. Bryan, that the "bootlegger has been eliminated," is absurd, and is not supported by the news columns of his own paper, which within the past year published a headline, "Eighty Stills Seized In October Compared With Forty-Nine In October Last Year, 72,000 Gallons of Mash As Compared With 28,500, 3,000 Gallons of Whiskey As Compared With 1,166 Gallons." As a matter of fact no one knows how much liquor is sold by moonshiners and bootleggers. No one knows how much bootleggers sold in former times, and no one knows now, Mr. Bryan to the contrary notwithstanding.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Mrs. Ida M. Reibold, Baltimore, Md., for shoes	$4.00
Shoals S. S., Pinnacle-Mt. Zion	4.28
Hickory Ridge, Forsyth	5.50
Shady Grove S. S., Connelly Springs	1.00
Friendship S. S., Shiloh	4.00
Pine Hill, Davidson	1.75
Haw River S. S., Glen Raven	3.55
Giles Chapel S. S., Richland	3.50
Rock Creek, Alamance	2.25
Bethany S. S., Randleman	3.45
Siler City S. S.	5.00
Pleasant Union S. S., Mt. Pleasant	2.00
Concord S. S., Saxapahaw	3.40
Liberty S. S.	5.00
Mrs. C. W. Mengel, Greensboro	.75
Young Ladies' Class, Gibsonville, feeding child three months	15.00
Salem S. S., Saxapahaw	13.45
Flag Springs S. S., Why Not	2.00
Fountain Place S. S., Burlington	6.00
Welch Memorial S. S., High Point	8.20
Center S. S., Alamance	9.58
Men's Bible Class, First Church, Thomasville	8.71
Canaan S. S., Denton	1.00
Brower's Chapel S. S., Richland	7.58
Mill Grove S. S.	2.50
Chase City S. S.	4.32
Love Joy S. S., Seagrove-Love Joy, July and August	4.00
Bethesda S. S., North Davidson	6.12
Mrs. Mabel W. Russell, sale of histories, for kitchen ware	3.25
Community Church, Thomasville, Baraca Class and S. S.	12.43
Dulins S. S., Mocksville	1.20
Baltimore S. S., W. Forsyth	3.00
Union Ridge S. S., Forsyth	5.00
Chapel Hill S. S., Davidson	1.00
Orange Chapel, Saxapahaw	5.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Progue, Okla., for shoes	5.00
Shiloh S. S., Randolph	4.50
Liberty Grove S. S., Mt. Pleasant, May to August	2.00
Concord S. S.	20.00
Love's Grove Auxiliary, Friendship-Love's Grove	5.00
Central S. S., Charlotte	10.62
Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie McPherson, personal, Bethel, Alamance	10.00
New Hope S. S., Why Not	4.27
Macedonia S. S., Seagrove-Love Joy	1.00
Maple Springs S. S., Forsyth	5.00
Rockingham S. S.	2.00
Yarborough's Chapel S. S.	1.36
Mitchell's Grove S. S., Guilford	8.02
Men's Bible Class, First Church, Thomasville	8.71
Friendship S. S., Haw River	5.00
Calvary S. S., Greensboro	9.50
Bethel S. S., Alamance	9.40
Mizpah S. S., Haw River, June to August	3.27
Hickory Grove S. S., Guilford	7.25

The above report covers two weeks since there was no Herald last week. We are thankful to all of you who have thus contributed to the support of the Home.

Things are going well here, and we are shaping up plans rapidly for school, school supplies and extra clothing, so your earnest cooperation and help is needed.

August will be going and September approaching when the Herald reaches you this week, so there will be only two more regular monthly offerings from the Sunday schools and churches for the Home before Conference, since Conference is to meet on October 18 this time. So please give us the very best lift you can during these two intervening months. We thank you and may God bless every one of you. A. G. DIXON, Supt.

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TRIP TO NEW YORK INCLUDED FIRST TRAIN RIDE FOR JOHN STANBACK LEWIS

A real American boy's first ride on a train to New York is an event in the life of John Stanback Lewis, who returned Thursday night from the metropolis.

Young Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Lewis, Sunset avenue, and grandson of the late J. S. Lewis for whom he is named, went to New York with his father to join Lacy Lewis, Jr., who was already there seeing the innumerable sights.

When asked what he thought was the most interesting feature of the exposition, John immediately replied: "The G. E. exhibit, but Billy Rose's show is the 'smash-hit' at the fair." John and his party waited in line for three hours to see the motors display.

John agrees there is much to see at the fair—as well as in the city. The outstanding displays at the World's Fair, he says, were the Acquacade, the British and French pavilions, Dupont glass building, house of jewels, the state buildings, Frank Buck and his animals, Firestone Tire demonstration, Ripley's Believe-It-Or-Not, the North Carolina display, Mrs. C. A. Hayworth's state seal, exhibits of the homes of tomorrow, U. S. Rubber company, Ford Motor and Olson Rug companies, Life-Saver parachute, and National Cash Register.

John Stanback rode on all kinds of push cars, electric cars, elevators and busses. The 500-foot ride in the air was also a thrilling experience for the young man. He also visited the Heinz display and tasted all 57 varieties.

In the city the interesting places visited were to the top of the Empire State, the R. C. A. building, and Rockefeller Center.

John saw the largest ship in the world. He enjoyed the play, "The American Way," starring Fredric March, and "Abe Lincoln in Illinois," featuring Richard Gaines.

The subways were an attraction and John said, "Gee, but this takes you to ride."

John Stanback is quite interested in music and plays the saxophone in the Asheboro high school band. Of special interest to him was seeing Jimmy Dorsey direct his band, and going to the Hall of Music.

Young Lewis said the fair was good for "aching feet," and he walked himself down. While resting from the strenuous expedition, he has an audience to relate his experiences to, this being composed of his Asheboro pals, Billy and Tucker Page, Tyler Lisk and Sam Black, who listen with wide-eyed interest how their friend stayed up until 3:00 a. m. They also marvel at how John dried his hands by hot air in New York, ate breakfast at 10 o'clock, dinner at 5 o'clock and supper at midnight. — Cleta Rich, in Asheboro Courier.

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SEPTEMBER MONTH FOR THANK OFFERING OBSERVANCE IN NORTH CAROLINA

Thank offering materials are now out for the fall program, and each auxiliary and each church is urgently urged to hold a service. New boxes in harmony with the theme for the new year, "Thy Kingdom Come," have been gotten out, and envelopes are also available.

A new pageant, "The Changeless Call Through the Changing Years," portraying the history of the work of the women in the Methodist Protestant Church will be of especial interest. It was given at the Women's Convention at Westminster and was especially interesting. Every former Methodist Protestant should have the knowledge of what the women have done along the line of missions, both home and abroad.

"By Faith" is a service which may be used, as a worship service for congregational use in connection with the historical pageant. Program B, "These Things Shall Be," is a one act play, with accentuation on Christian Education (see August-September, 1938, Missionary Record, pafe 16). Program C. "And Who Then Is Willing To Consecrate His Service This Day Unto the Lord." See August-September Missionary Record, 1938.

In the same issue is Program D. Theme of program being "Giving For Gratitude." Order program material at once from Miss Bettie Brittingham, 516 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md.

Order Thank offering boxes from me at once. Mrs. W. C. Hammer, Asheboro, N. C.

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THE THIRTEENTH NO JINX TO MR. AND MRS. J. F. WOODY

August 13 was the day when all the children and their in-laws came home. The occasion was to honor Mesdames J. C. Braxton and O. W. Glenn, whose birthdays are not very far apart. Beside several friends of the family the following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Braxton, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Payne, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Fain, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woody. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Woody are members of Concord Church, Saxapahaw Charge. Mrs. J. C. Braxton, Mr. and Mrs. Fain and Mrs. R. P. Johnson are members of West Church, Greensboro.

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I saw him stop and buy
A trembling mockingbird
Held captive in a cage.
Without a single word
He opened wide the door,
Then stood with shining eyes
And watched it wing once more
To freedom through the skies.
—Sarah Mizelle Morgan.

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The greater the obstacle, the more glory in overcoming it.—Moliere.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Central Church, Asheboro.—All plans are being completed for the coming revival at Central church, September 20-October 1. Dr. E. K. McLarty, pastor of Central Methodist church, Concord, will be the visiting minister, and the local congregation is fortunate to secure Dr. McLarty for this meeting. He is an experienced evangelist, having had charge of this work for a period of time in the Western North Carolina conference.

Tom Houts, director of Christian Education at the Asheboro church, will supervise the music during the series of meetings. The evening services have been announced for 7:30 with Mr. Houts meeting the young people at 7 o'clock. Dr. Taylor and the church membership are most desirous for a successful revival.

The music for the church school the past Sunday was by the recently organized orchestra under the direction of Tom Houts. Miss Louise Swaim was at the piano and the members are: Mr. Houts, trumpet; Jack Pugh, baritone; Willis Hooper, trombone; Harris Lamb, trumpet; Cicero Holder, saxaphone; James Hendricks, violin and Glenn Pugh, clarinet.

Miss Edna Mae Winningham was principal speaker Sunday evening at a combined meeting of the league group at the Asheboro First Methodist church. Miss Lucy Lowdermilk is leader of the Central church group and the topic was "Worship Understood."

A concert of sacred music will be presented at the church Sunday evening, September 10, by the young people's choir of which Mr. Houts is director.

Tom Houts was guest speaker at a meeting of the Women's Auxiliary at the church Monday afternoon and gave an interesting history of several church hymns. Miss Lollie Jones, Auxiliary president, was in charge of the business session during which time plans were made to send a supply of clothing to the Alvin Drew school at Pine Ridge, Kentucky. Mrs. John Swain spoke on leadership training progress in the Methodist church, and Mrs. John Taylor gave a talk on Methodist youth missionary encampments.

On Friday evening, September 1, the young people of the church will have their annual banquet in the church dining room.

The N. C. Christian Advocate on August 17 carried a picture of Miss Cynthia Mendenhall, granddaughter of W. F. Redding, Hill street, and a prominent member of Central church. The picture was one of a group of eight individual photographs of those who were graduated during the spring from the Methodist Children's Home at Winston-Salem and are expecting to matriculate in the higher institutions of learning this fall. Miss Mendenhall attended school at the Home while her mother, the late Mrs. Cora Redding Mendenhall, was a member of the staff. She will be a member of the freshman class at Woman's College, during the ensuing term.

Jack Pugh, Bill Pugh, Miss Clancey Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Vestal, and daughter, Earlene; Mis Cleta Mae Ragsdale, Bernice Ragsdale, Miss Esther Ross, Miss Florence Cook, Miss Virginia Lowe, Miss Iola Lowdermilk, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Redding and Mrs. W. F. Redding have recently attended presentations of Paul Green's symphonic pageant, "The Lost Colony," on Roanoke Island. Miss Cleta Rich returned Wednesday from a three-day visit on Roanoke Island with friends of the cast and saw the epic drama.

Mrs. Robert W. Wood and Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr., are home from New York and the exposition. Mrs. N. M. Harrison, N. M. Harrison, Jr., Lacy Lewis, Lacy Lewis, Jr., and John Stanback Lewis, returned the past week from a vacation in New York. Miss Kate Hammer and Henry Jones, also of Central church, are just home from a week's trip to New York where they purchased merchandise for their stores. Reitzell Smith will go to New York Saturday for a vacation and to see the Fair.

Mis Elizabeth Phillips left Monday for Lee County to begin her work as George Reed instructor in the Lemon Springs high school, after a two-month vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Phillips. Miss Elizabeth Henley, registered nurse of Washington, D. C., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Henley. Ben Bulla of Burlington, is spending several days with his uncle, Earl F. Bulla.

Of special interest to their numerous friends is the announcement of the marriage on Sunday afternoon, August 20, of Mrs. Nannie Causey Lowdermilk to Charles F. Smith. The ceremony was at the ancestral home of Mrs. Lowdermilk, near Liberty, where Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe C. Causey now reside, with Rev. J. W. Braxton, pastor of Mt. Pleasant Methodist church, reading the marriage vows. The members of the Causey family have for many years worshipped at Mt. Pleasant church.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith were unattended for their marriage vows. Mrs. W. D. Underwood, musician, of Greensboro, played McDowell's "To a Wild Rose" during the service, and the traditional wedding march for the entrance of the couple. Mrs. Smith was costumed in a grape shade crepe gown with black accessories and at her shoulder she wore a corsage of gardenias, pink rose buds and baby's breath.

Mrs. Smith is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe Causey of Liberty route and she was the widow of the late Rev. E. G. Lowdermilk, minister of the Methodist Protestant church. Mr. Smith, life-long resident of Asheboro, is owner and manager of the C. F. Smith Shoe Shop and he and his son also has the agency for the Norge Appliances of Randolph County. He and Mrs. Smith will reside at the Smith home, 600 South Cox Street, Asheboro.

Among the wedding guests were the brothers of Mrs. Smith who are R. C., J. C., W. G. and L. W. Causey and families who reside near Liberty and Kemp Causey of Greensboro; Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Amick and Miss Frances Diviney of Louisburg; Mrs. Mary Biffett, W. D. Underwood and two children, Ruth and Bob, and Rev. R. C. Stubbins, of Greensboro; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ryan of High Point and Reitzell Smith of Asheboro. Mrs. Ryan and Reitzell Smith are children of C. F. Smith.

CLETA RICH.

Forsyth Charge.—This has been, in many respects, the most successful year of my pastorate on the Forsyth Charge. My annual report to the Conference at Greensboro will show that Maple Springs has received more members and raised more money than in any other year. It will also show that Mt. Carmel has raised more money and has the largest Sunday school than in any year. Both these churches raised their appreciation year quotas in full. Union Ridge and Hickory Ridge are holding their own so far as attendance and finances are concerned.

Revival meetings have been held at all four churches. The following ministers assisted in these revivals and rendered splendid service: At Union Ridge, Rev. C. E. Ridge; at Mt. Carmel, Rev. V. A. Morton; at Hickory Ridge, Rev. R. C. Stubbins. At Maple Springs the pastor did the preaching, at the request of the congregation.

Mr. J. F. Evans, superintendent of the Mt. Carmel Sunday school, will be delegate to the Annual Conference.

We regret to report the death of R. E. Watts, Jr., son of Mr. R. E. Watts, Sr., superintendent of the Maple Springs Sunday school. An obituary will appear later. This family has the prayers of the entire congregation.

R. A. HUNTER, Pastor.

Hawkins Chapel Church, Littleton Charge, D. D. Broome, Pastor.—Second Sunday morning began our revival meeting. Pastor Broome, text Act 2:2. Sunday afternoon Rev. Phipps from Littleton, text St. Matthews 6:33. Monday evening Rev. J. W. Braxton's text was the entire 6th chapter of Isaiah. He continued the services through Friday evening, bringing very helpful messages from time to time.

And the people enjoyed having him in their homes. Come again, you have a welcome.

We were glad to have Rev. W. M. Howard to worship with us Tuesday afternoon.

Fourth Sunday evening the doors of the church were to be opened but it was so rainy and so few here Brother Broome said he would wait. He read part of 2 Peter 3 chapter, then brought us a very helpful message.

We are very proud to note we have 57 new song books.

Since our last report one of our members, Miss Gertie Pepper, has become the bride of Mr. Richard King. We wish them much success through life.

Sorrow to hear that Mrs. Ambrose Pittard is in the Roanoke Rapids hospital, but glad she is geting along nicely, and is expecting to return home this week.

MRS. CLAUDE HAWKINS, Reporter.

Orange Chapel, Saxapahaw Charge, Rev. M. C. Henderson, Pastor.—The Third Quarterly Conference for this charge was held at our church on August 5. The busines was conducted in a very harmonious way. The ballots were counted, and it was declared that Floy Ferguson was elected as delegate to the coming Annual Conference.

Our revival meeting came to a close last Saturday evening. The pastor did all the preaching, and he labored faithfully, bringing us some very forceful gospel messages. The church was revived and there were twenty-one professions of faith, and reclamations. As a result of this there were eight new members added to our church roll. For different reasons the children's day program has been delayed, but it is announced that this program will be given next Sunday, September 30 at 2:30. We hope as many as can will attend this service. We have a good Sunday school, although we do not have a large enrollment.

We are glad that Mrs. C. C. Crawford who has been very sick, is much improved. To the former pastors of this church, we wish to extend our best wishes.

MRS. J. L. MAYNARD, Reporter.

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Mill Grove Church, Rev. E. A. Cook, Pastor.—We just closed a grand meeting here. The preaching was just fine but the crowds were small and very poor interest manifested by most of the members. The help was Rev. C. E. Sullivan of Roxboro. He did some good preaching. His sermons were helpful to all. He left Friday night. Brother Cook preached two powerful sermons on Saturday and Sunday nights. The meeting closed Sunday night. There were four members added to the church, two of them had families and two single. We were very glad to have them join with us. We are moving along very nicely here at present. We have our faithful few to depend on. Our Sunday school is doing very well at present. The interest is good in all the classes. We have our church department nearly, if not all paid and pledged. We are hoping soon to be out of debt. We will be very proud and thankful. We desire the prayers of the Christian people, for our unsaved members. Our degelate to the Annual Conference is Brother J. N. Springer. We desire the prayers of all Christians.

CHAS. W. MESINHEIMER, Reporter.

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Yarborough Chapel, Yarborough Charge, Rev. T. H. Vickery, Pastor.—At this time we are very glad to report a very good revival which began on the 1st Sunday night in August and closed on the following Friday night. Rev. Leo Pittard of Greensboro was our helper. He brought us some wonderful messages, all who met him learned to love him. We hope he can be with us again. Many hearts were warmed and much eternal good was accomplished throughout the meeting. We are thankful for the splendid cooperation of the other churches in the community.

Our Sunday school is about as usual, but there is still room for others.

Our Young People's meeting is also moving along nicely. Our attendance has been fair and our programs very interesting. Our daily prayer is that those that are indifferent and unconcerned may take more interest in the work of the Lord, for the uplifting of His Kingdom.

LUCILLE GOSSETT, Reporter.

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State Street, O. C. Loy, Pastor.—Our services have continued through the summer months. Mr. Loy has filled his appointments in a wonderful way.

The Ladies' Auxiliary was kept unusually busy through the month of July as they sponsored and served four suppers. A nice sum of money was raised and paid on interest.

The revival closed last Sunday night. Rev. J. Clyde Auman of Thomasville did the preaching very effectively. A number of conversions and reclamations were received and four added to the church by profession of faith.

The Third Quarterly Conference was held at State Street last Wednesday night with a fairly good attendance and nice reports from both churches.

Sunday morning, August 27, State Street unaminously voted to merge with Main Street Methodist Church on condition that they take over all property along with the congregation. In his natural talented way Mr. Loy gave a splendid lecture on the end of an old trail, and the acceptance of a new and broader trail, and stressed the point that we should let God lead and direct us along our new trail. We feel deeply grieved to think of having the doors of our little church closed. Although we will not forget the many blessings we have received through the good work of our pastors and friendly congregation.

We ask the prayers of all Christian friends that all will be well with us, and that we may serve God in a higher, nobler way in the future than in the past.

MRS. W. T. NEAL, Reporter.

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Connelly Springs Charge. — Shady Grove Church was completed July, 1939. Although we are planning to do more to beautify the church. The Ladies' Aid Society will plant shrubbery this fall if the Lord permits. The society is working at the present time to buy more pews. We want to say there are about 20 active women in this organization, and if they would be a little more active we would see the work move along a little faster.

When the church was started some said, "We can't build." Others said, "We can." Thank God for people who say we can.

Communion service was observed Sunday, August 20. Rev. Yokeley delivered us a very inspiring message using as his subject, "The Word Come."

We are still having a good Sunday school. Other services are very well attended except the quarterly meeting. We hope all the official members will realize the necessity of this meeting and attend the next one.

A revival meeting conducted by the Cook Brothers is now going on near Shady Grove Church. We are hoping and praying that many souls will be saved and much good will be done.

MRS. RUTH AIKEN.

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Friendship, Rev. Earl A. Cook, Pastor.—
On Sunday, August 6 our revival meeting began. Since we do not have a special home coming day here, we combined it with the beginning of the revival. Rev. J. D. Griffin of Monroe, N. C., was the pulpit help. Rev. Mr. Griffin began at the 11:00 o'clock service with a good message, and continued throughout the week; the attendance was wonderful through the entire meeting.

A good number were converted, and five joined the church. They are: Mr. L. C. Burleson, Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Burleson, and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lowe. We are indeed glad to welcome these to our church. If the meeting was not the success it should have been, we do not feel that it was the fault of the preacher. Mr. Griffin and his wife have made a host of friends in Friendship church and community. All who heard him enjoyed his preaching and I am sure would be glad to hear him again. The meeting closed on Saturday night as our pastor, Rev. Mr. Cook, began his meetnig at Loves Grove on the second Sunday, with Rev. W. C. Dutton as pulpit help there. On the third Sunday Rev. Mr. Cook will begin his meeting at Mill Grove, with Rev. C. E. Sullivan as pulpit help. Mr. Cook was released from the 11:00 o'clock service here on the third Sunday .

On Saturday evening, July 15, 1939, at the Friendship parsonage Mr. Lawrence B. Cook of Charlotte and Monroe, N. C., and Miss Mary Texie Petty of Charlotte, N. C., were united in marriage by the bridegroom's brother, Rev. Earl A. Cook.

Mrs. Cook is a daughter of the late L. M. Petty and Mrs. Texie Petty of Charlotte, N. C., and holds a position with the Liggett Drug Company of that place. Mr. Cook is a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Cook of Monroe, N. C., and has a responsible position with the H. & M. Grocery Company of Charlotte. After a short wedding trip their home will be in Charlotte, N. C. Their many friends wish for them a long and happy marriage.

Mr. Dan Herlocker, an old and faithful member of Friendship, is very sick. We request your prayers in his behalf.

MRS. GLADYS HARKEY, Reporter.

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Mt. Pleasant Church, Mt. Pleasant Charge, Rev. J. W. Braxton, Pastor. — For three months news from Mt. Pleasant has been scarce due to vacation and sickness in the family of the reporter. The church activities of Pleasant Union and Mt. Pleasant have been moving along nicely. Both churches have had their vacation Bible school with Mr. S. R. Crumpton of Duke University as instructor. Mr. Crumpton also held night classes teaching "The Life of Christ," at Pleasant Union and a course in "Building a Young People's Society Program" at Mt. Pleasant. Mr. Crumpton was well liked by all and we feel like a lot of good was accomplished at both schools.

Revival services were held at Pleasant Union with Rev. A. M. Smith of Liberty and Siler City doing the preaching. Rev. Smith was liked by all and brought some helpful messages in this series of services.

The beginning of Mt. Pleasant revival was Sunday, August 20. At Sunday school attendance was 245 with 41 visitors. At the morning service Dr. Lawrence Little, professor of Religious Education at Western Maryland College brought the message. We were very happy to have this inspiring speaker to tell us the "Difference Jesus Made In His Life." Telling us that Jesus was the supreme example of manhood and challenging us to try and be more like Him. In the afternoon and through the week Rev. D. E. Earnhardt was the pulpit help, bringing impressive messages.

During the absence of reports from our church two more bodies were laid to rest at Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Tom Steele of Greensboro, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Eck Hudson. Everyone knew her as "Sybie," a good, kind mother and neighbor. She leaves her husband and several children to mourn her loss. On August 19 last rites were held for Mrs. Con Black, age 41 years. She was the former Genevia Smith. Her going was a great shock to all although she had been in ill health for some time, no one realized her condition to be so serious. She is survived by her husband and two children, Ella Mae and James, both of the home, her father, Will Smith, one sister and three brothers. God saw fit to call another good mother, friend and neighbor. Flowers was in charge of Miss Edith Causey.

We would like to remember our sick. Mr. S. A. Alexander has been missed from Mt. Pleasant for several weeks. Mr. J. T. Shoffner is able to be in a rolling chair. Mrs. Trixsie Suits is much improved. Mr. J. Q. Curtis is critically ill at his home. Mr. Bill Stafford is able to be out some after an operation on his knee. Mrs. Roscoe Causey is a patient at Piedmont Memorial Hospital, Greensboro. We wish for them all a speedy recovery.

A wedding of much interest was solemnized when Mrs. Nannie Causey Lowdermilk and Charles F. Smith of Asheboro, were united in marriage in an impressive outdoor ceremony Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. at the home of R. C. Causey, the bride's brother. About 75 relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony which was performed by Rev. J. W. Braxton. Wedding music was furnished by Mrs. Walter Underwood of Greensboro. The couple will make their home in Asheboro.

MRS. CARL CURTIS, Reporter.

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Asheboro.—We are having one of our very best summers in the Asheboro church. Congregations have held up well; young people's activities, under the direction of Tom Houts, have been noticeably good. Our Sunday school, women's work, and scout troop, are all showing a most encouraging interest. Carmon Parks has been a wizard with his scout troop. He now has forty-seven boys. This is the largest troop in our city. It is gratifying to have our finances in good condition, despite the slumps incident to this season of the year. We are really having a good summer. Our revival, dated for September 20 to October 1, is our main objective now. All services are designed to get us ready for this campaign. Dr. E. K. McLarty will do the preaching. We are anticipating his coming with deep interest and much prayer. Two other events of importance are in our near program. One is our annual young people's banquet, which will be put on September 1. The other is a concert of sacred music, which will be given under the direction of Tom Houts. This program will take the place of the preaching service Sunday night, September 10. All budgets will be paid in full by the meeting of conference, October 18. We thank God for the Asheboro church. It is in good condition.

S. W. TAYLOR.

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Mt. Pleasant, North Davidson.—We are glad that we can report at this time that our Sunday school as well as the general church are doing well in both interest and attendance. Attendance in Sunday school has been unusually good this summer, with classes steadily growing.

The Circuit Rally for the four churches on North Davidson Charge was held at our church the past Sunday, with large numbers attending from each of the churches. The greater part of the Spring Hill Church came to be with us for Sunday school, and the classrooms were filled until every available space was taken, and one class was forced to move out into the main auditorium. After Sunday school, people began coming from the other churches, and about eleven o'clock the Rally Day really began with each church contributing a part of the program. Mt. Pleasant and Spring Hill presented their programs in the morning, followed by a picnic lunch on the church grounds. About one-thirty we re-assembled in the church, and Bethesda and Canaan presented their programs.

If we pick out some highlights, we might refer to Mrs. Williams' solo, "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer," and a short address by Mr. West, principal of Hasty High School in the morning. Mr. West pointed out several good things which Rally Day brings about, and urged us to adopt the program in each church of "Praying for the Work, planning it, and pushing it." In the afternoon, very fine speeches were made by Mr. C. L. Berrier, Mr. C. M. Yokeley, and Mr. Albert Berrier. But the day was not all speeches by men; the children had a part in the program too, and the whole day was seasoned by good singing.

All in all, there were a lot of good things said and done. Certainly Rally Day can be a great good and a great booster for the work of each church on a charge, for ideas can be exchanged, people from the various churches can mingle together, and the very act of getting so many people together seems to make us feel more deeply the importance of the Work.

J. R. PAYNE, Reporter.

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First Methodist Church, High Point, N. C.—Nothing has been heard from us in several weeks, but we have been enjoying good services during the summer months with attendance holding up very well considering the fact that so many people have been away on vacations. The exterior of the church is being painted and we are certainly proud of its appearance. Our fall program is completed and we look forward to a successful closing of our year's work.

On July 27, the Sunday school held a Retreat for officers and teachers. The meeting was held at the Post Office cabin, several miles out of town. A picnic supper was served at six o'clock. Afterwards Rev. J. Elwood Carroll led the devotional service using as his theme, "A Christ To Share," and then the meeting broke up into small groups according to departments and trained resource leaders conducted discussions. Mrs. E. C. Getzeman from the Fist Baptist church led the Cradle Roll, Beginners, and Primary group; Mrs. P. W. Flagg from Wesley Memorial Methodist, the Junior Department; Mrs. A. C. Lovelace, the Immediate; Rev. James Rink, assistant pastor of Wesley Memorial, the Young People's group; Rev. Donald Conrad, the Adults. Special music was rendered by A. C. Lovelace, Jr. Approximately sixty people were in attendance.

Last Monday at seven-thirty o'clock the Woman's Auxiliary held its monthly meeting at the country home of Mrs. J. R. Meredith. Mrs. E. W. Auman led the devotionals. An unusually large group enjoyed the meeting and social hour which followed.

Last Sunday night a week ago the Christion Endeavor City Union presented a pageant, "A Tapestry of the Bible" in the amphitheater at the City Lake. Approximately forty members took part, many of whom were from this church. It was well presented and attended.

Several people have joined our church during the past few weeks. They are; Mr. and Mrs. John Eshelman, Jr., Miss Pauline Hicks, Little David Auman, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Auman, Mrs. James Montgomery, Mrs. J. A. Lee and daughter, Geraldine.

MRS. ROBERT DAVIS, Reporter.

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Pleasant Grove Church, Fred R. Love, Pastor.—I am taking the authority to write a few lines about our church. The church work in general is going along nicely. The attendance has been a little slack due to vacations, but with those over we expect to be back to normal again. However, there are always those who are faithful at all times, ready and willing to do all they can to promote the kingdom in their church.

Under the leadership of our superintendent, Clyde Payne, our Sunday school is doing fine work in the teaching of God's word and keeping the interests of the Conference before the people. All special days have been observed, with good offerings, besides our regular monthly contribution to our Children's Home.

There is a growing interest in our church for the beautifying of our church and grounds. The Ladie's Aid is sponsoring the work that is now being done on our yard. There is to be a complete new concrete wall around the yard, with cement steps. It will then be filled in and sowed in grass. The Senior C. E. Society is making plans to help buy the shrubbery. One will hardly recognize old Pleasant Grove when this work is completed.

There is one thing the pastor does not have to do here and that is, talk about finances, for the people are always ready and willing to pay and support any worthy cause. I learned some time ago that all of our General and Annual Conference Budgets, with pastors' salary were paid to date. I am very happy that these are out of our way. We are just waiting for Conference.

Our revival meeting begins next Sunday, September 3. Rev. Jessie Ingram, pastor of the Welcome Charge (former M. E.), will be our pulpit help. We are trusting that God will give us a great meeting.

Mr. Clyde Payne has been elected delegate to conference for the fourth consecutive year.

We desire the prayers of each Herald reader that God will continue to bless this church and people. FRED R. LOVE, Pastor.

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Shiloh, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, pastor.—Our work here continues to move along in a very satisfactory manner. The annual revival is always begun on the third Sunday in August but it was decided to begin on Wednesday night before, in order to permit a longer revival period. The pastor preached ever night until Sunday and then Rev. T. G. Madison from Cleveland circuit came and preached twice daily through Friday night. This was Mr. Madison's first visit to Shiloh and the church at large was very appreciative of his splendid service. He gave us the vital truths of the gospel and in a manner so easily understood. I would like to give a list of every subject and text that he used but am unable to do so. We thank Our Father for His leading in the services and are grateful to Rev. Mr. Madison for his untiring efforts. We feel sure and can see that we had a revival among our people. There were 12 additions to the church—all new converts except Mrs. Floyd Leatherman who came by letter from Tabernacle, Greensboro. There were also some reclamations. The spirit of cooperation was good and the crowds that attended the services were large at every service. We just hope that the revival spirit shall remain among our people.

Our weekly prayer services are being continued and we are sure that these are a blessing to those who attend.

MABEL BERRIER, Reporter.

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Trinity Methodist Church, L. E. Mabry, Pastor.—Our Sunday school and church attendance is holding up very well at this time. We have had quite a few visitors at our church for the services. Last Sunday we observed the Lord's Supper at the morning hour. At this service Rev. Mabry preached a very impressive sermon, taking his text from the last supper. Nearly everyone took part in the communion service.

At our Third Quarterly Conference Ernest Hamilton was elected delegate to the Annual Conference.

Our Baby Contest came to a close last Sunday. We raised about $60.00. Jean Hamilton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hamilton won first prize. Darrell Kimbrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Kimbrell won second prize and Thomas Fine, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Fine, finished third.

Stacey Foster of our Boy Scout Troop will get his Eagle badge at the Lexington Court of Honor September 5. Stacey is the first member of our troop to become an Eagle Scout. He will be the second Eagle Scout in Lexington this year.

The city-wide C. E. Union met in our church August 28. The president, Kenneth Crouse, who is a member of our church and was recently licensed to preach, had charge of the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baney, who came to Lexington from Indiana, joined our church August 20. We are glad to have these good people with us.

REPORTER.

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TOM HOUTS SPEAKS BEFORE AUXILIARY ON "CONGREGATIONAL SINGING"

Tom Houts, director of Christian Education at Central Methodist church, spoke on Monday afternoon at the regular meeting of the church auxiliary, reading the following paper:

The singing of hymns by Protestant church members can hardly be over-estimated as to its place in the program of the church. Witness the significant fact that the high points in spiritual power through all the history of the church have been accompanied by a revival in congregational singing. Some of these epochs in hymn singing are well worth noting.

One of the earliest beginnings was at Edessa in Asia Minor during the fourth century. Another took place under Bishop Ambrose during the Crusades, and we cannot overlook our own Protestant reformation and the inspired hymns of Martin Luther, with a "Mighty Fortress Is Our God," being the finest example of this phase in church history. Hymn singing also played an important part in the great revival brought on by the Wesleys in England.

In our own services today we must be aware of the dangerous trends in church music. We should work to discourage and eradicate the so-called "evangelistic singing," featured by haphazard selection of hymns and a tendency to make hymn singing more an acrobatic feat than a sincere form of worship.

Church members should not be satisfied with anything but the best in the form of anthems and congregational hymns, not to mention special music of all kinds. On the other hand we should guard against too ritualistic a service which gives the people no chance really to participate in congregational hymns — a privilege which should be carefully guarded.—Asheboro Courier.

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HOME-COMING AND REVIVAL MEETING

Sunday, September 3, will be observed as Home-Coming Day and the beginning of our revival at Midway Methodist Protestant Church. There will be three services Sunday, as follows: at eleven o'clock in the morning, at one-thirty in the afternoon, and at eight o'clock in the evening. Dinner will be served on the grounds at the noon hour.

Throughout the following week services will be conducted each evening at 7:45. Rev. T. E. Strickland, pastor of our Methodist Protestant Church in Charlotte, N. C., will bring us the messages.

The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend these services.

E. P. HAMILTON, Pastor.

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Dr. Pritchard said in his letter that he regarded the Herald as being of so much importance to us that he gladly helped finance it. Thanks, Mr. President.

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Self-trust is the first secret of success, the belief that if you are here, the authorities of the universe put you here, and for cause, or with some task strictly appointed you in your constitution, and so long as you work at that you are well and successful.—Emerson.

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Mrs. Nannie Couch Jones

God in His mighty power saw fit to take from this world July 6th Mrs. Nannie Couch Jones, age 84, to live with Him on high.

Mrs. Jones was born November 3, 1844, and joined Hickory Grove M. P. Church at the age of 12 years, being a member of this church for 72 years.

She was a devoted mother, a faithful companion and a consecrated Christian. She was faithful to her church and a noble servant of the Great Master. As long as she was able, she was a daily reader of the Bible.

Her kindness, her winning personality and her cheerful smile won for her a place in the hearts of her many friends.

Mrs. Jones will be greatly missed in her church and her community, but she will be missed most in her home.

Surviving are four children. A. L. Jones, Claude E. Jones, Mrs. J. B. Hassell and Miss Nora Jones.

The funeral was held at Hickory Grove Saturday morning, July 8th, by Rev. E. O. Peeler, Rev. O. C. Loy and Rev. J. B. Trogdon.

Her body was laid to rest in the cemetery beneath a blanket of beautiful flowers.

MRS. C. D. TEDDER.

Blackwelder

Adam Blackwelder was born January 9, 1869, and departed this life on July 18, 1939, age 79 years. He was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Rowland on January 5, 1885. To this union were born nine children. Surviving are his wife and five daughters, four sons, 36 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. His children surviving are Mrs. P. M. Linker, of Cabarrus county; Mrs. W. A. Carter, of Concord, N. C.; Mrs. J. W. Sutton, and Mrs. G. S. Cochran, of Roberta; Mrs. G. F. Coble, of Kannapolis, N. C.; W. T. Blackwelder, of Concord, N. C.; W. D. Blackwelder, of Cabarrus county; G. D. Blackwelder, of Kannapolis, N. C.; F. M. Blackwelder, of Charlotte, N. C. One brother, J. D. Blackwelder, of Charlotte, N. C., and one sister, Mrs. Mary Cagle, of Concord, N. C., also survive.

In 1886 he professed faith in Christ, and joined Rocky Ridge M. E. church, then moving to Roberta in 1911 he moved his membership to Roberta Methodist Protestant Church, and remained a faithful member until death. His funeral was held from Roberta M. P. Chucrh on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. The writer was assisted by Rev. Earl A. Cook, a former pastor of the deceased. His body was laid to rest in Roberta cemetery to await the resurrection morning. May the Lord comfort the breaved who mourn his passing.

H. W. BELL.

Mrs. J. D. McCollum

Mrs. Nannie Preddy McCollum was born March 15, 1864 and died August 5, 1939, at the age of 75 years, four months and 20 days. She was the daughter of Calvin and Mary Anne Preddy. On June 21, 1877 she was married to June D. McCollum, who preceeded her in death on February 23, 1937. To this union the following children were born: Ada Florence, who died July 20, 1910; Mrs. Fleetwood McCollum Jones, who died July 25, 1924; W. E., L. C., Lola and Effie.

The funeral service was held in the Lindsey Street Methodist Church, Reidsville, and was in charge of Rev. George R. Brown, for twelve years pastor of that church and an intimate friend of the family, assisted by Rev. E. Lester Ballard, present pastor of the church, and Rev. C .W. Bates, pastor of Mizpah church, Haw River Circuit, of which church Mrs. McCollum had been a member since childhood. Her body was laid to rest in the Greenview Cemetery in Reidsville.

Those who knew Mrs. McCollum will hold her in grateful memory as a sincere Christion, a helpful neighbor, a devoted wife and mother, a faithful church member. She was a rare spirit. All those who came in contact with her were helped by the ministry of a life well lived. Her children rise up and call her blessed. They will miss her in the home; we shall miss her in the church.

C. W. BATES, Pastor.

William Watkins Grant

The sudden illness and death of William Watkins Grant, 56, came as a shock to his home, church, and entire county on Friday afternoon, August 11.

Funeral services were held from the home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the presence of a large gathering of friends and loved ones. The Rev. J. E. Garlington, pastor of the deceased, officiated. He was assisted by the Rev. A. D. Shelton, Rev. W. F. Asheburn, both of Greensboro and former pastors of the deceased, J. M. Morgan, of Triplet, Va., C. E. Sawyer, of Garysburg, and J. P. Gray, of Angier, all ministers of the Methodist Church. His body was laid to rest in the family cemetery under a huge mound of beautiful flowers.

Mr. Grant, a native of Northampton County, lived in the county all his life. He was a citizen of the highest type and had since young manhod been a leader in the best interests of his community and county, having served in many responsible public capacities. He was a member and leader of Lebanon Methodist Church where he served as steward, class leader, Sunday school superintendent, and teacher. Through his death his church has been bereft of one of its most loyal members and his place cannot be filled. His Christian life combined in singular strength and beauty those qualities that have abiding worth. He was a superb gentleman and a man of sterling character. He leaves a splendid family and his influence will live in the hearts of his loved ones and all who knew him.

"Think of him as faring on, as dear
In the love of there as the love of here.
Think of him still as the same, I say;
He is not dead—he is just away."

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Lena A. Grant; two sons, W. W. Grant, Jr.; and Marshall Wood Grant; five daughters, Misses Virginia, Mildred, Rebecca, Edith Mae, and Evelyn Grant; and one sister, Mrs. J. H. Camp, of Garysburg.

His going was unexpected, but he was ready, more ready than we were to part with him. Hail and farewell; we will know where to find you!

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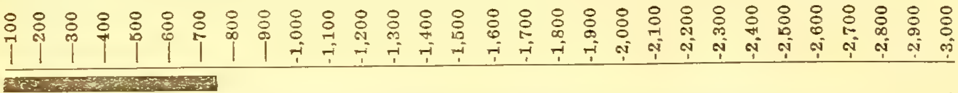

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Mrs. Cook is the daughter of the late L. M. Petty and Mrs. Texie Petty of Charlotte. Mrs. Cook has a position with the Liggett Drug Company of Charlotte.

Mr. Cook is a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Cook of Monroe, N. C., and has a responsible position with the H. & M. Grocery Company of 403 E. Trade Street, Charlotte, N. C.

They left soon after the ceremony on a honeymoon to New York City, the World's Fair, and other parts north. After they return from their honeymoon trip they will make their home in Charlotte, N. C. Their many friends wish for them a long and happy life together.

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Faith in the right;
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New Creation vs. Old Necessity

Most of us live under a cloud. Our initiative and enthusiasm are quenched by the thought that "what will be, will be." Of each new turn in our affairs, particularly if the change be for the worse, we simply remark, "It can't be helped" or "Just my luck." Whatever may be our convictions in theory, in practice we act as though we were under the dominance of fate, as though the course of our life had somehow been predetermined. The demon Old Necessity is constantly on our backs dragging us down into a dogged hopelessness. We are the inheritors of a pernicious philosophy which has taught us that nature, life, and even mind itself must unfold according to a necessary plan inherent in the very fiber of the universe. The doctrine of evolution, regarded as the final explanation of the problem of existence, has simply underlined and emphasized the heresy that the race is predestined to drive right on to some predetermined goal. Necessity reigns. He is our god. We are helpless in his hands.

Necessity is a lie, a colossal lie, which has damned more souls and crippled more lives than the mind of man can count. This idea that humanity is caught in the meshes of an endless chain belt and must "go along" to the end without relief or hope is of the devil, the father of lies. Necessity is the great atheism; but, strange as it may seem, it has been imported into Christian thinking and has become so familiar to us that we regard it as a part of the gospel.

This idea of necessity as the determining power of the universe takes on many popular forms. We say of some unfortunate, "Oh, well, what could you expect, with such a father?" Here is a criminal. We knowingly point, with a wise shake of the head, to his early surroundings and find there the whole explanation. We expect nothing from a sick man. He is "going down." No one trusts a jailbird even after he has served his time and is really trying to "come back." We secretly think that Old Necessity in his blood will drive him again to the penitentiary. In theory we praise the God of freedom, but in practice we worship the devil of necessity.

Let us lift our eyes to the true God of freedom and continuous new creation. There is a great truth in the theory of evolution considered as a description, but it is not by any manner of means a fundamental explanation of the world's inner secret. Evolution is on the surface. The key word is not evolution but continuous creation in a world of free spirits—God's Spirit and the spirits of men. We do well to be on our guard against those who purposely use the word "science" to frighten us out of our faith. The true scientist understands perfectly the limitations under which he must carry on his research. Both the scientist and the philosopher must reckon with the evolutionary process, one from the angle of description, the other from that of explanation, but each does well not to trespass on the territory of the other. The illuminating figure which vividly illustrates the world of necessity is a gigantic clock once for all wound up for the centuries and now relentlessly ticking off the unescapable years under the drive of a powerful inner spring. Another figure, however, visualizes the world of freedom and continuous creation. The Master Musician is seated at the organ. His fingers running freely up and down the keyboard. He is playing a majestic harmony, directly touching first this and then that key and imparting to it something of His own soul. And each key, as though somehow endowed with life, freely responds to the touch of the Infinite and participates in the creation of the heavenly music.

Here we are—in a free world. God is coming into wise and loving contact with each of our lives continuously, day by day, hour by hour, moment by moment, in every situation. And we, as free men and women, have the power to respond to His loving touch and help Him to compose and render a mighty symphony whose eternal meaning will make even the angels of heaven to rejoice. On this view there is no fate, no dark determinism, no compelling necessity driving us on and on like helpless machines. God—God is here, the creative God, the free-acting God. And we are here, we, His free agents, created in His image, with unfathomed possibilities in our personalities. Nothing is impossible! We pray to God and open our hearts to His will, and, behold, the world is changed! Power is released, consequences are modified, relationships are readjusted, laws operate in new ways. Continuous creation is at work under the touch of the Almighty Father and the free response of His child. Our great need is to believe in God—really to believe in Him—and vitally to understand that we are free men in His world of wisdom, love, and power. (*Continued on Page Nine*)

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Appointments

Sunday, September 10, 11 a. m. Brown Summit; 2:00 p. m. Flat Rock on Flat Rock Charge.

Sunday, September 17, 11 a. m. Asheboro; 2 p. m. Giles Chapel on Richland.

Saturday, September 23, Cleveland charge quarterly conference at Mt. Pleasant morning and afternoon.

Sunday, September 24, Oak Grove on Cleveland charge at 11 a. m. in dedicatory service.

Sunday, September 24 in afternoon, quarterly conference Fallston Charge.

Sunday, October 1, Lincolnton, preaching at 11 and quarterly conference in afternoon.

Saturday, October 7, Friendship on Shiloh Charge, preaching at 11 and quarterly conference in afternoon.

Sunday, October 8, Alamance, Center at 11; Sapling Ridge at 2:30 p. m.

J. E. Pritchard.

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COMMITTEE TO BOOST ANNUAL CONFERENCE BUDGETS

This committee was appointed by President Pritchard at the Thomasville Mid-Year Meeting, and is composed of the following persons: G. L. Curry, T. J. Whitehead, L. F. Ross, A. J. Koonce, Mrs. D. S. Coltrane, S. W. Taylor, and Dr. Pritchard, ex-officio.

The function of the committee is to boost collections of all annual conference allotments. A program of procedure has been set up by the committee, and there is much encouraging evidence that the brethren have a mind to raise their budget in full. Several pastors that we have gotten reports from say that the full amount will be raised on their respective charges.

Too much can not be said of the necessity for doing this. We are going into the conference of the new church this fall, and we certainly want to go with our house in financial order. A good financial record will be to our credit with the new church, and a matter of satisfaction to us as we reflect upon the final work of our conference. It will be a great achievement for us if every charge will meet its annual conference budget in full. Brethren, let's press for this good goal.

As you raise these claims, or if you have assurances that they will be raised, please report to Dr. Pritchard. He will carry that information in his weekly reports, and it will serve as a stimulus to the rest of us. Mr. President, list Asheboro as paying in full. Come on, now, brethren, and let's make this list grow.

S. W. Taylor,
For the Committee.

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It is the business of the Church to make my business impossible.—*General Haig.*

A TRIBUTE TO A FAITHFUL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

We were shocked and grieved when we received a wire in the Michigan school last week, telling us that Rev. R. C. Tolbert, the faithful President of the Ohio Conference Council of Religious Education of the former Methodist Protestant Church had passed away early Wednesday morning of August 16. Brother Tolbert, as President of the Conference Council, also served as a volunteer Director of Religious Education and kept the student records of the Ohio Conference. During the week preceding our going to Michigan, it was our privilege to work with him for an entire week. He seemed to be happy in his work and was carrying his usual duties in a faithful way as he had done in the twelve years it has been my privilege to work with him. He was much loved by the hundreds of young people and local church leaders that he had done so much for during these years.

On Sunday evening, before we left the Ohio Camp Ground Monday morning, he and his good wife saw to it that we were made comfortable and bade us good-bye. In his last words to us, he expressed a hope that we would all be happy over any adjustments which might be made in our work as we go into the new Methodist Church. This good man and brother has now joined the Church Triumphant and we are left to carry on here the work which he leaves behind. He is a great loss to the work in Ohio. He will be missed greatly for he was loved and appreciated by so many throughout the Ohio Conference, as well as by many throughout the Church.

F. L. Gibbs.

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CONSERVATION OF VITALITY

By Rev. W. M. Bours

National, commonwealth, domestic and individual vitality depends upon the conservation of the particular constitutional requisites that govern the elementary and composite groups of social existence.

Americanism is the soul and national life of America. Commonwealth integrity is the vitality of the several states in the American Union. Family life, in that purity of indissolubility in which it was divinely created, is the very norm and vitality of society. The conservation of personal vitality is found in a rational living according to the limitations and promises of the laws that govern the body, mind and spirit of human nature.

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ATTENTION! FIRST DISTRICT

The fall meeting of the Women's Auxiliaries and the regular District Meeting of the First District will be held jointly at the Creswell church on the third Sunday in September at eleven o'clock. The usual plan of taking dinner will be observed. Remember the time is September 17 and that it is the last Methodist Protestant rally for this district.

Blanche Hardee, *Chairman of Women's Work,*
W. M. Howard, Jr., *District Chairman.*

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Our patience will achieve more than our force.—*Burke.*

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A Message In Verse

"What though on homely fare we dine,
Wear hodden gray, and a' that?
Gi'e fools their silks and knaves their wine,
A man's a man for a' that.

For a' that and a' that,
Their tinsel show and a' that
The honest man, tho, near so poor,
Is king o' men for a' that."
—*Burns.*

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"We shall never need a new religion until someone lives a more beautiful and godly life than Jesus lived."—*Bishop McDowell.*

"Of one thing we may be sure, if religion makes a man look sick, it will do little to cure the world."—*Joseph Fort Newton.*

"Putting up a dollar (on a bet) never made a thing a bit truer since the world began and never will. It is a foolish, childish way of expressing an opinion. Some men are too lazy to think about a question, so they bet about it. It is less of a strain on what they call their mind."—*Halford E. Luccock.*

The revival services at West End Church are going well. Brother Shelton is preaching the truth most forcefully and the congregations are increasing.

Several ministers of the former Methodist Protestant Church and their wives attended the picnic at Jefferson Country Club last Friday. All the Methodist ministers in the Greensboro District were invited by District Superintendent Hayes.

Two World Wars in one generation will be hard for our civilization to bear. The brutalizing effects of the war of 1914 are still with us. The war fought to make the world safe for democracy failed to conquer the foes of democracy. Possibly the ideal was too far in advance of European civilization for those who needed to experience the joy of its freedom most to catch its meaning. While the aggressors in this war will receive but scant American sympathy in their efforts at conquest, the destruction of life and property will be just as complete, just as terrible, as though their cause was just.

It is estimated that while the people of this country were increasing their contribution for armies and navies during the past year by 31%, we were decreasing our contributions to churches and related benevolences 36%. That twice as much as spent for alcoholic beverages as for churches and church supported philanthropies. Crime is costing this country annually fifteen times as much as all churches and allied institutions receive.

The Goal Posts Of Life

Every game in the catalogue of sports has an objective. Some games have goal posts; posts between which the opposing team must send the ball over the efforts of the opposition. How like this is the game of life. For before every life there is an objective to be reached.

To every youth the goal is preparation; building up physical endurance, training the mind so as to understand and to solve the difficult situations which must be faced and with the building up of spiritual reserve and a knowledge of the destiny of the immortal soul, may well be called goal posts which stand between the would-be winner and victory.

Then there must be in those who would win the desire to win; the willingness to play the game according to the rules; the determination to yield to no opponent and to remain in the game until victory is secured. And here is also a worthy goal for every life.

But as St. Paul said: "Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertain; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection."

For there is before every one of us many an opponent seeking to trip us, to block our passage, to make us foul the ball and be put out of the game by the Great Referee of all human conduct.

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Which Will You Choose?

The conception of human life that is held by the Nazis that man is just a biological product without spiritual values; his social relationship in the animal kingdom determined by his racial chromosomes. Or that man is a creature of spiritual force who belongs to Almighty God instead of the state. And being an immortal soul he has inherent worth surpassing the whole world and is a joint heir with Jesus Christ the Saviour of the world?

Take your choice. But if man is nothing more than a high grade simian who serves his highest end in life by being a subject of the state, then Nazism is right; it may properly supplant the Christian religion. But if the Spirit bears witness with the spirit of man that he is a child of God and is destined to be like God Himself then he is blind and grossly deceived who sets his hope of world redemption upon a cruel system of race purge.

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No letter from President Pritchard this week, but Mrs. Pritchard informs us that he will meet his appointments for next Sunday. Dr. Pritchard had a slight operation last week which has kept him from writing his usual weekly letter this time. We regret it and are hoping that he will be back in his usual good health very soon.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

By Earl G. Hamlett
Pastor at Memphis, Tenn.

Church attendance is not on the increase, and the future is not bright. The holy day is more and more becoming a holiday. The additional leisure given the American people has not greatly increased church attendance. People who seldom or never attend, have no great appreciation of the church. Carelessness in this regard can never be proof either of piety or love for Christ. I do not believe that there is a great church in the world where its members are careless or indifferent to its worship services. If we expect little of our people we shall receive less. One can more accurately determine the health of a church by its attendance than by any other standard.

To say that nothing can be done about this matter of attendance is defeatism. It is to close our eyes to the fact that at least one denomination is doing something about it.

A frontal attack will do only harm. There is nothing to be gained by decrying the situation to the faithful. Every word concerning it should be said with faith and confidence. It is awful to be told that you are very sick and have no remedy prescribed for your recovery. Much depends upon the minister. A man who can preach can draw the crowds. A minister's ability and fitness has much to do with church attendance. He will always have more to do with it than any other person, therefore, it is the part of wisdom for every denomination to examine its method of pulpit supply. But there are congregations that attend better to hear the poorest of preachers than other congregations to hear the best of preachers.

We need to believe and teach that regular church attendance is essential to the spiritual life of people, that carelessness in this regard is a sin. We should teach this to our children. Why should not the church be thought as essential to their welfare as the public school? We shall have to be converted at this point, because we have no very great conviction about it at present.

We should believe in the Sabbath as a day necessary for the spiritual welfare of man—truly made for his deepest needs. We should preach and teach, in season and out of season, not the "rule" but the "principle" of Sabbath observance, until by precept and example, our good and dependable members will have a conscience about this matter. The church has first claim on the Sabbath. If the church is not worthy of this, it is not important enough to claim unredeemed humanity for Christ.

The central church service should be magnified. This is the name that we have given in the Memphis district to the common worship services. In two years of emphasis some churches have increased the number of church-school pupils and teachers who stay for the central church service by fifty per cent. Enough has been accomplished to show what could be done by a church-wide participation.

The central church service is the heart of all church life. It is the spring of inspiration for all church activities. Where there is a decreasing attendance at this service, there will be declining health in the organizations within. There will be no revival for which we now work and pray until this emphasis is made with conviction and earnestness by the whole church through an educational program, which will motivate every local church. The teaching of the church today will be the practice of the church of tomorrow. The denomination above referred to has done this for a quarter of a century. In universities, colleges, schools of theology, in record system with a check on teachers and pupils published each Sunday, in teacher training, in missionary societies and in every class and department of church school, it has been constantly emphasized. This church has expected much of its people and it has received much. More than any other one thing this accounts for its unprecedented growth. By neglect we have a generation careless and indifferent to the central church service. Any education that fails to educate in this regard is not educating as it should. Let us do something about it. — *The Christian Advocate*, Nashville, Tenn.

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The Discipline of The Methodist Church

We urge every member of this new Church to get a copy of the *Discipline* and read it through carefully; then sit down and make a thorough study of it, especially as it relates to the organization of the local church. While we have no authority to speak on the subject, we believe it would be well for every pastoral charge that can possibly do it, to change the present organization of the Church to conform with the plan set forth in the *Discipline*. We believe the proposed plan is much better, can be more efficient, than the plan most of our local churches have operated under heretofore.

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The Knocker

By Dr. H. E. Luccock

The knocker is a common wild animal you have all met. He is known by the loud noise which he makes all the time, which sounds like the strokes of a hammer on an anvil. I never heard of a place that did not have at least one confirmed knocker. One is enough to go round. The knocker seems to be afraid of dying from shame if he should ever be caught saying something good about a person. He knocks the boss, he knocks the neighbor, he knocks the folks he works with. If you mention a good thing about a man, he is always ready with his "Yes, but—" and then he starts in with a long string of defects to offset the good qualities. This animal has keen eyes when he is looking for defects, and for good qualities he is stone blind.

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Now every bridge has a limit to the number of vibrations it can endure. Regiments of soldiers passing over a bridge always break step. It is high time we remember that we cannot violate this ageless law of physics with impunity. A goose-stepping generation with its regimentation of ideas and ideology may yet destroy the equilibrium of the world and lead it to an inevitable smash-up. Let us say to ourselves so clearly it will never be forgotten that there can be no great living apart from concentration and detachment.—*Selected.*

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True worth lies in doing, without witnesses, what one would be capable of doing before the whole world.—*La Rochefoucauld.*

IN GOD WE TRUST

By Lovick P. Law, M.M.

This country has been declared a Christian Nation. True, it is provided that there is to be a separation between Church and State, and to that the great majority of our countrymen subscribe most heartily, believing this provision to be the part of wisdom.

Nevertheless this is a Christian Nation.

On our coinage is inscribed, *In God We Trust.*

The landing of the Pilgrim Fathers on the New England coast long ago was because they desired to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience. No one has a right to gainsay that right in America to this day. Every person has the privilege to form his own opinion about God and his relationship to Him.

But our Constitution presupposes that we shall worship God in some way. That leaves no room in this country for Atheism, Bolshevism, or Communism. That is true, even though some would want to dispute it.

Bolshevism would tear down our flag and destroy Christianity if it could. Witness, Russia and its ''society of the Godless'' and other organizations of like nature. That, it seems to me, puts it without the pale of the protection of the flag of the United States, for this country recognizes God and understand that ''Righteousness exalteth a nation.'' Bolshevism has no place in America. It is an outlaw and should be dealt with as one would deal with an outlaw.

Communism is in the same class, and has no place in the economy of American Government. It should be treated as an enemy would be treated. If it could have its way it would tear every flag from our capitals, it would destroy the home life of the American people, it would burn every church in this country, it would destroy the faith, if it could, of those thousands of our boys and girls and our fathers and mothers who have found in Christianity comfort and assurance in the hour of trouble, disaster and death. Yet this country tolerates Bolshevism, Communism, Atheism, and allows them the right to ''free speech.''

I am wondering if that is not too much freedom and if in the years to come we shall not as a people, collectively and individually, suffer for our liberality.

Our educational institutions are being corrupted by organized atheistic societies that are attempting the destruction of the faith of our youth. Communism holds sway on street corners, teaching its doctrines to destroy and corrupt the people of our country and tear down all respect for law and order as understood by our Government.

Is it not about time this land of ours was waking up from its slumber to recognize the fact that here in our midst we are allowing a viper more poisonous than any deadly reptile existing today to develop itself until the time when it will rise up to destroy?

Let our beloved country hold to the traditions that have made it great, and put down with an iron hand those who would turn against our Government whose protecting arms have ever been wide open to suffering humanity fleeing from the tyrant's oppression.

There should be no room in this nation for those who would rip our flag to pieces or seek, in any manner, to destroy orderly Government and substitute therefore some pernicious alien ''ism.''

Let our country continue to place upon her coinage, and mean it, *In God We Trust.*

THE LARGER PROGRAM

By C. A. Bowers, *Pastor, Jamestown, Ohio*

A minister is seldom called by God to make a solo flight. More often he is asked to do team-work. He is expected to stake down new areas of life for Jesus Christ in the world as well as to cultivate his little garden plot at home. His interests should never stop at the boundary lines of his own parish.

Once in a generation you may see some paragon of individualism arise who seems to be a law unto himself. Some day you may find his burnt-out remains in a selected list of disgruntled preachers who feel that their talents have never been appreciated. The non-cooperative pastor considers himself a mighty bulwark of protection, as he stands between his people and the program of the church at large with its various appeals for worthy causes. Little does he realize that he is not serving as an asbestos curtain that shields his people from the fires of a world-wide conflagration which he believes is threatening his own little economic structure, but as a wet blanket that dampens their enthusiasm and smothers their desire to share in the work of the Kingdom.

Such a man is to be pitied. He is afflicted with a disease called parochial paralysis. The victim goes groping about his own narrow province of activity fumbling with details, oblivious of the fact that he ought to be a functioning part of the larger church. In its final stage the disease affects the hearing and sight. The victim is unable to hear any cry of need coming from a distance, and is incapable of seeing objectives, no matter how large, if they are outside his own parish, while small ones near at hand are often distorted out of all proportion.

We are a connectional church. The larger program, when administered at regular intervals, will work wonders with the patient. It enlarges his vision, and his hearing becomes so acute that the feeblest call for help will register. It is a powerful mind-stretcher. It is a stimulating heart-enlarger. It makes him a world citizen. It inspires him by causing him to believe he is an important spoke in the wheel, a necessary segment of the circle, a vital part of a glorious whole. Now he goes out pioneering into new areas of life he hardly knew existed, instead of dozing in the chimney corner of selfish isolation.

Thus the church is changed from a dormitory filled with complacent self-centered Christians to a work shop for Christ-centered workers of the Kingdom. The people are no longer drifters but doers; no longer stragglers but strugglers.

The larger program of the church turns difficulties into opportunities, mere men into spiritual giants, weakness into strength, cynicism into faith, incompetency into efficiency, and the Kingdom of God into a reality. — *The Pastor's Journal.*

He is richest who is content with the least, for content is the wealth of nature.—*Socrates.*

FRONTIER

Several thousands of miles of travel just following the Uniting Conference in that part of the United States which scholars say should no longer be called the "frontier" have left some vivid impressions.

"Frontier" or not, the states we visited are still those where the percentage of church membership and Sunday school enrollment to the total population is the very lowest. Due to conditions of life, type of people, or perhaps the inadequacy of the total program of all the religious groups—or whatever the reason—the names which normally should be on the list are not recorded. A name, however, is merely a name, and perhaps the list does not tell the complete story.

This is truly a land of magnificent distances. Where else would one find such vast stretches between neighbors? Where else would ranch families travel twenty miles to the closest religious service and then attend not in a church but in a ranch house or school building? Where else would young people drive 526 miles to attend an Institute, and where else would a man labor so many weeks or months without seeing the face of a brother pastor?

It is a land of sheep. We drove through thousands of them, piloted at four miles per hour by experienced herders, who divided the crowding multitudes with confident skill. Of course, it is also a land of cattle, wheat, alfalfa, beans, and almost endless sage-brush. It is the home of magpies, gophers, coyotes, and antelopes. It is a place of mountains and mines of many sorts, of miners and of prospectors. It is a land of dams and even more dams—dams of concrete, dams of earth, dams for flood control, dams for irrigation, dams for power!

Enormous population shifts have taken place on the old frontier. In general, this has been from the dry-land areas to the irrigated regions and to the cities, which are beautiful, well-ordered, thrifty and growing. To understand this situation, one must recognize that even the "dry" land must be classified, for some of it is merely dry, while other vast territories are "very dry." It is from the very dry regions that people have been moving. Large expanses of territory settled with optimism thirty or more years ago have smaller populations than they once had, while many new areas, into which the life-giving water has come, have witnessed the development of new projects and communities.

In some places the economic problem is acute. In one community we were told that 90 per cent of the Methodists were living on government relief.

This, too, is the land of the dance. To be sure dancing is not limited to the frontier, but here it seems to occupy a peculiarly important place. Dance halls abound and they are frequently used. It sounded strange in an extended sage-brush area to hear the pastor report that his chief problem in enlisting the interest of young people in the church centered around the "night clubs."

We like to think that open spaces are conducive to righteous living, yet we talked intimately with those who had had some part in the excitement created by a young man raised on a frontier ranch whose exploits in breaking from jail, shooting officials, and finally killing himself to avoid capture in an attempted bank robbery, were front-page news over the entire nation.

A week later in coming down through a long but narrow canyon, we were met by officers, with fire-arms, and were warned to look out for our own safety and to report any suspicious circumstances observed. Here scores of armed men had assembled to search out four desperate criminals who had broken jail and were now hiding in a rough country with which they were familiar. Even criminals have to eat and sleep, however, and, just after we had passed through the canyon, three of the group threw down their arms and surrendered, although they had sent word only a few hours earlier that they would fight it out to the death. Two days later newspapers carried a report of the capture of the fourth man. All is not lovely on the frontier.

We found much to encourage. There were two young women who had followed a new project which had attracted multitudes of families. Among these poor people, some of them ignorant and some college graduates, these women are serving as angels of mercy, bringing comfort into new and primitive homes, providing training and helpful leadership for young life, and even organizing a new church which hopes some day to have a home of its own. In spite of work that often involves driving late at night and over rutted roads, which become impassable in wet weather, these loyal workers remain undaunted.

There was the "supply" preacher, who had gone quietly to a difficult field and, with the help of his devoted wife, is reaching an entire group of communities, providing Christian leadership for youth and winning men and women to Jesus Christ.

Also the fine Christian layman, member of a state legislature, who, moved by the appeal of one mother that she might have some Christian ministry for her children, drives miles into the country each Sunday evening to hold a well attended service in a country schoolhouse, to which people come from long distances. For nearly two years, he has been carrying on this service. We thought of the lay preachers of England and wished that the number of such workers, who were willing to pay the price of service, might be multiplied in America. This man grew up on a ranch and he knows what it is to live without the direct ministry of the church. Fortunately, it was in a home where the daily altar was maintained and religion was made a part of life.

On the old frontier are some of the best trained, most devoted and most capable of pastors. Yet, if the work in some places is to move forward, heroic retired men, now shaky with years, who have been called back into service to fill the gaps, must be replaced with workers with physical and spiritual strength adequate to a task of unusual difficulty. Recruits are needed as well as the money with which to pay them. (Perhaps we should add that what seemed to us one of the best pieces of work being done on a rural circuit was in charge of a man technically retired, but that was the exception).—*The Pastor's Journal.*

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The fire you kindle for your enemy often burns yourself more than him.—*Chinese Proverb.*

OUR STORY PAGE

NATURE INVENTED IT

Has it ever occurred to you that many of the modern devices that we attribute to Yankee inventiveness were originited and employed by Mother Nature untold centuries ago? Consider, for instance, the submarine and its peculiar periscope.

Bermuda has a flounder that likes to lie buried in the sand. Hidden from unsuspecting prey, it still sees everything that happens, for it has its eyes neatly situated on the ends of two long stalks. Nature's first periscope!

And the submarine? Well, in order to descend, this craft permits water to flow into hollow tanks along its hull; in order to ascend, it blows compressed air in to drive out the water, thereby restoring buoyancy. Quite clever. But the poor fish can duplicate this feat by virtue of the bladder that lies below the backbone. By regulating the amount of air in this "tank," the fish can determine easily the depth at which it may swim.

Perhaps you have seen airplanes laying smoke-screens. Many observers think this idea originated with man. Nonsense! The octopus and his cousin the squid always have employed this method. They squirt out inky, black liquids, behind which they execute a successful and orderly retreat.

The heavy blows of the mace and the piercing thrust of the lance met, in the days of knighthood, a formidable obstacle in the nature of a sturdy coat of mail. It was the latest word in armor. However, in Mexico, nature gave such a garment to one of her children, the armadillo, made of a strong and flexible series of bony plates. When attacked, the animal rolls up into a ball and tucks its head under its tail.

The parachute has saved many an aviator's life and has enabled pilots to drop food and supplies to helpless persons who could not be reached in any other way. Important as the parachute is, and ingenious though its construction may be, nature deserves the credit for originating it. If you want proof of this, watch the white blossoms of the lowly dandelion ride on idle winds. This employment of the parachute principle affords a businesslike means of dispersing precious seeds.

Surely, you say, the modern hypodermic needle is man's idea. But you're wrong about that, too! The fang of the rattlesnake preceded this medical instrument. Long, hollow and sharp, the fang corresponds to the steel needle; the poison duct, leading from the poison sac by way of the hollow fang, resembles the hollow core of the needle; the poison sac, surrounded by muscles that squeeze when properly contracted, readily suggests the barrel and the plunger of man's contrivance.

Early man used the simple little instrument known as the drill, but the idea has been used for centuries by the ichneumon-fly. The base of its body has a wonderful little drill with a diameter no larger than a human hair. This drill, strangely enough, defies the hardest walnut wood. The fly drills holes to provide suitable places for the eggs. Following the dictates of instinct, it always places these eggs next to those of another insect. In this way the ichneumon larvae, hatching first, feed on the unmatured eggs of the other insect and as a result begin life with a flourish.

The familiar pincers of the ant came before man's pliers! Of course, you all know what invention is suggested by the glow of the lightning-bug!

In this day of combating insidious soil erosion, engineers are building large dams; these structures also help to store water for future needs. But for ages the industrious beaver has been erecting dams.

Perhaps you have heard of the travelers' plant, so common to arid wastes. It stores in its trunk reasonably large quantities of water; a thirsty traveler may obtain a clear, cool drink by cutting into the plant's hollow reservoir.

We hear much these days of trailers that embody most of the comforts and conveniences of home. The idea originated centuries ago in the mind of the hermit crab. Found practically anywhere on the seashore, the hermit crab takes the empty shell of such animals as the snail, makes them his movable "home," and changes his abode only when he finally outgrows the immediate surroundings. Nature's first tourist!

Speed, aeronautical experts say, has a direct relationship to the degree of streamlining entering into the design of the flying craft. So where did these engineers look for their ideas? You're right. To nature! The body of any fish or bird ably serves as a pattern from which designers may draw plans for speedier airplanes. Nature invented streamlining, but man has been unusually slow copying her.

An old Oriental saying has it that one picture is worth a thousand words. Consequently, photography has become increasingly popular. Interesting is the fact that the modern camera is copied almost point for point after the human eye. The eye-lid, the iris, the vitreous chamber that fills up the cavity of the eye-ball—all these are duplicated exactly. Wonderful films are manufactured, but the retina of man's eye is still more wonderful!—*Glenn Yerk Williamson,* in "*Teens.*"

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THE GYPSIES ON THE GREEN

Below the old farmhouse was a stretch of ground, triangular in shape, that covered half an acre. It ran parallel to the public highway, was unfenced, and was shaded by a row of maple trees. From the name given it, you may know that our forbears came from Ireland, for it was called "the green." It was never used for crop cultivation, but was a playground for the children. On the thick carpet of grass and sheltered by the trees we could play there to our heart's content.

One morning, while we were playing on the green, something occurred that sent us scampering to the house. Three or four rickety, canvas wagons suddenly invaded the children's acre. Like the building of Solomon's temple, they came without noise. It seemed to a small boy that morning that they just dropped out of the sky. They came without so much as asking "by your leave." Unhitched from the wagon, eight gaunt-looking horses began greedily to devour the grass. A dozen swarthy men, wowen, and children, who resembled Indians, took possession of the place. With eyes as big as saucers, a seven-year-old boy watched from a window within the shelter of the house. "Who are they and what are they doing here?" he asked his mother. Her reply was, "They are gypsies and I suppose we'll have to put up with them. If we order them off, they are likely to burn our barns. But you must stay in. I won't let you out of my sight until they have gone."

The gypsies stayed until the following morning. By that time their greedy, half-starved horses had eaten the beautiful grass of the green clean down to the sod. In other ways the gypsies made themselves thoroughly at home. They kept the farmhouse pump busy. They solicited eggs and milk. They wanted to sell shawls and jewelry. They tried to trade one of their broken-down horses. They did their best to tell our fortunes. The majority of their requests met with courteous refusals. Mother said, "I'm afraid of them, but I'm not going to let them know it." And all the time she kept a small boy within range of her vision.

There was ground for her fear. More than fifty years before, some twelve miles to the southward, a little girl disappeared mysteriously and was never heard of again. On June 20, 1834, little Mary Ann Gamble, aged six years, had toddled off alone to school. Her fate is unknown until this hour. A hunt of many years was fruitless. Just before her disappearance, a band of gypsies was seen in that neighborhood. They also disappeared and all efforts to trace them were in vain. The inference was that they had carried her away. More than fifty years later, when mothers in that region saw a band of nomads coming, they gathered in their children and guarded them until the gypsies had gone.

If those gypsies on the green had stolen Benedicite, wouldn't they have had a sour pickle? Despite his mother's fears, I doubt if he was in danger of abduction. If the gypsies had taken him and held him for ransom, as modern kidnappers do, I wonder what price would have been their demand. Maybe 500 pennies, chaperoned by a nickel. One voice cries out of the grave in protest against that, and it is the voice of his mother.

"What impresses you most about the Cross?" we asked a man in Bible class one day. His answer was, "I wonder that God saw anything in us that made Him make a sacrifice like that." Somehow mother looked at us through the eyes of Jesus. She labeled us with the price tag of Calvary. Our value in her sight was beyond computation.

Good has come from gypsy tents. If you doubt it, read the story of Gypsy Smith. In the tent where he was raised there lived a father and five motherless little children. There was no Bible there. Nobody thought of them. Who wants to have anything to do with a gypsy? Says Gypsy Smith, "But God looked on that poor father and those five motherless little things and saw them in their ignorance and heatenism, hungry for God. And He put those arms that were nailed to the tree around the father and the children and saved them all, and I am one of them. It takes divine love to see possibilities in a gypsy tent."

I wonder if it doesn't take a Christ-like heart to see possibilities in you and me.—*Benedicite* in *"United Presbyterian."*

BACKBONE AND WISHBONE

Don't you ever wear your wishbone, where your backbone ought to be,
Is a maxim full of wisdom, and applies to you and me,
For the fellow who is wishing for the things to come his way,
Is the one who puts off doing today's work, another day.

This life is but a mirror, laughs and smiles come back to greet us,
Scowl at fate and just as surely frowning features ever meet us,
If it hurts, just grim and bear it, what's the use to cry and curse,
Make the best of circumstances, take what comes, it might be worse.

If you don't get what you're wanting, want the things that you can get,
You can't tell in the beginning just how high your mark to set.
If your job don't suit your notion, and you think the other would,
Just remember that the other fellow would swap, maybe, if he could.

This old world is full of people and a year is made of days,
Takes a lot of folks to fill up all the time in many ways,
But if you just keep on doing all you can, your very best,
Some day opportunity'll open and you'll find you lead the rest.

Life don't look alike to people looking at it different ways,
Better strike an average somehow on the rain and shiny days,
Wishes won't get there like hustle, grit and push win out, you'll see,
Don't you ever wear your wishbone, where your backbone ought to be.

—Homer Clark Bennett, M.D.

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TO TEACH DEMOCRACY

The Board of Education of the City of New York recently passed a resolution to build conscious barriers against those conditions in America which tend to destroy democracy. The plan is to create assemblies in every public school to promulgate American ideals of democracy, tolerance and freedom for all men, with emphasis on the contributions of all races and nationalities to the growth and development of American democracy.

The programs of the assemblies are to be based on the social and political history of the United States in such a manner as to show the relative contributions of the different nationalities and races.—*Supreme Council Bulletin.*

THE LONG AND THE SHORT OF IT

I was wondering about long meetings.
Our minister ran overtime at church today.
Five minutes.
He preached twenty-eight minutes.
And that make one hour and five minutes of service—
Which is too much.
So some people say.
And if our preacher doesn't watch out
They'll be handing him his hat and asking him what's his hurry;
Because one hour and five minutes in church is an outrageous long time!
I was wondering
How those folks stood it to sit three hours at a theater,
And two and a half at the movies;
And I never heard of a dance only one hour long,
Or a sixty-minute card party.
People seem to want to get their money's worth
When they go to shows and things.
Well, perhaps that's why they want only one hour at church—
That's all they've paid for!
I never thought of that.

—*Western Recorder.*

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SINS OF THE SAINTS

Several weeks ago a Virginia minister announced through the press that his subject for the following Sunday would be "Sins of the Saints. . . ."

As one thinks of sins of the saints, there come to mind prejudice, narrowness, jealousy, suspicion, distrust, lack of vision, stinginess, intolerance, foundness for personal display and credit, selfishness and just plain cussedness. These sins block the coming of God's Kingdom as much as any sins we know anything about. And they are often the hardest with which to deal, because they are so hard to detect in ourselves. It is a rare person indeed who has such insight into his own conduct that he can say, "I am intolerant"; "I am selfish. . . ." To be sure, we can easily detect these sins in others, but when we turn to ourselves, we see only virtues. The "stingy" man is "frugal," or "provident," but not singy. The prejudiced person is sure that he is the embodiment of fair-play and justice. The man without vision is dead-sure that religion is nothing but a lot of bunk anyway.—*The Richmond Christian Advocate,* Richmond, Va.

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Have you seen the Methodist Discipline? It is off the press and can be secured from our Board of Publication, 516 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Md. Price, $.60.

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The General Conference of the Methodist Church is to meet in Atlantic City April 24, 1940.

NAVY WANTS MORE BATTLESHIPS

The United States is building more warships today than at any previous time in its history. With a present fleet of 369 fighting ships in commission, it has now under construction 101 new warships and auxiliaries which will cost more than a billion dollars. Among them are eight battleships, six of 35,000 tons and two of 45,000 tons. But the navy is not satisfied. No other navy in the world has battleships of such size as the 45,000 ton ships, or costing so much. (Present estimates of the cost of the two now building place it as about $100,000,000 each). The President authorized this enormous size because of rumors that the Japanese were building similar monsters, but the *New York Times* now states that the two largest battleships Japan is building certainly cannot exceed 40,000 tons and may not be over the 35,000 ton mark. New battleships for the British, French, Italian and German navies in no case exceed 35,000 tons; many of them fall below that. Nevertheless, the navy will ask the next Congress for two more 45,000 ships. How long is this folly to continue? How long will it be before Congress demands a clear formulation of the policy which a projected navy is to support before it appropriates for new ships, whether of 45,000 ton or of any other size? Encouraged by Mr. Roosevelt's obsession with sea power the navy has become the Oliver Twist of the government; its appetite is never satisfied.—*The Christian Century.*

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GOD GIVE US MEN!

God give us men! A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands;
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor; men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue
And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking!
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty, and in private thinking;
For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn creeds,
Their large professions and their little deeds,
Mingle in selfish strife, lo! Freedom weeps,
Wrong rules the land and waiting justice sleeps.

—*Josiah Gilbert Holland.*

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New Creation vs. Old Necessity

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The great denial of this mighty truth is written large upon the sky in our day, but the denial will in the end deny itself.

Can a man be made over? Can he be "born again when he is old"? The answer is, "Yes." The Creative Spirit of God, playing upon the soul of man, can break down all barriers of age, infirmity, ignorance, sin, unfortunate condition, and hindering circumstance. Everything depends upon our answer—for we too are free. However weak and feeble we may be, however weighed down by the heavy chains of Old Necessity, the least lifting of the heart to God means an influx of power from the ever-creating God. Hope? There is always hope in a free world under the immediate power and control of a living God.—*Zion's Herald.*

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DEPARTMENT OF SPIRITUAL LIFE

As we study over promotional plans for the Spiritual Life Department, somehow the words of Paul come to our minds and linger there, as though trying to impress themselves upon us as a theme for our planning and our work for this year, "That in *all things, He* might have the pre-eminence."

How can we find spiritual power for Christian living?

How can we find and maintain peace and an inner poise amid confusing, disturbing and distracting outer circumstances?

How can we at all times, "Abide in Him, and He in us?"

How can we lead others to really visualize Him, and receive inspiration for better living and more Sacrificial services?

How can the church really demonstrate to the world a depth of spiritual power?

How can we find women who can, or train women to really lead a worship service, so that others may be led in a real worship experience?

How can we spiritualize, or place spiritual emphasis upon our projects for raising money? (such as Thank Offering Services, Church dinners, bazaars, etc.)

These are all questions with which the Spiritual Life Secretary should concern herself, and in trying to answer them may find some new realms for her activity. For after all, personal Christian living, and the promotion of all the interests of the Kingdom of God, is the aim and goal of all Christian Service. "We would see Jesus," is the cry of hungering hearts everywhere. Is the world going to see Him in our lives?

O, that every Methodist woman might pledge herself, on bended knee, before her Maker, "In my life, in *all things, He* may have the pre-eminence."

Then the church might demonstrate to the world a new depth of spiritual power.

We would like to emphasize the Fall Retreat. We all need to follow in the steps of our Master in "going apart" for a season of prayer and meditation. Splendid suggestions for the procedure, the program, for such a retreat may be found in the *Record* for May 1938.

I would emphasize a deep need for more thorough preparation for the Devotional Leaders who are to lead the Worship Services in the Guide Book. Will the Spiritual Life Secretary, the President, and other interested officers get the devotional leaders together, and impress upon them their responsibility for leading others in a real worship experience. They should make every effort possible to secure the suggested hymns, music, etc. Oft times the continuity of thought is broken by the substitution of another hymn. The Lord's Prayer can mean so much more to us than ever before as month by month we study its different divisions—or it can mean little or nothing if the leaders do not properly lead.

Let us this year try to place a more spiritual emphasis upon the raising of our money. Necessarily so much of our thought, strength and time must be given to the raising of our Budget. But we do believe that it is very possible to make the giving of money a real worship experience. "Draw near, and bring an offering unto the Lord" is an early command of God. Can we, we wonder, really draw near without bringing an offering?

The following suggested activities, stated briefly, are culled from the report of the Evaluation Committee from the meeting of Spiritual Life Leaders of the three Methodist Churches.

"We believe that the greatest contribution the unification of Methodism can make is the demonstration to the world of a new depth of spiritual power."

We are convinced that provision should be made for the Spiritual Life emphasis as an integral part of the Woman's organization of the Methodist Church, and that the objective should be the enrichment of the spiritual life (1) in the individual; (2) in the Women's groups; (3) in the entire Church.

"Methods used for this purpose are Bible Study; Personal Evangelism; devotional reading lists; publication responsibility for devotional literature; letters to young people and teachers in home missionary institutions; and promotion of the World Day of Prayer."

"From the above list of activities we believe the following significant features should be conserved:

(1) Personal plans for definite Christian growth.

(2) Retreats (inter-Methodist).

(3) Small spiritual life groups in local Church.

(4) The principle of combining service projects with spiritual development.

(5) The promotion of reading for spiritual enrichment."

MRS. F. B. GILHOUSEN, in
The Missionary Record.

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A man is like a bit of Labrador spar, which has no lustre as you turn it in your hand, until you come to a particular angle; then it shows deep and beautiful colors. There is no adaptation or universal applicability in men, but each has his special talent, and the mastery of successful men consists in adroitly keeping themselves where and when that turn shall be oftenest to be practiced.—Emerson.

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I am not dreaming! I am not deluded. Nearer to the grave new life streams for me. We shall continue to exist. We shall see each other again.—Goethe.

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Woman's Auxiliary, Moriah, for shoes	2.00
Young Ladies' Missionary Circle, Victory Memorial, Indianapolis, Ind., shoes (for her boys)	5.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Long Point, Ill., for shoes	5.00
Mrs. Rona Staley, Troy, N. C., for shoes	5.00
The Edith Lacy Auxiliary, Cambridge, Ohio, for shoes	5.00
Enfield Auxiliary, for shoes	5.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Muncie, Ind., for shoes	3.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Linthicum Heights, Md., for shoes	4.00
One of the Circles, Davis St. Church, Burlington. Sent by Mrs. William Underwood, for shoes	5.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Hollister, for shoes	2.00

Clothing and Other Gifts

A number of individual boxes of clothing are coming in these days for our children, and are being answered direct from the office. We appreciate this good help, and in addition to these if there are those who can send any good used or new clothing for children from 5 to 18 years of age we will greatly appreciate it. Towels and wash cloths and bed linen will also be very helpful.

The first lot of canned goods to come in for this fall comes from a family near Chestnut Ridge, and is to be credited to Chestnut Ridge Auxiliary, Orange. 9 half-gallon cans and 13 quart cans of fruits and vegetables.

We are thankful for these and for the money and other things reported above.

Please rally to our support in your regular monthly offerings during September and October.

Conference coming as early as it does this year practically cuts off one month's offerings to the Home before Conference. We trust every Sunday school will note this fact, and do your best to make it up to us.

A. G. DIXON, Supt.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT RIGHT LIVING

Topic for September 10

By REV. RAYMOND W. WHITE, D.D.

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, September 4—Righteousness of the Pharisees. Luke 11:39-44.

Tuesday, September 5—Christ's Abiding Purpose. John 9:1-4.

Wednesday, September 6—Forgiveness Personified. Luke 23:33-34.

Thursday, September 7—Love, the Fulfilment of Law. Matt. 22:35-40.

Friday, September 8—Peter's Testimony of Christ. Act. 10:34-41.

Saturday, September 9—Christ, the Example of Believers. I Pet. 2:21-25.

The Text: Matt. 5:13-26.

To the Leader

This is the first of a series of three topics on "Studies in the Sermon on the Mount." They should be treated as expository studies. An effort should be made to acquaint young people with the nature and value of these chapters and to cultivate in them an appreciation of the Scriptures. This topic, the first of the three, deals with righteous living. This righteous living must exceed the righteousness of those who strive to keep only the outward laws. Show that true Christian living verifies and demonstrates the transforming spirit who is within us.

The Poet

God, make my life a little light,
  Within the world to glow,—
A little flame that burneth bright,
  Wherever I may go.

God, make my life a little flower
  That giveth joy to all;
Content to bloom in native bower,—
  Although the place be small.

God, make my life a little staff
  Whereon the weak may rest;
That so what health and strength I have
  May serve my neighbor best.
    —Mrs. B. M. Edwards.

Little Gems

If you live wrong you can't die right.—"Billy" Sunday.

We are to undertake nothing that is out of harmony with the spirit.—Selected.

This is the proof of a well-trained mind, to rejoice in what is good and to grieve at the opposite.—Cicero.

Be such a man, live such a life, that if every man were such as you and every life a life like yours, this earth would be a paradise.—Phillips Brooks.

Clothe yourself with the silk of piety, with the satin of sanctity, with the purple of modesty, so shall God Himself be your suitor.—Turtullian.

Topic Hints

Christ's Sermon: Christ's Sermon on the Mount is a discourse on the ethics of a Christian. At first one hears the sermon with a feeling that its standards cannot be reached. They never could be reached in mere human strength. These standards, however, can be lived when Christ truly lives within. That's the secret; Christ living within.

The Way of Righteousness: Jesus was very definite and clear in dealing with the right way of living. He spoke of (1) the supreme standard, Mark 12:28-31; Matt. 5:17; 7:12; (2) the love for neighbor, Matt. 5:43-45; 46-48; Luke 6:32-35; 19:29-37; (3) the pride of life, Luke 13:30; 14:11; Matt. 7:12; 3-5; Luke 17:7-10; (4) anger, Matt. 5:21-22; 23-24; (5) revenge, Matt. 6:12; 14-15; Luke, 17:34; Matt. 18:21-22; Matt. 5:38-41; Luke 6:37-38; 9:52-55; Matt. 18:-23-35; (6) love of money, Luke 12:15; Matt. 5:42; Matt. 6:24; Luke 14:12-14; 12:16-20; Mark 12:41-44; (7) falsehood, Matt. 5:33-37; 23:20-22; (8) impurity, Matt. 5:27-28; (9) divorce, Mark 10:2-9; (10) definite purpose, Luke 6:45; Matt. 6:22-23; 13:44; 44-46; 7:13-14; Mark 10:17-22, 25; Luke 16:1-8; (11) sefl-control, Matt. 18:7; Mark 9:43-47. The beatitudes may be called the summary of the way of righteousness, Matt. 5:-3-10.

The False Way: Not only did Jesus speak on the right way of living but He made that way more clear by speaking on the false way of living. In dealing with the false way He spoke of (1) empty ceremonialism, Mark 7:15; Matt. 23:23-26; Luke 11:38-40; (2) evasion, Matt. 23:16-19; (3) Sabbath harshness, Mark 2:23-28; 3:4; Luke 14:5; Matt. 12:5-7; (4) heartless cruelty, Mark 7:9-13; (5) the result, Luke 11:44, 46, 52; Matt. 23:15, 27, 29-31; 21:31; Mark 12:38-40: (6) evil influence, Matt. 15:14; 5:20; 7:15-18, 20; Luke 12:1.

The Choice: In His message, Jesus gives to man the right of choice. On this subject He speaks (1) a word of warning, Matt. 4:17; Mark 8:36; Luke 12:54-59; 13:1-5; 16:19-31; (2) a thought on responsibility, Mark 4:9; Luke 6:46; 12:47; 48; 11:24-26; 16:10; 19:26; (3) a message encouraging unceasing effort, Matt. 25:1-13; 24:43. Jesus enforced this message by an illustration which may be called a summary, Matt. 7:24-27.

The Right Way: Jesus taught that righteousness is accounted to believers. Said He to the multitude at Jerusalem, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth My word, and believeth in Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation: but is passed from death unto life," Matt. 5:24. Righteousness is to be sought first according to His word, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you," Matt. 6:33. Jesus assures the believers that his seeking shall be rewarded. "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled," Matt. 5:6.

Our Kind: It has been said that there are three kinds of people—those who do not live up to any laws, those who live up only to the laws that men enforce in our common life, and those who live according to inward laws that no one can enforce. As Christians, we belong to the last of these three classes. Our actions in life are the fruit of inwardly cherished ideals which are born of God. These ideals cannot be forced by legislation and in action they are beyond the comprehension of worldly legislation. The Christian needs no liquor laws for himself because his refusal to drink is above the law; he needs no Blue Laws to enforce Sabbath observance for he observes the Lord's Day without such laws; he needs no law for murder for he not even hates his brother; he needs no military laws for he loves his enemies. Of course laws are needed for an understanding among men but the Christian lives above such laws because he lives from inward and spiritual ideals.

The Urge: The man who lives a life of righteousness according to the teachings of Jesus must have an inner urge. He must have an "ought to" and a "want to" feeling. He may be forced to obey but character will not be built by force. He may assent in mind and comply in action but either or both may make him mechanical. This is just where many professing Christians fail. They obey by force or comply by assent, but they lack a religious experience. The right way in life has its beginning in the heart of the traveler. The code of traveling must be accompanied by the right spirit. The right way not only leads to a desired destination but it also makes of the traveler a desired citizen of a heavenly kingdom. God's way is the way of righteousness. Only the righteous can go that way. The Throne of Grace is ever ready to make anyone righteous who comes in a submissive and penitent spirit. The right way is designed for right people and God makes people right for the right way.—M. P. Recorder.

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THE CHURCH THAT I ATTEND

There's no aristocratic set
  In the church that I attend;
Your lack of riches they forget
  In the church that I attend;
They seem to feel that you and they
Are fashioned from one common clay,
And social barriers fade away
  In the church that I attend.

The pastor seems to know your needs
  In the church that I attend;
Each individual heart he reads
  In the church that I attend;
And whether weal or whether woe
Be yours, he makes you feel and know
That God rich blessing doth bestow
  In the church that I attend.

They sing the good old songs of praise
  In the church that I attend;
That take you back to childhood's days
  From the church that I attend;
And mother's voice you hear again
Croon softly each familiar strain,
And aching hearts forget their pain
  In the church that I attend.

They may not always do what's right
  In the church that I attend;
But still they live close to the light
  In the church that I attend;
And if, in God's eternity,
Heaven's pleasure shall be granted me,
Each well-loved face I think I'll see
  From that church that I attend.
    —By Charles E. L. Brown,
      in "Watchman."

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Fools learn nothing from wise men, but wise men much from fools.—Dutch Proverb.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Spencer-China Grove Charge, Rev. A. Ridge, Pastor.—Our services have continued through the summer months. Rev. Ridge has filled his appointments in a wonderful way.

The Ladies' Aid met August 27 with Miss Mary Tee. After the meeting all the business was attended to. Delicious refreshments were served. She had a large attendance.

We are having a good Sunday school. Other services are very well attended, and we are going to have our Home Coming Day September 17. That's the day our revival meeting is to start. I ask all and every Christian to help us to pray that we will have a great revival that will wake China Grove up that the fire from on high will fall on every unsaved one.

We are certainly proud of our pastor, Rev. A. Ridge. He's been so faithful to us and he just suits us folks. We are hoping he'll be sent back to us again.

I'm again asking the prayers from all. Rev. Bell is to help in the meeting.

MRS. TITUS WRIGHT, Reporter.

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Christ Methodist Church, Henderson, Rev. T. J. Whitehead, Pastor.—Revival services are being conducted this week at Christ Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. T. J. Whitehead, who is preaching each evening at 8 o'clock.

We trust the church may be wonderfully blessed and revived and many souls converted to God.

The last of the Union service for the Henderson churches for this summer was held at Christ Methodist Church the fourth Sunday evening with Rev. Mr. Whitehead presiding. Rev. J. Everette Neese giving the invocation and Rev. J. A. Jones of the First Presbyterian Church preaching the sermon. The church was filled with interested listeners. Rev. Mr. Jones has accepted a call to Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte and Rev. Mr. Neese has received a call to serve a church in Massachusetts while attending Andover-Newton Theological Seminary.

We are grateful for the privilege of having had these consecrated young ministers and their families with us for several years and regret very much their leaving. They have been such a help and inspiration to the people of Henderson.

Mr. S. R. Harris recently entertained the ministers of Henderson at his home with a watermelon slicing. The event was a most delightful one and thoroughly enjoyed by all attending. We are wishing for Mr. Harris many, many years in which to make others happy.

During the absence of our pastor, who was conducting a revival in his home church on the second Sunday, we had the pleasure of hearing Rev. Sidney R. Crumpton, a student in the School of Religion of Duke University, who is working under the direction of the Conference Council of Religious Education of the former Methodist Protestant Church during the summer months.

Rev. E. Norfleet Gardner, pastor of the First Baptist Church taught the Men's Bible class during the Sunday school hour recently. The Rosa Harris and Philathea classes joined the Men's class to hear Mr. Gardner. All enjoyed the lesson so much. The Philathea class has just sent a box of clothing to the Children's Home at High Point. The president and committee wish to thank all who so generously contributed to this worthy cause.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Pritchard and Rev. and Mrs. Bowman visited friends in Henderson recently.

Mrs. Ethel Harris Kirby of Baltimore, who has been visiting her father, Mr. S. R. Harris, has returned home.

Miss Mary Mitchell Baity will enter the University of Carolina at Chapel Hill. Misses Martha Baity and Nellie Kittrell will return to High Point College and George Gooch will attend Davidson College.

The Woman's Auxiliary, and Circles Nos. 1, 2 and 4 will meet Monday afternoon at 3:30 with Mrs. S. R. Watson. Miss Mary Young will review the study book, "Women and the Way."

During the Sunday school hour Sunday morning Rev. J. Everette Neese, pastor of the Congregational-Christian Church, gave a most helpful and interesting talk on "Evangelism With Christian Education."

Misses Margaret Hight, Mary and Eleanor Young will leave soon to resume their work as teachers in Maryland, Ohio and North Carolina.

Rev. Mr. Whitehead's subjects for the morning and evening worship services Sunday were: "Do You Want To Live In Another World?" and "Our Ever-Present Friend and Guide."

These services mark the beginning of a week's revival in our home church.

The S. S. Worker's Council met with Rev. and Mrs. Whitehead last Tuesday evening. Many things were discussed in regard to the betterment of the Sunday school.

ANNE C. LASHLEY.

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Union Grove, Orange Charge, Rev. C. P. Morris, Pastor.—We haven't been heard from much this year, but we are still alive. We had our Children's Day exercises and homecoming first Sunday in June, which was well rendered. We were delighted to have our own Rev. R. C. Stubbins, who has also been our pastor twice, preach for us. It was good to be there. There were a good many former members present. We are always glad to have them with us. Mr. Albert Neville, superintendent of the Sunday school, has been at Sanatorium since early spring. We trust he will soon be restored back with us. Our Sunday school has been unusually good, with the best attendance in several years.

We have made some improvements in our church inside and bought new hymnals, and trust we can soon do more.

Our series of services began first Sunday in August. Rev. H. F. Surratt, who was our pastor several years ago, came Sunday for afternoon service, and remained until the meeting closed Friday. He gave us plain gospel truths which were much enjoyed. We did not have the attendance we should have had, but we had a good meeting. Six of our Sunday school scholars united with church last Sunday, and we were glad to have Mr. Arthur Minnis transfer from Chestnut Ridge to us, as he lives here.

Our pastor has filled all appointments and gives us good sermons. We trust he will be returned to us.

We are distressed about the world situation. But God's word and law are disregarded and punishment is sure. We as a nation need fasting and prayer and return to Him who only can protect and keep us. May we as a church arise to our duty and let the nation know by our standing for what God requires that we are His people.

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Midway Church, Paul Hamilton, Pastor.—The attendance in our Sunday school has been the best it has ever been. We have broken all records in attendance and we are steadily growing. It has been a regualr attendance along with many visitors who are visiting in the community.

The Christian Endeavor has been having regular programs each Sunday evening at 7:30. The attendance has been small but the programs have been interesting. Not only have we been having regular programs but almost every Sunday evening we have a special speaker or special music furnished by outsiders.

Cleveland F. Pinnix, Jr., and Allen Pinnix, of Washington, D. C., are spending some time with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Pinnix. They will be here for the homecoming day.

HUNT PINNIX, Reporter.

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Weaver's Chapel, Littleton Charge, Rev. D. D. Broome, Pastor.—We were very fortunate indeed to have Rev. J. D. Cranford of Vance charge with us as pulpit help during the revival, which began Sunday, August 20, and closed Friday night, August 25. All-day services were held Sunday. Services during the week were held evening and night, beginning Monday night. On Sunday morning the Jarrell sisters of Chase City sang a duet. Rev. Mr. Cranford was unable to be with us for the morning worship and dinner but he came for the evening service. At this time he rendered a very inspiring message.

Wednesday night, August 30, the Ladies' Auxiliary met in the home of Mrs. P. J. Shearin. There were nine members and several visitors present. Zella Shearin, Mrs. Jesse Salmon, and Catherine Stansbury were received as new members of our club. At this meeting officers were elected for the next six months. They are: President, Alice Mae Whitley; vice-president, Mrs. Murry Myrick; secretary, Mae Shearin; treasurer, Bettie Mae King; program committee, Mrs. P. J. Shearin; sick committee, Mrs. Jack Ellis, Mrs. Lena Walker and Mrs. L. T. King. After business matters were discussed, the hostess served refreshments. Our next meeting will be held at Mrs. Murry Myrick's.

BETTIE MAE KING, Reporter.

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Asheboro.—The following persons were received by letter into the Central church last Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cross, Mr. L. W. Baggett, and "Billy" Baggett. We gladly welcome them to our communion. Others are to follow next Sunday.

S. W. TAYLOR.

THE ADULATION OF ADOLF HITLER

The adoration offered to Adolf Hitler on the occasion of his fiftieth birthday has nothing in common with the most exalted homage ever paid to any ruler throughout the Christian world.

We have followed carefully Nazi literature and are familair with the exaggerated modes of expression of those around Hitler, but we were frankly shocked when we read the terms used in these congratulations of his followers and our readers will no doubt be equally disturbed. The fact that any man could arouse such adoration did not shock us so much as that there are men and women capable of prostrating themselves in such a degrading way. This prostration seems to us of two kinds—religious and erotic. As a religious impulse, it is blasphemous, and erotically, it is obscene. The blasphemy lies not so much in the idolization of Hitler as in the humiliation of the people who lower themselves before him as their idol. Yet foreign observers must not make the mistake of believing that the *whole* people is implicated in this abominable adulation. They hear and see those shouting "Heil!" but do not see the many who stay at home, with bitterness and shame in their hearts. They are witnessing an orgy of the Party, not in the spontaneous emotion of a people.

We reprint a number of quotations from the celebration number of the "Schwarze Kops" which solicited for this number replies from its readers to the question, "What does the Fuehrer mean to you?":

1. (A Viennese) "My Fuehrer gave me not only a political 'Weltanschauung' but also a religion. He gave me a faith, which even as a child I had never possessed. This faith is a faith in ourselves, in our strength and our greatness, in the mysterious power of Blood, our Soil and the German nation...."

2. (An S. S. Man) "Even to attempt to put into words what I feel for my Fuehrer appears to me profane. . . . It makes my heart heavy to think that the Fuehrer today belongs to so many, whereas during the time of our early struggle, he belonged only to us, a comparatively few. I am jealous of every person with whom I must share him. May I be forgiven for this sacred egoism."

3. (A Party member in Berlin) "Formerly we were brought up to be religious, trained in a faith divorced from reality, which seemed impersonal, abstract and un-German. This outlook did not improve man, hardly strengthened him, but rather deprived him of courage and initiative. . . . Faith in the Fuehrer and his work have given me strength to force my life to higher things. In this godless, mammon-worshipping world, torn with hate and murder, this world of insanity and chaos, a temple of light has arisen, throwing its rays afar and pointing to a future far more beautiful than our past."

4. (A lawyer from Dortmund) "We know that we are in the grip of a feeling whose essence and depth we can scarcely determine and which renders us dumb. Reverence, love, loyalty, gratitude, self-abnegation—all make up this feeling which yet surpasses them all. But the most revered father, the most deeply loved mother, the most loyal wife and the most trusted friend rouse in our hearts music far less exalted than the song our souls sing to the Fuehrer."

5. (A Party member from Berlin) "I left the Church with the firm conviction that the Christian religion was a man-made faith professing to be the will of God, but having nothing in common with that power which we call God. I believe the fellowship of blood and race is a fellowship much more desired by God than all the religious fellowships built up by man. I frequently ponder, could I face my Leader and Fuehrer, Adolf Hitler, if he knew my thoughts and my work. My religious observance is a daily hour of quiet thought. . . . And then an inner glow comes upon me, an indescribable feeling of satisfaction, if after mature consideration, I come to the conclusion that my father, Adolf Hitler, would bless this or that action of mine."

6. (Another Party member) "Every flower that blooms, blooms in gratitude to him; every apple that ripens, ripens in gratitude to him."

7. (A Hamburg woman) "I should like to say once for all, that the lofty teaching of my Fuehrer is now my religion, the German religion, and I can think of nothing finer."

8. (A Reader from Frankfurt) "What misuse is made by men of the word 'Fuehrer.' This word should only be applied to Adolf Hitler himself and we should impregnate our people from youth up with reverence for this word as the Christian Church reveres the name of God."

9. (A Mother in Unterammergau) "My children know the Fuehrer as a man, who orders all things, rules all things, who built the world. The Fuehrer is for my children that visible Being, which we as children were taught to recognize as God. . . ."—The American "Kulturkampf" Association.

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HOW TO LIVE TEN YEARS LONGER

Ten years may be added to the average span of human life "by personal care, if one begins young enough," Dr. Charles H. Mayo, of the Mayo Clinic, stated to the American College of Surgeons at Washington recently. Says a correspondent of the *New York Times*:

"New diseases would also develop to destroy mankind unless safeguarded against, he said, and man's struggle today was no longer one for mere existence, but for the luxuries of life. Man, he asserted, often committed crimes to obtain such luxuries.

"Dr. Mayo said that man's age lengthened an average of twenty years from the sixteenth century until 1850, when the average age was forty. It had advanced five years more, to forty-five, by 1875. The average age has now advanced to fifty-eight.

"Dr. Mayo said, however, that the world was better through greater care and more knowledge of how to take care of one's self.

"'The dangerous age of a woman,' he said, 'is from sixteen to eighteen. But the dangerous age for man is from fifty to fifty-five—if you can't keep your eye on them, lock them up.'

"Many fat men, he declared, die off because of lack of girth control. The people of Washington do not show their age. Gland transfusion, Dr. Mayo referred to as 'bunk.'

"Stating that the greatest influence in American life was the newspapers, 'it is to be hoped,' he continued, that our great editors will segregate reports of crimes into one section of the paper. That might tend to destroy their effect on boys.

"Two-thirds of those who are old have acquired age through great cell vitality from their parents. Therefore it would be wise for children to select their parents. Many of those who have short-lived parents may lengthen their own lives. Those who have long-lived parents may shorten their lives through lack of proper care. It takes age to make a man—not a generation of good clothes and education."

"Dr. Mayo said children in cities had better advantages than those in the country in many respects, one being that they were freer from bovine tuberculosis than those on farms. Country children had some benefits because of good air, but this was offset in the city by athletic training, proper hygienic care, and other modern advantages."

"'No wonder the farmer wants to come to town,' he said, 'where his children can be educated at public expense.'

"Dr. Franklin H. Martin of Chicago, Director-General of the American College of Surgeons, said one in eight people died of heart disease, one in seven of cancer, and one in six of apoplexy.

"'Every one of these,' he declared, 'is preventable, and a curable disease, if reached early enough. If we had a General Gorgas, or some one of that type, who would say we must have annual examinations, 50 per cent of those diseases would be caught in their incipient stages. General Gorgas succeeded because he had autocratic power to do what he wanted to do in his fight against yellow fever."

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THE NARROW GATE AND THE NARROW WAY

The Savior's teaching about life is very plain and distinct. He teaches that there are two gates, two entrances to life and two exits, two endings. One exit is into destruction, a terrible ending for a human life. The other exit is into life, into life eternal.

He also teaches that the reason why there are two entrances and two exits into and out of this life is because there are two lives. There is not one life with vast degrees of difference among people; there are two lives differing radically in kind, not simply in degree. There are those who are "born of the flesh," and there are those who are "born of the Spirit." These are the two radically different kinds, or types, or species of human life. The one type leads to destruction, the other kind leads to "life that is life indeed."

Our Lord also teaches that the gate by which one enters the narrow way that leads to life is a narrow gate. Why is it narrow? It is not narrow because only a little soul can be a Christian. One common objection to Christianity is that the gospel cramps one's personality and hinders its development. The modern mind is full of that delusion. If such a deception of Satan needed an answer, it is enough to say that many of the greatest souls of the human race have passed through this narrow gate, and above all else the supreme Man, the man Christ Jesus entered through this narrow gate and his soul was not cramped.

The gate is narrow partly because no one can enter it unless he repents. This gate is not wide enough for any man's sins, be he a king or a president, or the most prominent person in any community. Jesus said, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. He that saveth his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's shall find it." Whosoever will surrender his own evil desires and impulses and self-will, that he might live within the will of God, he shall find his life unto life eternal.

The gate is narrow, also, because it has room for only one master, one supreme loyalty. There is not room in it for divided loyalty or a divided heart.

The fundamental moral demand of the Old Testament is, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." The fundamental moral demand of the New Testament is, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Believing on Christ is not simply a strong intellectual conviction about Christ, it is supreme loyalty to Christ, making him Lord of one's life. The Christian does not put Jesus among a number of idols in his heart, as the ancient Romans wanted to put Jesus among their gods, when the gospel began to spread. He casts out the idols and gives his Lord an undivided allegiance.

Narrow? Yes, because only the man who repents of his sin and who has a supreme loyalty to Jesus Christ as Lord can enter it. It is the neglect of these things that makes the other road so broad, and so crowded, and that leads them on to tragic destruction.

And yet in another sense this gate is not narrow. Above it are the words, "Whosoever will, let him come and drink of the water of life freely." It is a wider gate than the gate of modern education. Our educational institutions, and especially our professional schools, cannot say to the young people of today, "Whosoever will, let him come." They would soon be swamped if they did. Our industrial world cannot say to the ten million unemployed, "Whosoever will, let him come and get a job."

The gate into the kingdom of God is a wider gate than the gate of American citizenship. America cannot open her ports and say to all who are in Europe and in Asia, "Whosoever will, let him come to our land and become an American citizen." If we did, within one year America would be flooded by the oppressed people of Europe and by the people from the Orient.

Wider than the gate that leads to education, or the gate that leads to employment, or the gate that leads to American citizenship, is the gate that leads to eternal life. And yet it is too narrow for a man who does not repent, and who is not supremely loyal to Jesus Christ as Lord.—The United Presbyterian .

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POPULAR SAYINGS

By Walter A. Quincke

Almost every one has a store of trite, apposite sentences, using them almost daily, without a knowledge of their origin, and as most of us are apt to be curious concerning the habits that they follow, tracing their authorship back into the dimness of long slumbering centuries, so they are often possessed with a desire to know who first framed these sentences so familiar to them. Most of us have no time to devote to such research, so in rambling among books for my own soul's best amusement, I have compiled some data and coupled each with its originator.

"Man proposes, but God disposes," was coined in the fifteenth century by Thomas a Kempis. Thomas Tusser, a writer of the sixteenth century, gave us "Better late than never"; "For Christmas comes but once a year"; "It's an ill wind that turns none to good"; "A rolling stone gathers no moss," and "Look before you leap." It was Francois Rabelais, a French wit of the same period, who said "By robbing Peter he paid Paul." Sir Edward Coke, a famous English lawyer of the sixteenth century, said "A man's house is his castle," and Lord Brooke sang "Out of sight, out of mind." Christopher Marlowe, the forerunner of Shakespeare and father of the grand old English drama, told the ladies "Love me little, love me long," and told of "Infinite riches in a little room."

To the prolific genius of Shakespeare we owe "This is the short and long of it"; "The world's mine oyster"; "Comparisons are odious"; "As merry as the day is long"; "A Daniel come to judgment"; "It is a wise father who knows his own child"; "And thereby hangs a tale"; "The smallest worm will turn"; "Smooth runs the water where the brook is deep"; "The weakest goes to the wall"; "We have seen better days"; "This was the most unkind cut of all"; "A deed without a name"; "Brevity is the soul of wit"; "I am a man more sinned against than sinning," and "They laugh that win."

Francis Bason said "Knowledge is power." Beaumont and Fletcher told "What's one man's poison is another's drink." Milton tells of "All hell broke loose," and "The Paradise of Fools." Samuel Butler, author of *Hudibras*, claims " 'Twas Presbyterian true blue." Dryden said "None but the brave deserve the fair," and "Sweet is pleasure after pain." He also warns: "Beware the fury of a patient man"; "All delays are dangerous in war," and spoke of "Men are but children of a larger growth." The Earl of Roscommon confides "Choose an author as you choose a friend," and continued with "The multitude is always in the wrong." John Bunyan wisely reminds us that "He that is down needs fear no fall."

Matthew Prior gave us "The end must justify the means"; and Dean Swift feels that "Bread is the staff of life."

"Necessity is the mother of invention," comes to us from George Farquhar, and Edward Young said "Death loves a shining mark"; "Man wants but little, nor that little long"; "A fool at forty is a fool indeed," and "Tired nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep." Pope extemporized with "To err is human, to forgive divine." It was John Gay who said "While there is life, there is hope"; and "Over the hills and far away." Benjamin Franklin said "God helps those who help themselves." Cowper stated that "Variety is the spice of life." Thomas Campbell claimed that "Coming events cast their shadows before," and Daniel Webster told of a "Sea of upturned faces," while Washington Irving thought that our idol was "The almighty dollar." Keats exclaimed that "A thing of beauty is a joy forever," and last, but not least, it was Bishop Berkeley, an English prelate, who in the seventeenth century predicted "Westward the course of empire takes its way."—*Supreme Council Bulletin.*

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Lizzie Octavia Clinard

Lizzie Octavia Clinard, daughter of the late Randall B. and Tempa Jane Payne Clinard, was born February 27, 1876, and departed this life July 6, 1939: age 63 years, 44 months and 9 days.

She suffered for many months, but finally disease won the victory and death took her to her reward. We loath to give her up. Everything was done by loving hands and medical skill that could be done, but in spite of all, she grew worse, her disease was stubborn, and would yield to no treatment. Prayers to our Heavenly Father were made, but the clouds hung low and dark, the Heaven, seemed to be brass, but we believe that behind a frowning Providence He hide a smiling face, and with Paul we say, "All things work together for good to them that love the Lord."

Miss Clinard leaves behind her to mourn her death, two sisters, Mrs. Ida L. Bodenheimer of Route 1, Thomasville, Mrs. W. A. Livengood of High Point, one brother, W. S. Clinard of High Point, three nieces, three nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

A sister, Mrs. Mollie Craven ,and a brother, Barnabas Philip Clinard, preceded her in death.

She professed faith in Christ in early womanhood and joined the Mount Pleasant Church, remaining a faithful member as long as her health would permit.

She was a faithful and helpful sister. She lived a quiet, peaceful, friendly, and truthful life. She loved all her poeple, friends, and neighbors, for a true friend loveth at all times. She was always ready to lend them a helping hand.

During her illness she often spoke of going home, and seeing her father and mother, and other friends.

We feel that her feet have reached that shore where never tears nor pain can trouble her again.

May we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, and say with the poet:

Servant of God well done!
Thy glorious warefare's past:
The battle's fought, the race is won.
And thou are crowned at last.

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Resolution of Respect from the Big Brothers Sunday School Class of Pleasant Grove Methodist Protestant Church, Thomasville, N. C., Route 1.

Insomuch than on the 4th day of July, 1939, our Heavenly Father saw fit to summons Joseph A. Murphy to his eternal reward, therefore be it resolved:

That the members of the B. B. Class desire to express their deep sorrow for the loss of a devoted member, and a sincere friend. His place in his home, his church, his community and in the hearts of his friends cannot be filled; but the memory of his beautiful character will serve as an inspiration to all who were privileged to have known him. Joe stood for the highest ideals; was fair and just in all of his dealings with his fellowmen. He was so unselfish that no one ever suffered for material necessities if he knew it.

Be it further resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his wife with the assurance of our deep sympathy and abiding love for her and her sons, and with our desire to be of any possible service to them; that a copy be sent to the Methodist Protestant Herald and the High Point Enterprise, and that a copy be placed in the record book of the class.

A devoted and loyal man has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our class,
That never can be filled.

REV. FRED R. LOVE,
WALLACE KENNEDY,
KEIFFER MORRIS,
Resolution Committee.

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Joseph Franklin Hackett

Joseph Franklin Hackett was born November 26, 1854 and departed this life August 10, 1939, being 85 years, 8 months, and 15 days old.

He was married March 4, 1878 to Miss Sarah Ann Lineberry, who died September 29, 1934. To this union was born 9 children. Robert H. Hackett, John M. Hackett, Henry Hackett, Miss Vadie Hackett and Mrs. A. G. Garrett, all of whom survive, three small children died in childhood, 15 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

In early manhood he joined Gray's Chapel Church and was a faithful member until his death.

The funeral was conducted at Gray's Chapel by the pastor and Rev. W. L. Ashburn, a special friend of the family. Burial was made in the church cemetery.

May the Lord comfort the bereaved.

H. L. ISLEY.

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THE HOUSE OF PRAYER

Deeds are the prayers of those,
Those strong, brave souls that face the world,
That face the dark, and unafraid
Would seek Thy face. O God.

They pray with trowel, loom, with ship, with axe,
They pray in furrowed fields, in candled mine,
They pray in hospital, in court, in mart
Whose honest work is service to all men.

Men can not curse thee, they but curse themselves
That violate the laws of brotherhood.
Thy measure is full measure of each life,
No grace for shirk, no tolerance for greed.

Make this a house of prayer,
Let thought and deed go bravely forth
To help, to hearten all Thy folk;
Make this Thine house, O God.

—Anon.

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PASTOR NIEMOELLER

July 1, 1939, marked the beginning of the third year of imprisonment of Pastor Martin Niemoeller in a German concentration camp because of his opposition to Nazi domination of the Church. July 2nd was set apart for ministers all over the United States and in other democratic countries to unite in spirit with the German martyrs in a demonstration of solidarity in a struggle against Nazi efforts to curb the freedom of the human soul and to establish a neo paganism in that country.

Doctor Niemoeller entered the fight for freedom of conscience in May, 1933. He resisted the action of the Nazis in forcing the resignation of Friederich von Bodelschwingh as Reich Bishop because he was not a "German Christian." He and his friends refused to accede to this unwarranted political interference with the Church and the denial of the right of Bodelschwingh and others to speak and use the radio and press to make clear their position.

Refusing to make peace with the "Aryan paragraph" by which the universal application of Christianity was abolished by political edict, he, together with other pastors, was suspended from his parish in November, 1933. The breach widened between the "German Christian Wing" of the Evangelical Church and Prussian Council of the Confessional Church until he was the sole member of that council still at liberty.

Finally, after repeated attacks on the "Aryan" dogmas and the un-Christian character of the Nazi regime, Hitler said, "It is Niemoeller or I." Shortly after this declaration of Hitler, the clergyman was arrested by secret police and placed in the dreaded Moabit Prison. There he remained until the Court was compelled by public sentiment to limit the sentence to seven months and suspend even this sentence as he had served eight months prior to his trial. He, however, was never released. Immediately rearrested at the instance of Hitler, he has since been confined in Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp.

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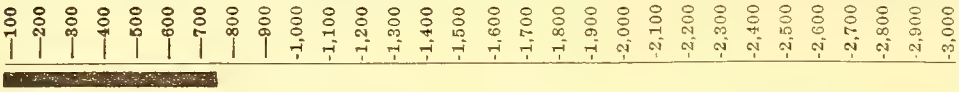

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Wise Words of Bishop Hughes

Now that several months have passed since the first message given to the Uniting Conference at Kansas City by Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes may it not be a most profitable employment to read and to appreciate the words which came from that great leader in the Methodist Church.—THE EDITOR.

Surely the immensity of meaning in any gathering ought to prevent any smallness in its spirit. This being so, our Uniting Conference should drive all littleness from us and bring us to our labors with an earnest prayer that we may have minds and hearts large enough for our tasks. Let me offer the following considerations.

1. The Conference is the outgrowth and result of many anxious years of negotiation. Even before the consideration of formal plans of union began, individuals and groups were praying toward the goal of a united Methodism. This meeting is the ripened harvest of decades of soil preparing and seed sowing.

2. It brings to our recollection wonderful men whose works we are to seek to make perfect. Bishops Earl Cranston and Eugene R. Hendrix; Bishops Edwin D. Mouzon and William Fraser McDowell; Doctors Thomas Hamilton Lewis and Albert Norman Ward,—are not here. But their labors are present with us; and it would be a terrible thing to mar their visions.

3. We deal, too, in a real way with our country,—and with the world. Calhoun felt that the severance of Methodism in 1844 was the precursor of a divided land. He proved to be an accurate prophet. Is it not true, however, that we are now engaged in strengthening the bonds that make for the more assured oneness of our nation?

4. Our work has significance for the other movements of union. It is true that often a plea is made against denominationalism by exaggerated figures: that is by counting as general Churches very small groups of religionists. In reality the significant denominations in the United States are not many. But we do have too many! It is not our desire to intrude ourselves into the counsels of our sister Churches. Yet we may hope that the consummation made at this meeting may become a definite influence for the merger of other kindred groups.

5. This Conference will affect the spiritual interests of vast populations. We have between seven and eight million registered members. Our constituency, not registered by outward profession of Christ, would probably reach well toward twenty million "souls." Many hundred thousand hearthstones are to be touched by our work.

6. The wider service of our Church in all lands will be affected. In spiritual reality, the world will be gathered into our Auditorium. Anyone with religious imagination can see our line going out "into all the world, and our words to the end of it." How can we be other than reverently careful in the presence of that vision?

7. Great institutions wait eagerly for our decisions. Boards and hospitals, and old people's homes, and schools, and colleges, are all involved. The aged and the youthful walk these aisles in our company. Elijah here works for Elisha; and Paul for Timothy; while Jesus sets the "child in the midst" and points a gentle hand toward his growing life. Here, if we listen, we can hear the tread of millions of young feet.

8. Finally, let us remind ourselves all the time that we are here to complete THE GREATEST REUNION OF CHRIST'S PEOPLE EVER ACCOMPLISHED IN ALL THE NINETEEN HUNDRED YEARS OF CHRISTIAN HISTORY.

If this fact be enough to appall us, it is surely enough to inspire us. Making us humble, it should also make us prayerful. It should send us to the Mighty God who alone can help us in these colossal tasks. We have a great work to do; we have a greater Lord to help us.

Let us often visit the Throne of Grace; often pray that we may be saved from little words, little plans, little hearts, little discussions, little moods. In the vast room of our gathering let us see, again and again, the form of Another, even Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Thus shall we make this Conference truly Uniting! Amen.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Moved Again

Moving seems to be characteristic of my administration as president of the Conference. Be that as it may we have moved from the president's parsonage on West College Drive to room 722 in the Sheraton Hotel, High Point. As much as we dislike moving, it seemed best to do so, this time inasmuch as a plan was worked out which seemed to be for the best interest of the conference, the holders of the mortgages on the parsonage and for High Point College. In this plan High Point College gets the parsonage and for it to be worth the most to the college it had to be available for the overflow of faculty and students at the beginning of the school term.

No Appointment for September 3

When it was decided that my long deferred eye operation was to take place on Monday, August 28 and knowing that I would not be able to hold any services on the following Sunday, September 3, I asked to be released from my appointment at Charlotte church on the Richland charge.

Joint Meeting of Boards

After being shut in for a week and a half I was able to go to Salisbury on Thursday, September 7 for a joint meeting of the executive committee of our Board of Church Extension and the Board of Missions of the Western North Carolina Conference. The matter under immediate consideration was that of making appropriations to bring up the salaries of some of our charges so that no man who gives full time to a charge would get less than $1,000.00 salary. The meeting was very harmonious and everything went along smoothly. Dr. S. W. Taylor, Mr. W. L. Ward and I represented our Board.

A Sunday Morning At Brown Summit

Last Sunday morning was spent with the Brown Summit church, Rev. Paul Hamilton pastor. This was my first visit to this church and I was impressed with their earnestness and determination to carry on even though their numbers are not large. I arrived in time for the Sunday school lesson and decided that the school is in good hands. Several came in for the church service who were not present for Sunday school, so that a reasonably good attendance was present. They seemed very attentive and it was a pleasure to preach to them. This church was a part of the Haw River circuit until some six or seven years ago when it was set off as a station. Since that time it has usually been served by some student of High Point College. The rather strange situation is that the church is located immediately across the road from the Haw River circuit parsonage. It would seem most reasonable for the pastor of this circuit to serve the Brown Summit church and perhaps in the new conference some adjustments will be made. At the service last Sunday Brother Hamilton was urging the committee which has charge of the finances to see to it that the conference claims are raised in full. I trust this may be done.

A Sunday Afternoon At Flat Rock

Leaving Brown Summit, I hurried across the country sixteen miles to Flat Rock church on the Flat Rock charge. This was the beginning of the revival services and a goodly number of people were there for the day with dinner on the grounds. Flat Rock church is one of our historic churches. I would like to call the names of some of our outstanding ministers and laymen who have gone out from this church but I could not mention all of them and fear I would leave some out who ought to be included. Rev. J. A. Burgess is the popular pastor of this charge and the people speak highly of his preaching. He easily ranks as one of the best preachers of our conference. He is hopeful of raising all assessments at some of his churches and of making a good showing at the others.

Two Calls

On Thursday of this week Bishop Purcell's cabinet will be in session at Statesville and Bishop Peele's cabinet will be meeting at Durham. I am asked to be in both meetings as important matters will come up at both places. Since the large number of our charges are in the Western Conference I have decided to go to Statesville and am trying to get some one to represent me at Durham. This matter of Methodist Union has added tremendously to the work and responsibility of the office which I hold.

And Now For the Final Stretch

When this is being read by our people there will be only one more month of this conference year. It is of the utmost importance that the work be finished in the best possible manner. A committee with Dr. Taylor as the chairman has been appointed to boost finances and this committee has already done some good work. Let no pastor leave off until he has done his best.

The Official Roster

Already I have been reminded that our pastors will be asked for at least two lists of the official members of our churches. Of course no church could think of postponing its election until after conference. Those pastors who fail to see to it that officers are elected will find themselves somewhat embarrassed at conference. As the elections are held I suggest that each pastor get a record of the newly elected officers with their addresses and that he make three copies of this, one for the District Superintendent, one for the executive secretary of the Board of Education which supervises the work of training schools, etc., and one for the pastor next year, whoever he may be.

Appointments

Sunday, September 17, 11 a. m. Asheboro; 2 p. m. Giles Chapel.

Saturday, September 23, 11 a. m. Preaching at Mt. Pleasant church on Cleveland charge with Q. C. in afternoon.

Sunday, September 24, 11 a. m. Oak Grove, Cleveland charge in dedicatory services. 3 p. m. Q. C. of Fallston charge at Laurel Hill church.

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Message In Verse

STAND ASIDE

"Whosoever would be first among you, shall be your servant"

Just stand aside, and watch yourself go by;
Think of yourself, as "he," instead of "I."
Pick flaws, find fault, forget the man is you;
And strive to make your estimate ring true.

Faults of others then will dwarf and shrink,
Love's chain grows stronger by one mighty link,
When you with "he" as substitute for "I"
Have stood aside and watched yourself go by.

—*Author Unknown.*

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West End Church revival came to a close Sunday. The attendance was good for West End, and the interest was gratifying. Several were revived, two have already joined the Church and others may come in at an early date. Our people appreciated the faithful services of our guest preacher, Rev. A. D. Shelton.

Next Sunday we shall hold an anniversary service at both the morning and evening worship period. We shall have special music, reports from all departments on our building fund and a brief address by the pastor at 11 a. m. At the night service we are expecting to have for our guest speaker Dr. L. B. Hayes, the District Superintendent of the Greensboro District. It would be a delight to all of us could we have with us then all the former pastors and members who have gone into other churches.

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An Appeal

If in the remaining weeks of the conference year every pastoral charge would send in the amount of "subsidy" laid upon that charge for the Herald we would be greatly helped. Since the Herald is continued and the annual conference has assumed to pay the balance due on its running expenses when it ceases its publication, it ought to be a matter of great concern to every pastor and loyal member of the Church to make this deficit as little as possible. The annual conference will pay its debts, but it can only use the means it has on hand to pay them; consequently the larger the Herald debts the less will remain of the "Debt retirement fund" raised this conference year for all such purposes.

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The North Carolina Christian Advocate

This splendid paper has been serving the Methodists in North Carolina for eighty-five years. Last week the *Advocate* emphasized this fact. Dr. M. T. Plyler is running a history of the *Advocate* in the paper. The paper began at Raleigh and ran as the *Raleigh Christian Advocate* until 1918 when it was merged with the *North Carolina Christian Advocate.* There was invested in the Raleigh paper the sum of $2,000, and in the other *Advocate* $4,500. The value of the plant today is given at $197,000.

Editors of Advocate Serving More Than A Century

Of the twenty-seven men who have served in some capacity on the *Advocate* the past 85 years only six have served long as ten years. These are the following:

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T. A. Sikes was business manager 1920-26.

D. Atkins was editor 18 months and P. L. Groome one year during the time of the transfer of the *Advocate* from private to conference ownership.

Eighty-five years is a long period and the *Advocate* has served well through all these years, but never better than today. It is a most excellent paper and well adapted to the needs of its constituents. "May it have many happy returns of the day."

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Welch Memorial Church Has A Home Coming Service

While the local reporter is silent we understand that the congregation of this church put on a "double header" the 13th of August. It was a combination of Home Coming and honoring their pastor, Dr. Williams, a special all day program was held. Dr. P. S. Kennett was the guest speaker, special music was provided by electrically transcribed sacred songs, and the choirs of the church; a most sumptuous dinner was served picnic style in the hut, then Dr. Williams was presented a cake of large proportions and of rare quality, and with fifty silver dollars. The cake and the silver dollars were given to emphasize the fact that on the 13th of August fifty years before the Doctor preached his first sermon—that is, he was licensed to preach and began his preparation for the Christian ministry at that time. We do not have the record at hand when Brother Williams became a pastor, but the service he has rendered the Church has been most splendid. He is known as a most excellent preacher, a consecrated Christian gentleman and is thoroughly interested in all the departments of the work of the Church. We congratulate Welch upon its good fortune in having such a man for its pastor for eight years, and we wish for the good Doctor many happy, useful years in the ministry.

LOYALTY DAYS

Loyalty Days in the Churches, September 30 and October 1, take on a deeply patriotic as well as religious significance this year, it is declared by the National Committee for Religion and Welfare Recovery, sponsor of this annual go-to-church movement.

"Loyalty Days this year should be a call to prayer and reconsecration to the cause of world peace, as well as a reaffirmation of our respective faiths," said the statement.

President Roosevelt has strongly endorsed observance of Loyalty Days. In a letter sent from the White House to Dr. E. Graham Wilson, chairman of the Executive Committee for Religion and Welfare Recovery, the President wrote:

"There never has been a time in our history when there was deeper need for calling our people to faith in religion than the present moment. In the contemporary conflict between nations and races and their philosophies of human society, we must keep undimmed our perspective on spiritual values."

President Roosevelt's communication was made public last night at headquarters of the Religion and Welfare Recovery Committee, 60 East Forty-Second Street, New York, by Charles V. Vickrey, executive chairman.

The President wrote further:

"Within our own nation we are pressed by problems, both national and international, which call for divine guidance and power. As we seek continued recovery, we need more and more to realize that our search will be in vain unless we meet, with spiritual forces, the materialism which has such disastrous effect on our national and international life.

"I am gratified to learn that the Call is again going forth for the nation-wide observance of Loyalty Day by our churches and synagogues, September thirtieth and October first, to bring the minds and hearts of men back to consciousness of the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man and the sanctions of religion, in services of worship and rededication to these ideals. Upon them alone can the structure of our civilization rest in security and confidence.

"Very sincerely yours,

"FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT."

The invitation reads: "Every citizen is cordially invited and every member is confidently expected to attend church or synagogue on Loyalty Days, Saturday, September thirtieth and Sunday, October first."

The slogan is: "Every member present or accounted for."

The goal is: "Every citizen in a house of worship every week for rest, meditation, prayer, worship and life adjustment."

In giving out the statement, Mr. Vickrey commented:

"Had the above goal been reached or more closely approached in recent years, there probably would be no war in Europe today or war clouds over the rest of the world.

"Loyalty Days are a 'mobilization of the spiritual forces' of America to strengthen the bonds of world peace and good will as contrasted with mobilization of military forces of Europe in international strife. The more than 10,000,000 soldiers now mobilized in Europe are given no option in answering daily roll-call. Just so every church member, who has any sense of loyalty to his religious vows, taken when he joined the church or was confirmed, should recognize the solemn obligation in these days of world-wide stress and peril, to acknowledge in formal church service, as well as in private workship, the fatherhood of God who 'made of one blood all nations of men.'"

The President's Letter

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Monday, September 25, Western Pastor's Federation at Union Grove church.

Sunday, October 1, 11 a. m. Preaching at Lincolnton with Q. C. in afternoon.

Saturday, October 7, Friendship church on Shiloh charge, preaching at 11 and Q. C. in afternoon.

Sunday, October 8, Alamance charge, Center at 11, Sapling Ridge at 2:30.

Wednesday, October 11, First Church, Burlington, 7:30 p. m. in Q. C.

Saturday, October 14, 2 p. m. Q. C. at Canaan, North Davidson.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

NOTICE !

The Western Pastors Federation will meet with Rev. E. A. Bingham and his congregation at Union Grove Methodist Church on Monday, September 25, at 10:30.

The president of our Conference, Dr. J. E. Pritchard, will deliver an address during the morning hour, and the ladies of the church will serve a picnic dinner.

In the afternoon service every pastor will be asked to make a brief report of his years' work, and his closing remarks. Since this will be the last Federation meeting for this group of ministers we hope all will attend, and bring their wives and their neighbor pastor.

C. E. RIDGE, *Chairman.*

High Point College Has A Large Enrollment

President Humphries reports that all dormitory space is already taken and the day student enrollment will be quite large. The total enrollment will exceed four hundred and sixty students for the fall semester.

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Piedmont Ministers Association will meet at Grace Church at 10:30 a. m. Monday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By **O. L. EASTER**

MICAH: A MESSENGER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, September 17

Lesson Text—Micah 3:1-12; 6:6-8.

Golden Text—What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love kindness, and walk humbly with thy God? Micah 6:8.

With this study of Micah we turn once again to consider one of God's prophets whom He called to meet the needs and rebuke the sins of His people. We study the life of the kings to learn the *why* of their iniquity and then that of the prophets to learn the attitude of God towards their transgression. For every wicked king who came to power in Israel God called a righteous prophet to oppose his wicked rule. The democracy of God's dealings with earth allows men to put into ruling power that life or personality whom they choose whether he be righteous or wicked, but they must conduct their campaign under this divine slogan of God which says "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn." Now when the wicked have been put into power God chooses Him a prophet to appose their choice and to act, as it were as a nucleus of an opposing political party to throw the wicked out of power.

"The word unto the prophets spoken
Was writ on tables yet unbroken:
The words of seers or sybils told,
In groves of oak, or fanes of gold,
Still floats upon the morning wind,
Still whispers to the willing mind.
One accent of the Holy Ghost
The heedless world hath never lost.
—*Ralph Waldo Emerson.* (*The Problem*)

Thus when Israel, between the years of 700-600 B. C., became beset with wickedness and injustice within her borders God sought out that prophet again who would cry out against the rulers and heads of Israel who "hate the good and love the evil." We have already studied of one of these prophets in our study of Isaiah, but we also find that he had a contemporary ally who was another voice on the side of God. It was Micah, the messenger of social justice. In Isaiah God saw fit to pick a nobleman who walked with kings to carry out His purpose. Again we refer to the democracy of God to say that at the same time He saw fit to call Micah, who was only an humble villager, for His design against the social evils of Israel. Humble as he was Micah was bound to have a profound conception of God and a keen sense of justice. These he had no doubt learned from the nature of his surroundings. Away from the human congestion of the city Micah must have learned of the deeper things of God in his hours of nearness to the voices of nature. His life in the small rural village of Mareshah prepared him to better see the corruption and social ills of the large city of Jerusalem. His occasional visits to the capital stirred his heart to cry out against the cruelty and inhumanity of man to man; to point out the wrong of the princes, judges, priests that pressed their evil intents at the expense of human welfare and social justice. When Micah went to the big city he went "slumming" as many small-town individuals do today. They return home to talk of the thrills of the big town, but Micah remained therein to exclaim: "But as for me, I am full of power by the Spirit of Jehovah, and of judgment and of might, to declare unto Jacob *his* transgression, and to Israel his sin." Micah saw all that was to be seen in the city; with its temples and market places he also saw the sin in the temples of men's hearts and the robbery of the poor at the market-place. St. John waxes elequent in his superb description of the great city but he too sees all its vast merchandise. "The great city, the strong city; her merchandise is of gold and silver, and precious stones, and pearls, and fine linen, . . . *and the bodies* and souls of men." Rev. 18:10, 12, 13. Men today need like Micah and John to look within our fair cities and to see that in the tidal waves of their fierce competition, their money-madness and frantic rush for pleasure that many souls are carried far from the moorings of righteousness and divine law.

"The city is the sea, its waves go to and fro,
And the thunder of its waters roll in the depths below.
One night is in its hollow caves,
And *men* go down beneath its waves."

Micah was quick to see the trouble with Israel—she had lost her hold on God and with that pivot gone the seeds of corruption and injustice subsequently spring into life. Then if the absence of God resulted in these conditions so would the presence of God displace them. He, therefore, showed them their need for God with them again if Jerusalem was not to be ploughed as a field. He offered to Israel a plain, simple program by which to avert the catastrophe impending. It was no new political theory of "new deal" but simply the elementary principles of religion as established by God for men even as far back as before the foundation of the world, namely: "To do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with thy God." We of today are living in a world that is more frantically seeking and needing a better system of social justice than did Micah and because of that seeking are being led by many unworthy prophets who claim to have a way; when, if we would have courage enough to go back to God's plan as given to this humble villager of 700 B. C. we would have that era of peace and social justice so long looked for by false and true prophets alike.

We search the world for truth; we cull
The good, the pure, the beautiful
From graven stone and written scroll,
From all old flower-fields of soul;
And, weary seekers of the best,
We come back laden from our quest,
To find that all the sages said
Is in the Book our mothers read.
—*Whittier* (*"Miriam"*).

MRS. WALTER SCOTT CROWSON OBSERVES HER 90th BIRTHDAY TODAY AT HER HOME

By CLETA RICH

Seldom is a person able to attend church services when nearing a 90th birthday, but Mrs. Walter Scott Crowson, who reaches that age today, walks unassisted two blocks from her home to the Central Methodist Church each Sunday morning. Mrs. Crowson is able to participate in the services from a pew in the center of the auditorium, since her advanced age has not affected to a great extent her sense of hearing.

Mrs. Crowson, one of Asheboro's grand old ladies, resides with her daughter, Mrs. Melvin W. Parrish, and her granddaughter, Mrs. A. Idyl Ferree, and Mr. Ferree at 510 South Fayetteville street. Mr. Crowson died 14 years ago at their Asheboro home. Mrs. Crowson's other daughter, Mrs. Amos R. Winningham, also lives in Asheboro on South Park street.

Mrs. Crowson retains her membership with the Charlotte Methodist Church, four miles west of Asheboro on highway 64, having been a faithful communicant for over 50 years. She has always been a loyal contributor to her church and is still vitally interested in all its activities.

This charming Christian woman, who is unusually active for her age, has a keen vision which enables her to do artistic needle-work, such as knitting, tatting and rug-making, and she also assists with the household duties. Mrs. Crowson reads more than the average person, and has been a subscriber to her church paper, the METHODIST PROTESTANT HERALD for 37 years. This publication is read more thoroughly than other papers—including every advertisement.

The Randolph chapter, U. D. C., claims Mrs. Crowson as one of the most valuable honorary members, and her late husband was always very active in the Confederate veterans organization.

In observance of the birthday of Mrs. Crowson she is the honor guest today of a noon-day dinner at her home, with Mrs. Parrish and Mrs. Winningham as hostesses. The guests are close relatives: Mrs. A. I. Ferree, Mrs. John Taylor, Miss Anne Ross, Asheboro; Mrs. Robert Reese of Laurinburg; Mrs. W. L. McCord of Spartanburg, S. C., granddaughters; Hal Rich, of Bassett, Va., grandson; and the great-grandchildren, Hal Rich, Jr., Billy McCord and Elizabeth McCord. The other guests, who are family connections, are Amos Winningham, W. L. McCord, Robert Reese, John Taylor, Mrs. Hal Rich, Mr. and Mrs. Otis W. Rich, Miss Louise Rich, Miss Mary Jane Ross, A. I. Ferree, and Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Ross.

PASTOR'S PROBLEMS

By HARRY WILLIAM BLACKBURN

Pastor at Parkersburg, W. Va.

The first great problem of every pastor is that he has enough work to do to keep three or four men busy. He does more speaking than a lawyer. He must address the same audience twice a Sunday—104 times a year (besides his revival preaching, funerals, and addresses at special occasions) on the same great theme "The Gospel of Christ." He must approach it from every angle. He must be winning in his mannerism, compelling in his logic, and blood-earnest in his appeal. In brief, he must be interesting, thrilling, gripping, inspiring. It is his congregation if he can hold people, and he must address them in such a way that they will want to come back for more.

He has more studying to do than a student. Most of us in college and seminary thought we were greatly burdened with studies, but the pastor who is really doing his job well looks back through the green fields of memory to those happy days, and realizes he was just learning how to study then. He has more calling to do than a doctor. He calls upon the sick, but he must call upon the well also. When death comes the doctor is through, but the pastor's calls must continue. If he collected on his calls, as does the doctor, he might have an enviable rating in "Dun & Bradstreet." He has more callers than a real estate agent. His phone rings both early and late. He must counsel with individuals and with groups. He must be one to whom the young, the middle-aged, the old may feel free to come and unburden their souls any time, day or night.

He has as much writing as a stenographer. While he does not read his sermons and discourses, yet he must write them, to preserve them and to clothe them in better language as well as to become thoroughly familiar with his thought. His is a heavy correspondence. He must write articles for papers and magazines. Probably he is preparing a manuscript for a book he hopes to publish. The average pastor is not able to hire a secretary, so he writes it himself. He has the work of several ordinary professions in one. Beside all this, he must share the burdens, joys, sorrows, and afflictions of his flock. Preaching is not a lazy man's job.

There is the problem of the predecessor. What shall be the minister's attitude toward his predecessor? By all means, honor him. This is strategic wisdom as well as Christian courtesy. Early in my ministry I was appointed to a city church to succeed a minister much older than I. It had been arranged for me to stay at the home of a doctor who was one of the stewards. As we were eating supper his wife turned to me and said, "Well, I'll tell you, we certainly loved Brother Lane, and we hated to see him move. It seems too bad that the old preachers have to move out to the harder places, so that the young preachers can have a good church." Immediately I sensed the fact that she had expressed the doctor's sentiments as well. Such was my welcome. In reply I spoke in glowing words of my predecessor, commending him and his work in the strongest terms. The next morning in the pulpit I prayed for Brother Lane by name, and with sincerity and earnestness. In my opening remarks I again warmly eulogized the beloved pastor whose term had expired, and said, "It will be impossible for me, a boy preacher, to fill the place of this good pastor of ripened experience. I will need the prayers and sympathetic help of each of you. We meet as strangers. We desire success in our church work. There is one bright omen. This church and the new pastor alike love and honor Brother Lane." His friends from that morning were my friends.

There's the problem of pastoral visiting. We know some who have allowed social, self-indulgent visiting to rob them of the highest efficiency in the pulpit; at the same time we are acquainted with others who have permitted the attractions of reading and study to bribe them into total neglect of pastoral calling. While both types are bad, yet still worse is he who allows his pastoral work to degenerate into mere formal gossipy calls. My brothers, I believe seriousness without sanctimoniousness, geniality without frivolity, frankness without brusqueness, should characterize the pastoral call. We go as the shepherd of souls, and great good can be done by a pastoral call. It has been my custom to pray in the homes where I call, and my experience has convinced me that the people appreciate it.

But who has first claim on our pastoral labors? We might well visit the people, so far as psossible, in the following order. First, the sick. None more deserves immediate attention. They are weak and lonely and depressed. They need hope and cheer, they need it now. They will not forget it when well, nor will their loved ones forget, and you have linked them to you with hooks of steel. Go into the sick room with gentle winsome manner, like a confidential loving friend; speak hopeful and cheering words, especially to the genuine Christian. If the sick be unsaved, direct them in special prayer to a saving faith in Christ, and before leaving, a kind word of exhortation may open the way for their salvation. Always pray with the sick. Not in sepulchral tones, however, but rather in hopeful and assuring tones. Make the visit short and depart quietly leaving a remembrance of love and joy and hope. Second, the afflicted. These need you next to the sick and dying. Go to them as frequently as may be possible while they are passing through the deep waters of affliction. You can draw them to Christ as at no other time. Third, the poor. Somebody in your round of visiting must be first and somebody last. If you visit the rich first and the poor last, the latter will feel that it is because they are poor. The poor are sensitive and their life is hard. They will be comforted and cheered to know that their pastor is no respecter of persons. This, I believe, is a vital matter in your hold and influence upon the poor. Fourth, the most distant. These parishioners come the longest distance, and at sacrifice and expense, to greet you at your services. They deserve special attention. I have always made it a point, as do good physicians, to keep the extremities warm, and thus keep up a healthy circulation.

Again there's the problem of the mid-week prayer meeting. To learn the art of conducting prayer meetings profitably is invaluable to the successful pastor. Prayer meetings often become more or less cold, formal, and uninviting. They can be made so interesting, gracious, helpful, warm-hearted and attractive that people will feet it a great loss to miss them. It can be a time of joyful fellowship, fervent inter-

Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Curl, of Concord Church on Saxapahaw charge, Graham, Route 2, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Sunday, September 3, when they were at home to friends and relatives. The guests showered the Curls with gifts and also brought baskets of lunch which was served on a long table in the grove at the home. Pastor M. C. Henderson made a brief talk, mentioning some of the outstanding facts in the life of this useful couple in Concord Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Curl have seven children, a number of grandchildren and one great grandson. Mrs. J. R. Dodson and Mrs. J. R. Williams, of Grace Church, are daughters, Mrs. Dodson is president of the Grace Woman's Auxiliary and is very active in assisting to arrange homes for the Annual Conference delegates next month. Other children include Mrs. William Stovall, of Burlington; R. L. Curl, of Burlington; B. S. Curl, of Graham, Route 2; Mrs. Frank Morris, of High Point; and Wade Curl, of Columbia, S. C.—(Photograph by Rev. J. Elwood Carroll).

cession and hearts aglow with a sense of the divine presence. To this end the pastor must be the inspiring genius of the meeting. He must come from his Bible and from his knees prepared to feed the flock of Christ. A brief portion of the word of God should be the basis of the service, and it should be so expounded by the preacher that it will come to the people as an inspiration.

The nature of the prayer meeting should be varied so that the people will not fall into ruts. The whole hour should not be uniformly devoted to prayer or to testimony. A mingling of the two, interspersed with singing has always seemed to me the best; and yet, this mingling of prayer and testimony should not be stereotyped. The singing should be brief and largely spontaneous, and a joyful sense of freedom should prevail. In the large city church, as in the country charge, I have found it possible to have a successful and powerful mid-week prayer meeting.

Determine to be a great preacher. Not, however, for self advancement, but for the exaltation of Christ and the salvation of men. This is your chief work. ''This one thing I do,'' says Paul. ''Draw all your studies this way,'' writes Wesley. Study to preach, with this end always in view. Study man, that you may know how to approach, persuade, and capture, his judgment, conscience, and will for Christ.

There are many things that go into the making of a great preacher, but two things are vital, namely, prayer and study. Jesus says, ''Pray without ceasing, and a companion command for the preacher might be, ''Study without ceasing.'' We may each of us be scholars abreast with the times. While life is too short for us to attempt to discover for ourselves all knowledge in every field, yet, experts, in each of the arts and sciences, have placed the results of their life work in scholarly volumes, at our disposal, which we may peruse to edification. It is our privilege to glean from the fields of literature, science, philosophy and history those lessons and truths that have a bearing on the gospel message, and that help us more effectively to illustrate and set forth all the great things compassed by the ministry of the Grace of God.

Important as are each of these problems I have discussed, I have yet to state what I believe to be the greatest problem confronting any pastor. That is, the problem of keeping his own soul aflame. It is so easy to let the fires burn low in our own breast. There is a good deal of monotony in the pastorate. We have so many sermons to preach, so many prayer meetings to conduct, so many calls to make, so many groups to meet with, etc., etc. It is very easy to become professional. Often we don't get a great deal of inspiration from others, and our own zeal seems to be little appreciated by the masses, and so the tempter suggests, ''What's the use of you taking it all so seriously?'' And so, the devil pours cold water on the fires that are already diminishing in our souls.

But, my brother pastors, how vital it is that we keep our own hearts aflame. That we keep a freshness and piquancy in our own experience. A fervor and glow in our own life. In Luke 11:13 we read, ''If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?'' Shall we ask Him? His abiding presence day by day will keep our soul aflame.—*The Pastor's Journal.*

EXAMPLES OF GENIUS IN DISTRESS

Homer was a beggar; Plautus turned a mill; Terance was a slave; Boetius died in jail; Paul Borghese had fourteen trades; and yet starved; Tasso was often distressed for five shillings; Bentivoglio was refused admittance into a hospital he himself had erected; Cervantes died of hunger; Vagela left his body to the surgeons to pay his debts as far as the money would go; Bacon lived a life of meanness and distress; Sir Walter Raleigh died on the scaffold; Spencer, the charming, died in want; Milton sold his copyright of ''Paradise Lost'' for fifteen pounds, about $75.00, in three payments; Dyrden lived in great poverty; Steele lived a life of warfare with the sheriff on account of his debts; Goldsmith sold his ''Vicar of Wakefield'' at a trifle to save him from the grip of the law.—*Selected.*

THE IDEAL PASTOR

By BISHOP KEN

Give me the priest whose graces shall possess
Of an ambassador the just address;
A father's tenderness, a shepherd's care,
A leader's courage, which the cross can bear;
A ruler's awe; a watchman's watchful eye,
A fisher's patience, a laborer's toil,
A guide's dexterity to disembroil;
A prophet's inspiration from above;
A teacher's knowledge, and a Saviour's love.

NOTICE!

The First District Ladies' Auxiliary will observe its fall meeting at Creswell M. P. Church Sunday, September 17 at 11 a. m. The speaker for the morning program will be Dr. C. E. Forlines of Westminster, Md. Picnic lunch will be served and the local Auxiliary will play hostess. All members of the district are cordially requested to be present.

Thanking you very kindly, I am,

FORREST WAGONER.

''A horse can't pull while kicking. This fact I merely mention.
And he can't kick while pulling, which is my chief contention.
Let's imitate the good old horse—try this program that's fitting:
Just pull, each in his place, and then there'll be no time for kicking.''—*Selected.*

The free public school system of Pittsburgh, Pa., according to a publication recently issued by the Board of Education of that city, has grown from but 5 pupils in 1834, to comprise more than 150 buildings valued at over $50,000,000 and with an enrollment of 151,000 under a teaching and executive staff of upwards of 4,000.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT PRAYING

Topic for September 17

By Rev. Raymond W. White, D.D.

Daily Bible Reading

Monday, September 11—Pray in Faith. Mark 11:22-24.

Tuesday, September 12—Pray Sincerely and Humbly. Luke 18:9-14.

Wednesday, September 13—Pray Believing. Matt. 21:22.

Thursday, September 14 — Pray Importunately. Luke 18:1-8.

Friday, September 15—Pray for Persecutors and Enemies. Matt. 5:43-45.

Saturday, September 16—Pray in Jesus' Name. John 14:13-15.

The Text: Matt. 6:5-15.

To the Leader

This is the second of a series of three topics on the subject, "Studies in the Sermon on the Mount." It is very common for people to entertain opinions about praying without measuring them by Jesus' standard. Many of our fixed ideas have never been studied in the light of Jesus' teachings. This produces a diluted system of living which we call the Christian way of life. Often our ideas have been borrowed from others without thought,—experiment, or investigation. Such have few, if any, convictions and for them life is mechanical rather than creative. In this meeting an effort should be made to create interest in finding the way Jesus prayed and taught His disciples to pray. Created interest should stimulate creative action. Make this an expository study.

The Poet

Give me a good digestion, Lord
And also something to digest;
Give me a healthy body, Lord,
With sense to keep it at its best.
Give me a healthy mind, Good Lord,
To keep the good and pure in sight,
Which, seeing sin, is not appalled
But finds a way to set it right
Give me a mind that is not bored,
That does not whimper, whine, or sigh;
Don't let me worry over much
About the fussy thing called "I."
Give me a sense of humor, Lord,
Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some pleasure out of life
And pass it on to other folk.

—*Anonymous.*

Little Gems

To see earth, open your eyes. To see heaven, shut them.

Some conversations with God are all one-sided.

The most Christ-like prayer is prayer for others.—*Dr. Alexander MacCall.*

He who holds nearest communion with heaven can best discharge the duties of every-day life.

Prayerless work will never bring in the kingdom. Prayerless giving will never evangelize the world.—*Gordon.*

When thou prayest, rather let thy heart be without words than thy words without heart.—*Bunyan.*

Topic Hints

A Perfect Form: Jesus gave what we call the Lord's prayer as a prayer-form. Luke tells us that one of His disciples asked Jesus to teach His followers how to pray. Luke 11:1. In answer to the desire, Jesus gave the Lord's Prayer. We feel sure that Jesus gave the spirit of prayer as well as the form of prayer. It is certain that, unless the spirit accompanies the words, recitation becomes a vain repetition. A true believer does more than respect the Lord's Prayer. He prays it. Matt. 6:9-15.

Directions: Jesus gave directions for praying. In the sixth verse of the text, He advised His disciples to enter a private room or a retired place and pray. In such a place Jesus and the praying disciples could be alone. It is certain that Jesus would have the mind freed from the distractions of life when one prays in the closet.

Simplicity: Jesus taught that simplicity should accompany prayer. The publican's prayer was very simple but full of spirit and meaning. "God, be merciful to me a sinner," was a brief but commendable appeal. He smote his breast in token of his distress in view of his sins. The spirit of humility justified the publican. The self-exaltation of the Pharisee was frowned upon. Luke 18:10-14.

Promises: Jesus taught that prayer is rewarded. Said He, "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." John 14:13. "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you," was a promise which is cherished by every true believer. John 15:7. Other promises were made which may be found in John 16:22-27 and Matt. 7:7.

Faith in Prayer: When near Bethany, Jesus told the disciples that "All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive," Matt. 21:22. Again He pointed out that faith must accompany rewarding prayer when in Caesarea Philippi with the disciples. Matt. 17:19. The words of prayer on the lips must be accompanied with faith in the heart.

Forgivenesss Jesus taught that behind the offered prayer there must be a forgiving heart. This truth is found in the Lord's Prayer. When near Jerusalem Jesus said, "When ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any, that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses," Mark 11:25. It is very clear that God does not answer the prayer of a heart that holds a grudge.

Power: Jesus taught that there is power in prayer. Said He, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them." Matt. 18:19. No human being will ever be able to estimate how much sustaining power came to Jesus through His praying. No human man can comprehend the possibilities of power through prayer. There is power in united prayer. The individual's prayer in the closet must be supplemented by the individual's prayer in a Christian fellowship. There is power in personal and united prayer.

Insistent Appeal: Jesus approved the prayer in which there was frequent solicitation. A prayer life is urgent in character. This is illustrated in His own words in Luke 11:5-10 and Luke 18:1-8. It must be remembered, however, that the insistent appeal must not be limited to material things. The kingdom should first be sought and claimed. The Holy Spirit should be welcomed and our prayers offered by selfish men with nothing but a materialistic outlook on life.

Prayer in Temptation: Often we sing, "Yield not to temptation." How is one to be strengthened against temptation? Not a few have thought that human will-power is sufficient. They have become moralists. When their will-power was weak they yielded and then condoned their sin. The true believer knows that God's Grace is sufficient. He prays for that grace that head, heart, and will may endure the strong assaults of the enemy. Note what Jesus said to Peter at the Jordan, "Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation." Matt. 26:41.

Notes on the Text: V 5: Jesus warns against praying to make an impression. V 6: Jesus teaches private and secret devotion. Vs. 7-8: Jesus cautions against aimless praying. Vs. 9-13: Jesus outlines a pattern prayer. Vs. 14-15: Jesus points out that a forgiving spirit is a prerequisite of effective praying.—*M. P. Recorder.*

MARRIED

Hawkins-Inscoe

The marriage of Miss Clara Hawkins and Claud Inscoe was solemnized on September 9 at 7:00 p. m. at the M. P. parsonage in Littleton. The writer, pastor of both the bride and groom officiated.

Mrs. Inscoe is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Z. B. Hawkins of Roanoke Rapids, R. 1, and and a faithful member of Hawkin's Chapel. Mr. Inscoe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Inscoe of Littleton, Route 2, and is a member of Corinth Methodist Protestant Church.

The ceremony was witnesed by a number of close friends to both the bride and groom. We wish for the fine young people a long, presperous and happy life.

D. D. BROOME.

Take the proverb to thine heart,
Take, and hold it fast,—
The mill cannot grind
With the water that is past.
—Sarah Doudney.

Missionary Column

MRS. J. ELWOOD CARROLL, Editor
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SECOND QUARTERLY BRANCH MEETING

The second quarterly meeting of the N. C. Branch of Women's Work of the former M. P. church will meet at First Methodist church (formerly M. P.) ŏn Tuesday, October 10, at 10:30 o'clock a.m. Full representation from all auxiliaries is desired. All auxiliaries are especially urged to fill out blanks received and return them to the Corresponding Secretary.

MRS. R. M. ANDREWS, President,
MRS. J. T. BOWMAN, Cor. Sec.

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Amount previously reported		$452.68
Shiloh, Shiloh	$5.00	
Pleasant Grove	5.00	
Moriah	10.00	
Friendship, Friendship	5.00	
Love's Grove, Friendship	5.00	
Hollister	4.00	
Grace	10.00	
Jr. Missionary Soc., Mt. Lebanon	5.00	
New Hope, Why Not	3.00	
Sapling Ridge	5.00	
Gibsonville	5.00	
Lawndale, Cleveland	1.50	
Rev. Mr. Isley, Mt. Hermon, M. H.	1.00	
Fountain Place	1.00	
Fallston Circuit, Laurel Hill	1.00	
Lexington, First church	1.50	
Spring Valley, Vance	3.00	
Weaverville	5.00	
Receipts for August		76.00
Total amount collected		$528.68

MRS. COY L. KEARNS, Treas.

GOOD WITNESSES

The New York Sun published an interesting article on the passports issued by our Department of State. Many will be surprised to learn that nearly 350,000 American citizens are living in foreign lands. More than 175,000 are in Canada, 80,000 in Europe, while the rest live in Asia, Africa, and South America. Countries like Italy, England, and France have large colonies of permanent American residents. The total of 350,000 does not, of course, include "the enormous army of American tourists."

Whether the number be large or small, Dr. Wm. B. Lipphard, editor of "Missions," that admirable monthly, is eminently right in asserting that the above figures have solemn missionary significance. Especially those who have not caught the vision of world missions should study them with serious concern. Every bearer of an American passport, whether he intends it or not, is a foreign missionary. Here is an army, temporarily or permanently residing in foreign lands, and every member of it is making an impression, either for weal or woe. In too many cases the nations say of them: "These Americans are here not to benefit us, but to get profit for themselves." How the reputation of our country has suffered at the hands of some of these, the reputation for good neighborliness, brotherhood, international idealism, and world friendship!

Against that large group should be contrasted the small body of 15,000 foreign missionaries from our land. They are "over there" not to get but to give, not to exploit but to share the Gospel of Christ, and to lift people to a higher and more abundant life. The total cost of the missionary enterprice is very little, when you consider it as a constructive influence to counteract the demoralizing contribution often made by commercialized interests or rotten diplomacy. The missionaries are holding the torch on high and presenting to the world what is best and finest in American life.—From The Messenger, August 10, 1939.

RUNNING THE HIGH POINT CHILDREN'S HOME NEXT YEAR

It has been tentatively agreed upon by a committee, and will most likely be adopted by the coming Annual Conference, that those of us who have supported this Children's Home through the years be asked to continue its support for one more year in the same way.

This one paragraph from the tentative report of the committee will explain itself,—"That the Methodists in the North Carolina and the Western North Carolina Conferences formerly known as Methodist Protestants, be directed to continue their cultivation and encouraged to secure liberal contributions from their own people for the support of the Children's Home at High Point."

Then after we have done our best, just as we have been doing every year, the other Methodist Orphanages in the state will come to our rescue if need be. So, my dear friends, it is up to us former Methodist Protestants to lay our plans to continue our regular support of the Children's Home which has been ours for so long that we would feel lost without it.

This I am sure we will gladly do because of our love for the Home, and because we would be making our regular contributions to some children's home anyway.

This is just for the coming conference year, and after that other plans will doubtless be adopted.

Your most earnest and faithful cooperation will be needed because we will not have the Herald as our means of boasting the Children's Home week after week.

We are making this announcement this early while we have the Herald through which to reach all our people.

The committee wrestled over the problem for hours, and worked out the very best plans they could for the continuation of our orphanage work in our three children's homes for the first year under Methodist union.

Let us accept the plan in good faith and press on with our share of it happily.

A. G. DIXON, Supt.

PROGRAM FOR FIRST DISTRICT RALLY CRESWELL CHURCH

September 17

Morning service 11:00 o'clock. Devotional, Rev. F. S. Wagoner. Sermon, Dr. C. E. Forlines. Picnic dinner.

Afternoon service 1:30 o'clock. Review of the study book. Open discusion. Business. Adjournment.

Our Children's Home

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Woman's Auxiliary, Siler City, for shoes	$2.00
Central S. S., Asheboro	40.00
Grace Church S. S., Greensboro	9.00
Mt. Lebanon S. S., Randleman	4.48
Baraca Class, Gibsonville, clothing child	10.00
Rehoboth, Granville	10.00
Liberty S. S., Davidson	1.00
Siler City S. S.	5.00
First Church S. S., Winston-Salem	5.00
Ladies' Aid Society, Elwood, Ind., feeding child	5.00
Graham S. S.	10.02
Pleasant Hill, Davidson, on Home Coming offering	3.00
Mr. R. M. Whitt, Ai, Kernersville, personal	1.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Denton, Md., for shoes	4.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Foss, Okla., for shoes	2.00
Mt. Pleasant S. S., N. Davidson	2.82
Bethel S. S., Flat Rock	3.50
Mt. Pleasant S. S., Mt. Pleasant	8.00
Fairfield S. S., Guilford	3.00
Greer's Chapel S. S., Shiloh	1.60
State Street S. S., Lexington	3.33
Kannapolis S. S.	7.67
Friendship S. S., Mt. Hermon, May to September	25.00
Trinity Church S. S., Lexington	3.40
Central Avenue S. S., Charlotte	6.79
Hebron S. S., Orange	3.42
Community Church S. S. and Baraca Class, Thomasville	11.30
Concord S. S.	20.00
Denton S. S.	6.00
Friendship S. S., Friendship-Love's Grove	7.69
Woman's Auxiliary, Cambridge, Ohio, for shoes	5.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Circle No. 1, Denton, for shoes	5.00
Philathea Class, Henderon, for shoes	5.00
Missionary society, Christ church, Atlantic City, for shoes	6.00
Bethel S. S., Mocksville, Aug.-Sept.	3.00
Pleasant Hill S. S., Spring Church	2.00
Worthville S .S., Randleman	11.30
Concord S. S., Saxapahaw	4.10
Woman's Auxiliary, Montgomery, Ala., for shoes	6.00
The Roslyn Missionary society, Montrose, Ill., for shoes	4.50
Woman's Auxiliary, Kansas City, for shoes	3.00
Welch Memorial S. S., High Point	9.87
A Friend, Denton	10.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Denton, clothing a child	11.00
N. C. Branch, Women's Work, by the Treasurer	138.85
Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Smith, personal, Tabernacle	5.00
Love's Grove S. S. and home-coming, Friendship-Love's Grove	9.86
Efland S. S., Orange, Aug. and Sept.	5.20
Level Cross S. S., Randleman	2.42
Enfield S. S.	5.00

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FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Friendship Church, Shiloh Charge, Rev. C. E. Ridge, Pastor.—Saturday, October 7, our last Quarterly Conference will be held at Friendship. There will be preaching at 11 o'clock, dinner on the grounds, and then conference in the afternoon. We hope to have our president with us, and hope that we will have a very large attendance.

There will be a supper at our hut Saturday evening from six to ten. We invite all to come and enjoy the oysters, chicken pie, ice cream and other things which will be served.

At the beginning of the service Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Michael had their little son, Allison Sherill, baptized. Holy communion was observed at our church Sunday at the end of the service.

Our ladies met at the hut Tuesday evening, and had their regular meeting. After the meeting a weiner roast was enjoyed by all.

Those leaving for college are Messrs. Ona Virgil Byerly, a junior at State College, Raleigh, Robert Holt, a junior at High Point College, and Lawrence Holt, a senior at High Point College. These boys will be missed at Sunday school and church.

Messrs. Robert and Lawrence Holt returned last week from the World's Fair. From there Robert visited Baltimore, Md. and Washington, D. C., and Lawrence went through the New England states, the coast route to Yarmouth, Maine, and back through Montreal, Canada.

Mrs. Annie May Broadway of Elberville is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. B. L. Koonts of Friendship.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Phillips and Almeda Phillips, Miss Wilda Mae Phillips and Mr. Kermit Everhart visited points of interest in Virginia Sunday.

ADELE PHILLIPS, Reporter.

Kernersville-South Winston — The weeks and months of the present conference year have passed rapidly, and we will soon gather in another annual conference. The work on this charge has been moving along at a normal rate. Revival meetings have been held at two of the churches, namely, Pine Grove and South Winston. We are engaged this week in the meeting at Sandy Ridge church, with Rev. G. W. Fink, of Jamestown, doing the preaching.

Two more churches, Ai and Kernersville, will have meetings. The annual revival meeting for Ai church will begin the fourth Sunday in September, with Rev. J. C. Stokes, D.D., of Oak Ridge, as the pulpit help. In Kernersville we are to unite with three other town churches in a week of services. The two Methodist churches, the Baptist church, and the Moravian church will co-operate in "A Preaching Mission." The four pastors are to do the preaching and the services are to rotate in the four churches. The time for the preaching mission is October 8 to 14, inclusive. At the first service, October 8, at 7:30 p. m., Bishop Clare Purcelle will preach. The services will be held at Cherry Street Methodist church on Wednesday and Saturday nights.

We had a good service at South Winston church last Sunday morning. The attendance was about as usual. The four daughters of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Isgette rendered a quartet selection. After the services the pastor and wife and son, C. B., Jr.,, were invited to the good home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith, where a period of genuine fellowship was enjoyed. We were seated at the dining table which was loaded with a variety of good things to eat. Brother Smith is superintendent of the Sunday school, a position in the church he has held for many years. He goes about his work in a quiet but definite manner, always displaying a pleasing disposition. Mrs. Smith, in her jovial and congenial manner, always proves an excellent hostess, and no better cook may be found anywhere. The visit with these good people was thoroughly enjoyed.

The Christian Endeavor society of Pine Grove church, which was re-organized a few months ago with Miss Rachel Ingram as president, Ned Ingram, vice-president, and Miss Hazel Thomas as secretary, held a very interesting business meeting and social at the home of Miss Hazel Thomas on Wednesday night of last week. About forty young people were present. We are glad for the progress this society is making since the re-organization and resumption of meetings.

The call for the meeting of the Fourth Quarterly Conference of the Kernersville-South Winston charge has been made. The conference will be held at the Kernersville church Saturday, October 14, at 2:30 p. m. We trust that all officials of the churches will be active for the next few weeks in preparation for the conference.

C. B. WAY, Pastor.

Roberta, Rev. H. W. Bell, Pastor. — The church is moving along fine. Our regular services were held Sunday as following: Sunday school, 9:45; preaching, 11 and 7:30 o'clock.

The Ladies' Aid Society has floored the church and had it sanded and varnished and a new carpet for the pulpit; also varnished the pews and pulpit chairs, bought a new door and lock for the front.

We have two very sick members, Mrs. Barbee and Miss Jewel Pennegar. Hope for them a speedy recovery if it be God's will.

The closing of the year is drawing near. When we go in a muddle hope its for the best.

REPORTER.

Hollister, Halifax Charge, W. H. Howard, Jr., Pastor.—Since our last report to the Herald, the work has been going on as usual. The third Quarterly Conference convened in Hollister church on August 3, at 8:00 o'clock p. m. All the churches on the charge were represented with the exception of Ringwood church. While we are considerably behind with Annual Conference assessments and pastor salary, it is hoped that a good portion of these assessments will be raised within the next few weeks. Some very interesting reports were given by representatives from each church. Mrs. H. W. Mitchell was declared elected delegate to the Annual Conference. Mrs. Mitchell has served as delegate for a number of times and we know she is a good delegate. We are hoping and trusting that conference will see fit to return our present pastor to us for another year. We have thoroughly enjoyed the short three and a half years of service rendered by our pastor, Mr. Howard. We appreciate the many things he has done in helping us to carry on the Master's work. We know Hollister church, and the charge as a whole have been greatly benefitted by his service.

The revival meeting began here on the fourth Sunday in August with all day services. Mr. Howard delivered two excellent sermons on Sunday. Services were held each day during the week at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Rev. Wilbur Hutchins, pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist church, Apex, N. C., arrived on Sunday evening and did the preaching until the close of the meeting on Friday evening. Mr. Hutchins did some wonderful preaching during this series of services. He was liked by all, and we hope we can have him to assist in our meeting again some time. There were several reclamations and several boys and girls united with the church.

The Woman's Auxiliary met in the home of Mrs. R. I. Pullin on Tuesday afternoon, August 15. An unusually large crowd was present for the meeting and the social hour which followed. Mrs. E. T. Ellington led the devotional service in a very impressive way, using the theme "Thy Kingdom Come Through Training Methodist Youth." Mrs. J. J. Williams, and Miss Evelyn Knight gave very interesting readings on the subject of "Leadership Training for the Youth in the Methodist Church." Solicitations were made at this meeting for clothing for the child in the Children's Home, which the Auxiliary is sponsoring. Nearly all the clothes were donated at this time. We are hoping that our Auxiliary will be well represented at the District Meeting at Creswell, next Sunday.

KATHLEEN SHEARIN, Reporter.

Bethel, Alamance Charge, Dr. George R. Brown, Pastor.—Although there have been no reports from Bethel, our church has been active this year. Dr. Brown has filled every appointment and Mrs. Brown has been very helpful to us in our Sunday school and Missionary work.

Our class rooms have recently been painted and the Young People's class has purchased new furniture and equipment for their room.

Children's Day service was held the second Sunday in August, with a large number of children taking part in the service.

Our revival meeting was conducted the third week in August. Dr. Brown delivered the sermon on Sunday morning. In the afternoon Rev. O. L. Easter came and conducted the services for the rest of the week. We are very grateful to Brother Easter, especially for the sermons he preached to the children. We believe they made such definite impressions upon the children that they will long be remembered.

The Woman's Auxiliary has held its meeting each month. The last meeting was held with Mrs. Annie Lindley and the program was conducted by Mrs. Sarah Thompson. The October meeting will be held on the second Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Inez Foust with the program in charge of Miss Bessie Holmes. We expect to hold our Thanksoffering service some time soon.

Our annual Memorial Day will be observed next Sunday, September 17, with Professor J. B. Robertson, of Burlington, to deliver the address at 11 o'clock. Picnic lunch will be served, and special music and the business session will feature the afternoon session. All former members and friends of Bethel are cordially invited to attend.

MARCIA FOUST, Reporter.

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Shiloh Charge.—Now that our revival meetings have been held, I will give the readers of the Herald a brief summary of the visible results.

Rev. Robert Short did the preaching in our meeting at Greer's Chapel, Rev. E. A. Bingham at Friendship, and Rev. T. G. Madison at Shiloh. They did good preaching and rendered valuable service. As a result of the meetings we had 25 professions and 20 additions to the churches. We also had good revivals among the church members and there is new life and increase in church and Sunday school attendance.

We are beginning to nominate committees to elect church officers, and we believe we will come to conference with a good report. Brother J. F. Fritts from Shiloh church is our delegate.

We are all looking forward to our fourth quarterly conference October 7, when we are to have our president. He will meet with us at Friendship church and preach to us at 11 a.m. And the good ladies from all three churches will bring picnic dinner, and Shiloh charge is going to spend this day in the old-fashioned way.

In the afternoon our president will hold our fourth quarterly conference. Since this is to mark the closing of the (former) M. P. conference year for Shiloh charge, we hope for a good attendance and a time of spiritual refreshing.

C. E. RIDGE.

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Love Joy Church, Seagrove-Love Joy, Rev. J. H. Trolinger, Pastor.—Plans are far under way for our annual camp meeting which will begin the fourth Sunday in September. There will be three services on Sunday and each day throughout the revival. They will be at 11 in the morning, 2:30 in the afternoon, and 7:30 at night. Rev. C. G. Isley, of Albemarle, will be the pulpit help for the revival.

We are looking forward for one of the greatest revivals our church has ever known. The interest taken by the church at large is keen. All the tents are being occupied. Some additional tents are being built, and we are expecting good attendance at each service.

We realize that the preachers cannot bring a revival within themselves. The church has a responsibility also. Our prayer is that we as a church may prepare our own selves for the revival and then be led and guided by God's Holy Spirit in helping to win the lost.

Mr. C. V. Commer will begin a singing school at our church Monday night, September 11. We hope that much interest will be shown and that our choir will be greatly improved.

The Friendship circle held its regular meeting September 5, with Mrs. Cora Burns. This was turned into a business meeting at which time plans and arrangements were made to furnish the Sunday school rooms of our church for the pastor and help to live in during our revival. Much interest was shown and a good number was present.

We are sorry to report the illness of some of our church workers, but are glad to know they are improving fast. Mrs. Grady Russell has returned home from the Yadkin hospital where she underwent a major operation. Mrs. I. F. Russell is expected home within a few day from the McPherson hospital, Durham, where she underwent a sinus operation.

MRS. T. L. RUSSELL, Reporter.

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Rankin Memorial Church, Rev. Edw. Suits, Pastor.—The revival services which have been in progress for the past two weeks have been brought to a close. We have had a wonderful meeting and many souls have been blessed. We were fortunate indeed to have Rev. S. M. Needham of Greensboro to assist in the revival. We are glad to welome six new members into the church. They are Mrs. Buford Bryant, Mrs. Elizabeth Small, Billy and Jimmy Small, and Misses Ruth Welborn and Vera Russell.

We are beginning some work this week which will complete our church. We hope to have it finished as soon as possible.

The auxiliary met last Monday evening at the home of Mrs. W. F. Clary. There were 20 members and one visitor present.

It is with deep regret that we report the death of one of our members, Mrs. Annie E. Sharp, who left us to be with Jesus on Sunday, September 3. We shall miss her, but we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. To the bereaved members of that family we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

REPORTER.

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Ann Street Methodist Church, Concord, Rev. E. O. Peeler, Pastor, Sept. 11.—Our work is going on nicely with good crowds for the Sunday morning services, but our folks just won't come out much for the night service. Instead of having a week or ten days' fall meeting we are having what we call a reenlistment in the Sunday school and church. Mr. Peeler asked all the Sunday school teachers to cooperate in every way that they could and try to get in touch with each member of our Sunday school. We are glad to see a few more out at our midweek services and just hope that more of them will feel the need of these blessings.

A committee has been appointed to see about having a new parsonage built. We would be very proud to see a new parsonage and we hope that the time will soon be here when we can build one. We have our new church and it paid for, and if we will just work together we can have a new parsonage and it paid for.

Our Ladies' Aid met on Monday night at the home of Mrs. Esther Litaker with a large number present. We have had right much work done in the kitchen of the church and all the women are proud of the work, and we appreciate so much the work Mr. Julius Whitley did for us. The Ladies' Aid is working hard along now to try and have a good report for our pastor to take to conference. Our missionary work is going along fine. The names of the circles have been changed from numbers to names. Circle No. 1 now has the name of one of the deceased members, the Lottie Mann circle. Circle No. 2 now has the name of two of the oldest and very faithful members, the Mary Kate circle, named for Mrs. Mary Earnhardt and Mrs. Kate Scarboro. Circle No. 3 now has the name of two of the oldest and very faithful, willing workers, the Rosie Belle circle, named for Mrs. Rosie Sides and Mrs. Belle Cass. We are so sorry to hear that Mrs. Cass is sick at this time and may have to go to the hospital. We are very much in sympathy with Miss Netia Blackwelder who was in a car wreck and is now having to be in bed all the time wearing a cast. Her neck, back, one arm and ankle are hurt. She will have to be in the cast until October. We all hope and pray that she will be well and strong. We miss Netia so much at church; she is one of our choir girls.

BERTHA EARNHARDT, Reporter.

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Calvary Church, Roland C. Stubbins, Pastor.—Calvary church had its best Vacation Bible School this year. Seventy were enrolled and forty-eight received certificates for full time attendance.

Our Sunday school has about its capacity attendance. We feel confident that with accommodations our enrollment would about double in one year's time, for we have as well equipped teachers and workers as one would find in any church.

Our stewards are lining up for the financial finish and that means we are not intending to come up "short."

The walls, pews and floors of our church have been repainted and refinished this year and Mr. David Glass, a loyal and thoughtful member, is due credit for the total expense of wall painting and much of the labor on the pews and floor. The Sunday school and Woman's Auxiliary made liberal contributions for materials and labor on the floor work.

Quite a number of members have united with our church this year and we expect others to unite before conference.

Among our members that are ill: Mr. George Shaw, Mrs. A. E. Causey, Mrs. C. L. Tucker and Mrs. Otis Campbell.

A revival meeting is in progress at our church, with Rev. Edward Snow of Pleasant Garden Methodist church doing the preaching and Mrs. Clarence E. Williams of Winston-Salem directing the music.

R. C. STUBBINS.

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Rockingham Charge, R. L. Vickery, Pastor.—We are glad to report that our church is progressing rapidly in interest and spirituality.

Last Sunday night we enjoyed a "Song, Prayer and Praise" service, at our church. The spirit of the Lord was with us in great power. Everyone was given a chance to testify of God's goodness to him.

Our choir has made wonderful progress. Not long ago we obtained new song books and we have been enjoying singing the new songs.

One of our members, Mr. Arthur Hale, has been doing splendid work for our church. He has collected money and pledges to beautify the church and the church grounds. We are very proud of the work that Mr. Hale is doing.

The fall revival meeting will begin the fourth Sunday in September. We are planning to have Home Coming Day the first Sunday in October. We wish to extend an invitation to all to come and be with us. Especially do we desire the presence of our former pastors Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Trollinger and Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Bell.

The Ladies' Aid mid-week prayer service and Christian Endeavor Society are doing well.

We desire the prayer of all churches for God to give us a wonderful revival and we may all live a more perfect life.

MRS. EUGENE BULLARD, Reporter.

Bethel Church, Randolph Charge, H. L. Isley, Pastor.—We have not had in a report for some time, although our church has been very active. Our revival meeting began the third Sunday in August, with Bro. Charles Coble as our pulpit help. We certainly admire our pastor's choice as I don't think he could have had one to do better. He certainly preached the true gospel. I truly wish that all the pastors in the Methodist ministry could make the Spirit of God be felt as he can. We considered our revival a success. We gave our pastor and wife a pounding the last night of the meeting, which we feel was greatly appreciated.

Our church has done real well on all church claims this year. Everything was paid in full except the pastor's salary, at the last quarterly meeting, which was held the third Sunday in July, which we considered real well.

We had our electric lights turned on in the church in time for the meeting.

The nominatnig committee for the church officers for another year met last Sunday after Sunday school.

One of our Sunday school members is in Piedmont Memorial hospital in Greensboro. She certainly has our prayers and wishes for recovery.

MRS. C. P. ANDERSON, Reporter.

Bellemont Church, Rev. J. R. Anderson, Pastor.—Nothing has been heard from us for three months, but we have been enjoying good sermons during the summer. The attendance has been holding up very well, considering the fact that many people have been away on vacations and there has been much sickness in the community.

Mrs. Mary Buckner, one of our oldest members, died at her home on June 13. She had been in declining health for several years and was unable to attend church. Her pastor and former pastor, Rev. A. O. Lindley, conducted the funeral.

Revival services were held at Bellemont with Rev. H. F. Surratt, of Graham, doing the preaching. He was liked by all and brought us some helpful messages in these services.

Mrs. E. Paul Lowder has been elected delegate to the annual conference.

Our Woman's Auxiliary has been doing some fine work. A nice sum has been raised toward painting the church inside and replacing light fixtures. The August meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Cora M. Hargis, with Mrs. J. G. Holt, Jr., and Mrs. Homer Hargis as joint hostesses. The attendance was the best ever. The next meeting will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock with Mrs. Clyde C. Sharpe.

On the fourth Sunday morning Misses Johnie Lou and Fay Anderson and Mrs. Homer S. Hargis united with Bellemont church. Mrs. Hargis came to us from Bethany Presbyterian church of Graham. Several of our Sunday school and church workers have church membership elsewhere. Hope they will decide soon to unite with our church.

On Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, last rites were held for Mr. Claude Moser. He had been in a Greensboro hospital for over two months, and after much suffering disease won the victory and death took him to his reward. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church near Alamance, N. C. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ella Iseley Moser, and the following children: Mrs. Wayne Curtis, Misses Sadie and Madeline Moser, Hartsell, Troy, Duncan, and Rev. Lee Moser. May the Lord comfort the bereaved who mourn his passing.

Mrs. Paul King, the former Miss Lois Coey of High Point has been visiting her sister Mrs. Anderson at the parsonage for several days.

Mrs. Howard Barbee entertained her Sunday school class at her home on last Saturday evening. A most enjoyable evening was spent together.

Mrs. Gurney Holt who has been sick for some time doesn't show much improvement.

Mrs. Howard Pickett has been spending several days with her father, Mr. Whitaker, in Julian, N. C., who has been ill.

MRS. CLAY W. HOLT, Reporter.

FROM JAPAN

Christians in Korea

Mr. H. Mitsui, of Keijo (Seoul) has an article in a recent number of the Christian Literature Society's bulletin on "*Christians In Korea*."

He reports a recent religious census of the peninsula, which shows that although a small proportion of the total population the Christians are the largest religious group. The figures are:

Shintoists	91,723
Japanese Buddhists	303,908
Korean Buddhists	193,177
Korean Christians	599,331

Thus there are more than twice as many Christians as in Japan proper. The figures for Japanese Christians in Korea are:

Congregational (Kumiai)	1,104
Presbyterian (Nihon Kirisuto)	1,473
Methodist	1,950

In all, he says, about enough to make one good Korean Church. The attendance at church services amazes him. He says one church in Heijo (Peng Yang) has three services on Sunday, with attendance of over two thousand at each. There are many churches with congregations over one thousand. When Moderator Tomita of the Nihon Kirisuto Kyokai came last year it was expected that he would speak on the shrine problem and there were crowds of over five and six thousand.

He then compares the three religions in reference to educational, medical, and general social work. In education the Shinto sect of Tenrikyo has four institutions but they can hardly be called regular schools. There is one Buddhist higher (semmon) school, one girls' high school, fifty kindergartens, and other types, making a total of 92. There are 5 Christian higher schools, 21 middle schools, 157 elementary schools, 191 elementary schools, 191 kindergartens, with others making a total of 600.

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Tenrikyo believing in faith healing only, naturally has no medical work. There are 4 Buddhist hospitals or dispensaries with a budget of Y12,000, which give about 10,000 treatments a year. There are 29 Christian medical establishments, with a total budget of Y1,183,000.

Tenrikyo has one industrial establishment, and the Buddhists spend Y56,000 for social work in 12 institutions. There are 20 Christian orphanages and free medical clinics. Up to recently there has been little contact between the Japanese and Korea Christian movements; but recently there has been much interest in cooperation, and this must increase.

Rome and Japan

Mr. William Woodard supplies the following summary of an article in the "*Christian World*," by Dr. K. Yamaguchi, of Kyoto, on "Reflection on the Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire."

"Some people think the Japanese resemble the Romans, particularly in respect for military valor and strong love of country.

"The Romans were not strong in religious culture. They had no faith in a creator or any sort of a savior. It seems that they considered religion and the like as a way for the weak to serve.

"What effect did this non-religious characteristic produce? As Rome was able to increase her power she became arrogant and used to seeing cruel amusements. I think this can truly be attributed to the lack of a religious heart. For political reasons they protected the gods of foreigners. Nearly all the religions of the world were gathered in

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Rome but the Romans paid no attention to them. When they saw among these religious one with some power that could not be disdained, they suppressed it. When Christianity began to flourish they forced emperor worship and imputed all sorts of crimes to Christianity. By forcing emperor worship they showed that they had no deep religious understanding or knowledge.

"Without doubt there was in them truly noble love of country and respect for their ancestors, but this was not able to save them from corruption. The persecution of Christianity caused much trouble and brought about the rapid decline of the country. Evidently persecution was not intended, for Christianity had been given a degree of protection. Why, then, was it persecuted more than in the history of any other country? From the very beginning the Christians were careful to avoid collision. They may have failed at times but the responsibility was certainly with the Roman officials and people. They did not understand the true meaning of religion. They thought they could get along without it. They suppressed and persecuted the pulpit. Thus the hearts of the people were divided and when unity was required it was impossible. Thus Rome, "The Eternal City," was handed over to the barbarians, and the powerless Christians took it over and built a new country.

"The relation between religion and the state is very delicate. If political and religious people do not understand this and manage things willfully they will leave misfortune for a thousand years. We feel that there are many points to be learned from the rise and fall of Rome."

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LEADERSHIP

In the conflict around Santiago, our army met with unexpectedly strong resistance. The army had fought all day long and at at was very tired. General Wheeler knew the danger of a night attack without protecting trenches. He ordered the men to dig them. His adjutant found the men lying on the ground from exhaustion and reported that the men were not in condition to dig them. He said:

"General, I am afraid our men can't dig the trenches."

"What men?" asked the General.

"The cavalry division," said the Adjutant.

General Wheeler sat up in bed and began pulling on his boots.

"Send me the man," he directed.

"What man?" asked the Adjutant.

"The man who can't dig trenches."

"But it is not one man; it is many men. They are just played out."

"But you can surely find one man who says he can't dig the trench. I only want one. Go get him and bring him to me."

"But there are—"

"I don't care how many there are, go get me one."

Hood had nothing to do but ride back to the line. In some way he managed to round up a colored trooper belonging to the Ninth Cavalry, and brought him back to the division headquarters.

"Are you the man who says he can't dig these trenches?" asked the General.

"I'se one of 'em, boss, but there's a—"

The General stopped him and walked out of his tent.

"You can go to sleep now, my man, and I'll go up and dig your trench for you. The trenches have to be dug, and if you are unable to dig yours I'll just go out and do it for you. Where's your pick?"

Wheeler slid into his coat and turned toward the big cavalryman. The latter's eyes began to bulge out when the General motioned to him to lead the way to his camp. For half a minute his voice stuck in his throat, and then he said:

"Boss, you ain't fit to dig no trenches. If they done got to be dug, I'll just naturally do it myself. I'm dog tired, but that ain't work for you."

Wheeler stopped and looked at the man with a flicker of amusement in his eyes.

"I know it isn't work for me to do," he said, "but I am going to need soldiers in the morning, and I'm going to save your life, if possible. Do you think now that you can dig the trench?"

The negro started up the hill without a word. Then the General turned to Adjutant Hood with a voice as pleasant as sunshine in May.

"He seems to have changed his mind," he said. "Now you go find me another man who can't dig the trenches."

The Adjutant bowed and rode off. He never came back. In the morning the trenches were dug.—*Selected.*

THE LAST WORDS OF GREAT MEN

By Rev. Thomas P. Hughes, LL.D.
New York City

Saint Lawrence, the deacon and Christian martyr, was burnt alive in the Valerian persecution, August 10, 258. He was roasted on a gridiron, and it is related that he mocked his persecutors to the last, saying:

"This side is toasted, so turn me, tyrant, eat
And see whether raw or roasted I make the better meat."

Prince Albert, the Prince Consort of England and the beloved husband of the late Queen Victoria, died at Windsor Castle, December 14, 1861. Shortly before his death he exclaimed, "Oh, I have such sweet thoughts!"

Count Vittorio Alfieri, the Italian dramatist, died at Florence, October 8, 1803, in the fifty-fourth year of his age. Turning to one who sat by his death-bed he said, "Clasp my hand, dear friend, for I am dying," and then he closed his eyes in death.

William Hazlitt, the great English critic and essayist, after a long period of wasting sickness, died September, 1730. His old and everdear friend, Charles Lamb, was with him at the close of his strange career of poverty, battle, aspersion, and neglect. Hazlitt's last words were, "Well, I've had a happy life," although to many it had appeared to be a life of singular misfortune.

Algernon Sidney, who was a republican in his opinions, and who undoubtedly schemed for the overthrow of the monarchy and the reestablishment of a republic in the reign of Charles II, was tried for high treason before Judge Jefferies and condemned to die. He was beheaded on Tower Hill, December 7, 1683, and met his death with heroic firmness, amid general sympathy and indignation. Among his last words were, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." As he passed away, he exclaimed, "I die for that Old Cause!"

Edward Gibbon, the historian, died in St. James's street, London, January 16, 1794, in his fifty-eighth year. It is said that the last words which he pronounced articulately were said to his *valet de chambre*: "Pourquoi est c que vous me quittes?"

Gustavus Adolphus, the King of Sweden, and the national hero of the Swedish nation, was slain in the battle at Lutzen, November 6, 1632. He was struck in the back by a musket-ball and fell from his saddle. The cuirassiers of the enemy rode up to him and demanded his name. "I am the King of Sweden," he replied, "and I do seal the religion and liberty of the German nation with my blood." The horsemen drove their lances through the body of the dying King.

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Captain James Lawrence, of the United States Navy, when in command of the Chesapeake in an attack on the British frigate Shannon in Boston Harbor, June 1, 1813, was mortally wounded. As he was carried below deck, he cried to his men almost with his last breath, "Don't give up the ship!" He died in Halifax, July 5, and his remains lie buried in Trinity Churchyard, New York.

Richard Savage, the English poet, died in the Debtors' prison, Bristol, England, July 31, 1743. The evening before his death, when the keeper of the prison visited him, he said with an uncommon earnestness, "I have something to say to you, sir." But after a pause, he moved his hand in a melancholy manner, and, finding himself unable to recollect what he was going to communicate, he said, "'Tis gone." The keeper soon after left him and the next morning he died.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon's last days were days of unconsciousness. The last quotation from Holy Scripture uttered by Mr. Spurgeon not long before his death at Mentone, January 31, 1892, were the strikingly appropriate words of the Apostle Paul, recorded in 2 Tim. iv. 7. "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

Dr. William Carey, the eminent Baptist missionary, died at Serampore, India, June 9, 1834. His last interview with Dr. Duff, the Scotch missionary, was very affecting. Dr. Duff sat by Carey's bedside relating the wonderful changes which have taken place in India, largely by Carey's labors. As he drew to a close, Dr. Carey said, in a feeble voice, "Pray." Dr. Duff knelt at his bedside and prayed, and then bade him farewell. As he passed the threshold of the door, he thought he heard a faint voice calling him back. "Mr. Duff," said the dying missionary, "you have been saying a great deal about Dr. Carey; when I am gone, don't speak about Dr. Carey, speak of Dr. Carey's Savior." This self-abasement was in keeping with the verse of Dr. Watts he had chosen to be engraven on his tombstone:

"A guilty, weak, and helpless worm,
On Thy kind arms I fall;
Be Thou my Strength and Righteousness,
My Savior and my all."

Dr. John Carroll, the first American bishop of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States, and the first archbishop of Baltimore, died on Sunday, December 3, 1815, surrounded by his relatives and friends upon whom he bestowed his benediction before he calmly expired. He had requested that he might be placed on the floor to die, as he said that he regarded this humble position best suited to his demerits before God into whose presence he was about to enter. To an eminent Protestant clergyman who visited his death-bed the archbishop said: "Sir, my hopes have always been on the cross of Christ."

Michael Servetus, who was condemned because he could not affirm that Christ was the Eternal Son of God, was burned to death, October 27, 1553. Shortly before he expired he exclaimed, "Christ, Son of the Eternal God, have mercy on me!"

Edward VI, King of England, died July 6, 1552, at an early age. When he felt the approach of death the young king prepared himself for it in a devout manner. A few moments before he died he prayed that the Lord would take him out of this miserable world. He interceded fervently for his subjects, and prayed that God would preserve England from popery. The last words he uttered were: "I am faint; Lord have mercy upon me, and take my spirit." And thus he breathed out his innocent soul as he lay in the arms of Sir Henry Sidney.

Robert Milman, Bishop of Calcutta, closed a life of intense missionary zeal on St. Paul's Day, January 25, at Rawal Pindi, India. His chaplain, the Rev. Edgar Jacob, afterward Bishop of Newcastle, was at his bedside, when the bishop requested him to read Psalm cxxx, and soon after he repeated in feeble tones the fourth verse, "But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared," and then he breathed his last.

Daniel O'Connell, the Irish liberator, died at Genoa, May 15, 1847. His fear of being buried alive was singular and painful. More than once he earnestly entreated those around him to beware lest such a fearful catastrophe should overtake him. His serenity and patience in agonizing pain were remarked by all who had the sad privilege of attending him. The holy name of Jesus, the "memorare" and verses from the Psalms, were constantly upon his lips. "St. Liguori's Preparation for Death" was found after his deceise, with marks of long and constant use. His end was peace.

Andreas Hofer, the patriotic leader of the Tyrolese, was betrayed into the hands of the French and conveyed to Mantua, where he was condemned to be shot. The sentence was carried into execution on February 20, 1810. Twelve men and a corporal were detailed to execute the sentence. Being requested to have his eyes bandaged and to kneel, he declined both, saying, "I have been used to stand upright before my Maker, and in that posture I will deliver up my spirit to my God."

Giuseppi Garibaldi, the Italian patriot, died at Caprera on the evening of June 2, 1882. A short time before his death, as he lay silently gazing at the sea from the open window, two little birds were gaily singing on the sill. As he watched them he murmured, "Maybe they are the souls of my dear little ones coming to call me. Feed them when I gone." Again his eyes rested on the sky, the sea, and the faces of his dear ones, and, as the sun went down, the eagle eyes were sightless, the voice which had been as that of a trumpet was hushed, and the loving, lion heart ceased to beat.—*Homiletic Review of* 1903.

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

In Memory of W. C. Montgomery

Some time on the night of August 4 death came among the flock of the Lebanon church and took from us one of our oldest members and certainly one of our most cherished and beloved Christians. While taking an evening walk Mr. W. C. Montgomery sat down along the way to rest and the Lord took him gently to be with Him forever. Brother Montgomery had been in declining health for some time and his death was finally brought on by a heart-failure. Those who knew him intimately knew him as a quiet soul who was faithful to his home and to his church and to his God, and can but relate his going to that beautiful description of Enoch so long ago, "and Enoch walked with God and he was not for the Lord took him." From his usual place in "Amen Corner" which he occupied so regularly and so long we have felt an empty place in the pew but not in the place of memory in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

The funeral was conducted on Sunday afternoon at the Lebanon Methodist church in High Point, N. C. The attendance was very large and the floral tribute was beautiful. The writer conducted the funeral, assisted by Rev. J. C. Madison, pastor of the First Methodist church. At the request of the family the Davis Brothers Quartet, who are friends of the family, rendered all the music of the service. The body was taken to the Lebanon Cemetery for burial. May his memory ever remain with us who remain and comfort his family with the thought of a life richly lived.

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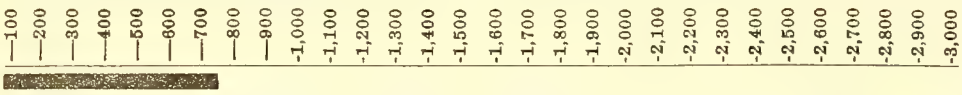

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We are thankful for so good a report this week, and we thank every one who has helped to make it possible.

Looking at the calendar this morning, we are reminded that there are just five more Sundays between now and the meeting of the annual conference. We are trusting that every Sunday school in the conference will send us a good offering before conference. There are several of our Sunday schools that we have not heard from in so long that a note from them enclosing an offering would be a delight.

Fall of the year is here, coal must be bought, winter supplies must be laid in, school supplies must be had, and clothing for our children must be bought, except for those who are being clothed by some organization. Please bear us up in your prayers and by your gifts.

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We are informed that Mrs. Stockard, who has been ill for a long time, remains practically the same. Her condition is not quite as serious as during the first six months of her confinement.

Mrs. Stockard has been a faithful member of our Mt. Herman church in Alamance county for years; also she is a regular contributor to our Children's Home.

For the past three months Mrs. Stockard has been in Burlington with a married daughter, but was carried by ambulance last week to her home on Route 1, Graham. Since she is unable to attend church, we urge our members to visit this good sister occasionally.

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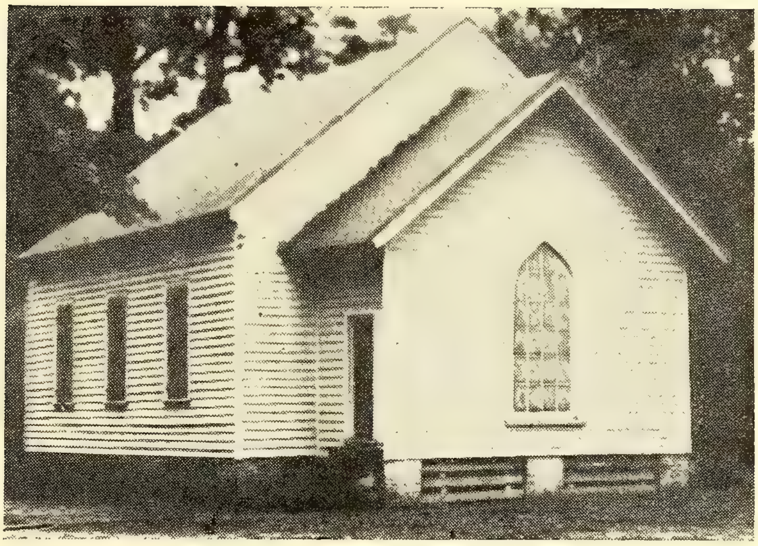

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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Charges Nearly Out

According to information received by me two charges are nearly out on both World Service and Annual Conference Budgets. These are Pleasant Grove charge and the Randolph charge. Rev. F. R. Love, the pastor of Pleasant Grove in his quarterly report gave this optimistic report and the other information was given by the pastor of the Randolph charge, Rev. H. L. Isley. Pleasant Grove has paid HERALD Subsidy and has raised about half of its HERALD quota while Randolph has not raised subsidy and has a long way to go on subscriptions. I trust both of these charges may pay out in full. As charges pay out the pastor will please notify me so that the information may be used to inspire others.

Herald Committee Meets

On Friday afternoon of last week the special committee appointed to represent the interests of the HERALD had a meeting at Grace church in Greensboro. The committee will have something to say this week but I am urging all of our people to take heed to what they say. If all of our charges will raise subsidy in full then there will be very little deficit from now until conference. Then too, those who renew now will be on the mailing list when the papers are merged at conference and there will be no break in getting the church paper. Our people will be expected to take the conference organ after the new conference is formed and now is a good time to begin.

A Sunday Morning at Asheboro

Last Sunday morning was spent with the Asheboro church, Dr. S. W. Taylor, pastor. This church easily ranks as one of the outstanding churches in our conference. From the time of its organization in 1891 until now it has had some of the leading laymen in the conference in its membership. The building in which this congregation now worships is the second one since the beginning of this enterprise, the wooden building which was originally erected having been torn away several years ago and the present brick structure erected. While the present building was ample when it was first erected it is hardly adequate now, especially for the Sunday school and for some time now there has been talk of enlargement either by adding to the present plant or building new. This church is one that will not be adversely affected by church union in that both Methodist churches will be needed after the conferences are merged. This is Dr. Taylor's fourth year and he is still doing good work as he always does. He has been for a long period of years one of the outstanding ministers in our denomination and he shows no signs of weakening yet. The finances of the church are in good condition and it is expected that everything will be paid in full. It is always a pleasure to be in this church for one always feels that there is much going on about this place. It is a good place to go to get rid of pessimism.

A Sunday Afternoon at Giles Chapel

Leaving Asheboro for the time being we rushed away to Giles Chapel on the Richland charge for an afternoon appointment. This church is something like four miles rather northeast of Asheboro. It is one of our old churches it having been organized on the third Sunday in May, 1833. This being the church of my childhood days of course it has a tender spot in my heart. While it is true that a great many of those who were there in my early days are no longer there yet there are others who have grown up who are carrying on the work. Last Sunday was the beginning of the revival meeting and was also the annual Home Coming Day. So many people have gone out from this church that there are always a good many to come back on this important day. For a number of years I have had a standing invitation to preach there on Sunday afternoon of the revival. Rev. C. L. Grant, the pastor is serving his first year with this people but already he has a considerable grip upon the people. He seems to have made a lot of friends and all speak in the highest terms of him. Last Sunday he was reminding the people of the conference budget and urging them to finish the job. Already the church has made a good showing and it is hoped that all claims can be paid in full. While much more could be said about the work here I think it sufficient to say it is always a pleasure to be there.

Conference Committees

Just as soon now as I get the list of delegates to conference from Dr. Bates, the secretary, I want to make up the list of committees. I am sure he will send me the list just as soon as the pastors finish sending the list to him. Inasmuch as the election is to be certified to immediately after the third quarterly conference it does seem that all the names ought to be in now. If not, two quarterly conferences will have to be held very close together.

Appointments

Saturday, September 23 Cleveland charge, preaching at Mt. Pleasant church at 11 a. m. with Q. C. in afternoon.

Sunday, September 24 Cleveland charge, Oak Grove in dedicatory services at 11 a. m.

Sunday, September 24, 3 p. m. Q. C. at Laurel Hill church on the Fallston charge.

Monday, September 25, 10:30 a. m. Western Pastors' Federation at Union Grove.

Sunday, October 1 11 a. m. Lincolnton, Q. C. in afternoon.

Friday, October 6, 7:30 p. m. Richland Q. C. at parsonage.

Saturday, October 7, Shiloh charge, Friendship church, preaching at 11 a. m. with Q. C. in afternoon.

Sunday, October 8 Alamance charge, Center at 11 a. m., Sapling Ridge at 2:30 p. m.

Sunday, October 8, 7 p. m. Glen Raven.

Wednesday, October 11, 7:30 p. m. First church, Burlington in Q. C.

Saturday, October 14, 2 p. m. Canaan, North Davidson in Q. C.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

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A man that is once fallen from truth knows not where he shall stay.—*Bishop Hall.*

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A Message in Verse

Men, my brothers, men the workers, ever reaping something new;
That which they have done but earnest of the things which they shall do.
For I dipt into the future, far as human eye could see,
Saw the Vision of the world, and all the wonder that would be;
Saw the heavens fill with commerce, argosies of magic sails;
Pilots of the purple twilight, dropping down with costly bales;
Heard the heavens fill with shouting, and there rain'd a ghastly dew
From the nations airy navies grappling in the central blue;
Far along the world-wide whisper of the south-wind rushing warm,
With the standards of the peoples plunging thro' the thunder-storm;
Till the war-drum throbb'd no longer, and the battle-flags were furl'd
In the Parliament of men, the Federation of the world."

—*Tennyson.*

When it is remembered that Lord Tennyson wrote these lines fifty or more years ago one marvels at such a prophetic utterance on the accomplishments of man. "Heavens filled with commerce, argosies of magic sails" has come to pass; "the heavens filled with shouting," the radio has brought to pass to any listening ear; today the nations "airy navies grapple the central blue," and there rains the "ghastly dew." Now let us hope and pray that in the very near future the war-drum shall throb no longer and that the battle flags shall be furled.

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Charles Swaringen of Wright Ave. has returned to his home after a stay of many weeks in the Veteran's hospital at Columbia, S. C. He is greatly improved and hopes soon to resume his work.

Homer Rhodeheaver, the celebrated leader of sacred song, is to be in Greensboro October 3, filling an engagement with the City Union of Young People's Society of C. E. The meeting will be held in the First Presbyterian Church, we understand.

Mrs. D. L. Johnson has sufficiently recovered from a serious operation to leave the hospital and is spending a few days recuperating in the home of her sister, Mrs. T. W. Fain.

Miss Mabel Harris has returned to her home at Henderson, N. C. after a brief stay with her sister, Mrs. R. M. Andrews.

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The New Financial Set-Up

We think very many of our local churches will gladly adopt the Financial System for the local church in the Methodist Discipline, found on pages 245-249. Although this Discipline was made up of the disciplines of the three uniting Churches, there are several congregations in our annual conference will be delighted to try out the values of this financial set-up. We suggest that you give the entire section a careful consideration and that in case the Church does not already have a better financial system this be adopted in its entirety; that there may be a good financial system in the local church. For while no Christian Church exists for the sole purpose as a money raising institution, none of them can exist very long or potentially which do not raise money for worthy projects. And for the good of all its members no church should be financed by only a few of its members—the larger the number of contributors, the greater will be the benefits coming to the membership when it raises its budgets in full. In other words, the by-products of giving to worthy causes are never to be despised, "for the gift without the giver is bare" and the church which never gives is poor.

Stingeness not only starves those institutions which are in need of financial support, but it starves the souls of those who need to help support the worthy institutions. Not only has the rich young ruler turned sorrowful away from Jesus because he was unwilling to share his great riches with others, there have been thousands of others who have gone through life sorrowful with their riches because they did not have the blessings of Christ upon their riches. The Methodist Church has given us a wisely planned and a splendidly wrought out system by which the local church may be financed, and no church should refuse to use it, unless it already has a better.

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West End Twenty-Two Years Old

Last Sunday West End Methodist Church observed in a formal manner its twenty-second anniversary. It was January 1917 when L. M. Foust, C. F. Johnson, and F. S. Stockard accepted certificates of withdrawal from Grace Methodist Protestant Church and were constituted a committee to hold the real estate, to raise funds for, and to proceed to the erection of West End Methodist Protestant Church, Greensboro. Several months after this group was so constituted by R. M. Andrews, then pastor of Grace Church, the Church was fully organized with thirty-two charter members.

During the twenty-two years of the existence of this Church, a building with ample Sunday school rooms has been erected, at a cost of about $20,000, and 541 members have been received into its membership. There was raised on the building fund for this year, $1,476.00, of the goal of $1,500.00 set for this year; there is no doubt about our going over the top in this campaign. West End has one of the best Women's Auxiliaries in the entire conference; whatever this organization undertakes to do is usually done, and done without noise or pleading with people to cooperate; it is a smooth working organization. The pastor is very proud of it.

The choir prepared special music for both morning and night services, beautiful flowers decorated the chancel, the departed members were remembered, a historical sketch of the beginning of the church, was read by L. M. Foust, and the pastor spoke on the challenge the situation presents to the membership. The congregation was large.

At night there was special music by the choir, and Rev. L. B. Hayes, District Superintendent of the Greensboro District, brought a splendid message. It was a good day for West End.

If our memory serves us correctly, the church has had the following pastors during its twenty-two years: R. A. Hunter, N. M. Harrison, E. L. Ballard, J. D. Williams, G. L. Curry, P. E. Lindley, T. J. Whitehead, N. G. Bethea, and R. M. Andrews.

In the new Methodist Church West End has the field to itself; insofar as the Methodists are concerned; it should grow more rapidly within the next decade than it has during its former years.

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ONLY FORTY-ONE

That has nothing to do with my age. It is merely a way of saying that that's all the Delegates' Credentials that have come in so far. And that puts me in a jamb. (I might have said jam, which would have meant that I am in a sort of mess, which I am.)

I don't suppose any of the brethren who have failed to send in the names of their delegates would for a moment think of hurting us in our work or making it difficult for us to get ready for Conference. But that is the result. We desperately need these names. We need them NOW.

The Pastors Report Blanks will be mailed out this week, and ought to be in your hands before you read this. If you do not get them promptly, let me know, and I will send another supply.

Some of the brethren have yet to pay for their 1938 Conference Journals. I am very anxious to close the account before Conference. If you do not know what you owe, write me. Send in your money.

C. W. Bates, *Secretary*,
Brown Summit, N. C.

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NOTICE !

The annual revival meeting will begin at Chestnut Ridge Church Sunday, September 24. Rev. W. M. Pike of Liberty, an honored superannuate and former pastor, will preach at eleven o'clock. Dinner will be served picnic style. The afternoon sermon will be by Rev. Roland C. Stubbins of Greensboro, a former pastor of Orange Charge. Services will continue throughout the week at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. with preaching by Rev. J. D. Morris of Pinnacle. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference of Orange Charge will be held the first Sunday afternoon in October at 3:00 o'clock at Efland church. All officials are expected to be present with written reports covering the church year.

C. P. Morris, *Pastor.*

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Let us beware of losing our enthusiasm. Let us ever glory in something, and strive to retain our admiration for all that would ennoble, and our interest in all that would enrich and beautify our life.—*Phillips Brooks.*

PROGRAM
112th and Final Session of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church
Grace Church, Greensboro, N. C.
October 18, 1939

Wednesday, October 18

10:00 A. M.	Roll Call, followed by the devotional service in charge of the President, Rev. J. E. Pritchard. Calling of the Roll of the Honored Dead.
10:30 A. M.	Conference Sermon. Preacher: Rev. E. O. Peeler, Pastor Ann Street Methodist Church, Concord.
11:00 A. M.	Reading of the President's Message. Conference business. Adjournment for lunch.
12:30 P. M.	Lunch.
1:45 P. M.	Song Service conducted by Rev. E. Lester Ballard.
2:00 P. M.	Election of officers and committees.
3:00 P. M.	Submission of Pastors' Reports. Adjournment at pleasure.
7:30 P. M.	Joint session held at West Market Street Methodist Church.

Thursday, October 19

9:00 A. M.	Calling of the Roll. Worship service, Conference Business.
10:00 A. M.	Children's Home Hour.
10:45 A. M.	High Point College Hour.
11:30 A. M.	Adjournment for Committee Work.
1:30 P. M.	Song Service. Business Session.
7:30 P. M.	Joint Session at West Market Street Church.

Friday, October 20

9:00 A. M.	Calling of the Roll. Worship Service. Business Session.
12:15 P. M.	Adjournment for lunch.
1:15 P. M.	Song Service.
2:00 P. M.	Final Business Session. Report of the Stationing Committee.
7:30 P. M.	First Session of the United Conference at West Market Street Methodist Church.

Please notice a number of changes in this program which are not in harmony with our custom, but which are due to the shortness of the time at our disposal: 1. The Communion service will not be held. It will be observed on Sunday morning as a part of the program of the Uniting Conference. 2. The President's Message will follow the Conference Sermon instead of coming on Wednesday afternoon. 3. The Pastors will submit their reports on Wednesday afternoon instead of Thursday morning. This is due to the fact that much of the matter in the reports must be tabulated in time for the first session of the United Conference. It is quite possible that a number of changes will have to be made in this program after Conference begins. It is only tentative.

J. E. Pritchard,
C. W. Bates,
J. Elwood Carroll.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By O. L. EASTER

ISAIAH: FORETELLING THE BIRTH OF THE MESSIANIC KING

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, September 24

Lesson Text: Isaiah 7:14; 9:1-7; 11:1-5.

Golden Text: His name shall be called Wonderful, Councellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.—Isaiah 9:6.

As a review of our study of the lives of Israel's leaders both king and prophet it is significant that we should have as our last lesson the consideration of the Messianic prophecy of Isaiah. The pages of the Old Testament afford many dark chapters of defeat and failure in the ranks of God's chosen people. There is an incompleteness to the plan of God in His communion and fellowship with men that strikes one with bewilderment when studied alone and out of harmony with the New Testament revelation. The voice of the prophet in Isaiah's day is the voice of rebuke and doom to Israel in her sins and it is only when we grasp the trend of Messianic expectancy running through his messages that we catch the element of victory that is essential to our ultimate faith in the supremacy of God over the forces of evil. With man's continuous history of back-sliding and rebellion as found related predominately in the Old Testament how can we associate the fact of God's faith and glory in the hearts of men? Only in the ultimate life and destiny of mankind can this be expected and in the Messianic prophecy that is embodied within the messages of the Old Testament prophets is this to be understood.

In what sense can God be well pleased with all mankind? The angels gave voice to this favor of God for man when they sang to them on the day of Christ's birth when they said, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men *in whom he is well pleased.*" (Luke 2:14). Yet they were then in their sin, and was He pleased with their sin? No! He was and is well pleased with all mankind insofar as they are capable of salvation in Christ, are capable of being made Christ-like. When the sculptor sees the rough stone, unhewn and uncut he is "well pleased" with it, not because it is shapeless and rough and ugly, and for immediate purposes useless, but because it is capable of being chiselled into forms of enduring beauty and service.

"Down in the human heart,
Crushed by the tempter,
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore
Touched by a loving heart,
Wakened by kindness,
Chords that were broken will vibrate once more."
—*Fanny J. Crosby.*

Thus God is seen to be patiently moving through the dark pages of Old Testament history ever laying the foundation here and there as a life opened the way for the coming of Jesus who would save His people from their sins by stirring those buried feelings of men's hearts through the medium of love so that broken chords would vibrate in harmony with God.

The darkness that Isaiah saw in Israel was brightened by his prophetic faith in that coming day when these people that walk in darkness shall see a great light. He speaks of that day when the Lord shall fully reveal Himself to men in the form of a babe given by God upon whose shoulders would the government be laid and whose name would rightly be Wonderful, Councellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah has a rich background for his prophecy concerning the coming of the Messiah. As early as Adam God intimated His plan to redeem lost humanity by supplying finally the Lamb of God who was to be slain for the sins of His people. To Abraham God promised the great privilege of being the father of the nation that would give birth to this "Holy One of Israel." To Jacob was shown the tribe from which He would come. The Prophet Daniel gave prophecy as to the time of His coming and through the prophet Micah was given even the place of His coming: "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been *from of old,* from everlasting." Micah 5:2. To Isaiah we turn for a word picture of what His coming will do for the world. Thus we see that the Old Testament with all its pathetic strivings is redeemed to us by its thread of Messianic prophecies that link it with the victorious chapters of the New Testament which in reality is a sequel to it.

It is interesting to look also at that period of four hundred years which intervenes between the last book of the Old Testament and the beginning of the New Testament for further gleanings of this expectation in the minds of men who were not in Israel. Socrates, in Greece, entertained an expectation of the near advent of same supernatural being to be a teacher of men. He said: "We must wait till some one comes from God to instruct us how to behave *toward* the *divinity* and *toward man.*" A few years later Plato, his follower, said: "O, how greatly do I desire to see that man, and who he is." He gives, perhaps, one of the clearest of the unconscious pagan deliniations of Christ in his famous description of the just man in his "Republic." Here it is: "Without doing any wrong he will assume the appearance of being unjust; yea, he shall be scourged, tortured, fettered . . . and often having endured all possible suffering, will be fastened to a post, and will restore again the beginning and prototype of righteousness." This shows us that God was moving everywhere to prepare the "way of the Lord" and we see of course that in Israel He found His most fruitful response to these searchings of His for lives who were open to receive Him. Macloren has put it thus: "Ancient religions are confessions of need, and Christianity is the supply of need. Their sacrifices proclaim man's need of reconciliation. Their stories of the gods coming down in the likeness of men speak of his longing for a manifestation of God in the flesh. The *craddle* and the *Cross* are heaven's answer to this sad question."

OAK GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Oak Grove Church had its beginning when Rev. T. T. Ferree held a revival meeting in a brush arbor some distance from where the church now stands. The church was organized about 1872 and called Love Joy Methodist Protestant Church. The name was suggested by Rev. T. T. Ferree, the first pastor, because of the wonderful spirit of love and brotherhood which grew out of that first revival. A small log church was built. In 1882 the name was changed to Oak Grove.

In 1886 the log building was replaced by a frame structure. This house soon proved to be too small to accommodate the people. In 1896 another frame building was erected and stood until the present brick church was started in 1934. This building was not completed, however, until the indebtedness was finally liquidated in 1939 and then the Sunday school department was finished and new pews secured for the auditorium.

The following pastors have served this church: Rev. T. T. Ferree, Rev. A. W. Lineberry, Rev. D. A. Highfill, Rev. J. E. Hartsell, Rev. J. H. Moton, Rev. W. F. Ashburn, Rev. H. S. B. Thompson, Rev. W. D. Reed, Rev. W. C. Lassiter, Rev. W. F. Kennett, Rev. J. H. Stowe, Rev. J. D. Morris, Rev. C. E. Ridge, Rev. R. S. Troxler and Rev. T. G. Madison.

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CALL TO ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH AND FINAL SESSION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

The 112th and final session of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church will be held in Grace Church, Greensboro, N. C. Beginning Wednesday, October 18, 1939, at 10:00 a. m. The session will conclude on Friday afternoon, October 20, and will be followed by the first session of the United Conference, of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, which will begin on Friday, October 20, 1939 at 7:30 p. m. in the West Market Street Methodist Church.

All charges in the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church as now constituted will send delegates to this final session. But only those charges within the territory now occupied by the Western North Caroline Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will send delegates to the session of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church. All others will elect their delegates to the Uniting Conference within whose territory their charges are situated. For example: the Delegate from Orange Charge will sit in the final session of our Conference, but he will be a delegate to the Uniting Conference of the Methodist Church at Rocky Mount, not to the one at Greensboro. We hope this is plain to every one concerned and will cause no confusion.

As we come to this final session, may we come in the spirit of prayer and consecration. There are many problems yet to be solved as we enter upon this larger union. We need the wisdom that is from above to guide us all.

J. E. PRITCHARD, *President*
C. W. BATES, *Secretary*

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CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY FOR JEWISH PEOPLE

Combating Anti-Semitism in America

By EARL S. SCOTT

There is a rising tide of anti-Semitism in America. It may not as yet be very extensive, but it is extensive enough to give serious concern. There is no widespread violent expression. Sound thinking will help to prevent such expression.

I am writing from a pastorate in Sullivan County in New York. This is a rural county until the summer months when the population swells to about three hundred and fifty thousand. The year-round population varies from fifty per cent Jewish in some villages to considerably less in others. From this background of residence here it appears to me that this is a time when the Christian may very well check on his own feelings with reference to our Jewish neighbors.

In the first place, there are some general principles that ought always to be in the background of our thinking on this subject. They are so simple and self-evident as to make their mention seem, at first, unnecessary. Even the most fundamental principles, however, are easily ignored when there is a wave of popular opinion.

The first such principle is that, as Christians, we are particularly indebted to the Jewish race. It gave our Saviour not only His birth but also, so far as His humanity was concerned, His spiritual inheritance. From that race came the founders of the primitive church. The apostles were Jews, as also were most of the writers of the New Testament. We have in common with our Jewish neighbors our regard for the Old Testament, a sacred literature produced by their race.

The second fundamental principle is that we must never judge an entire race by what one member or a group of individuals in that race may do. Our inclination is to do just that. A proof of that tendency may be found in the fact that in one nation they are accused of being predominantly Communist at the same time that they are suspected of getting control of the nation's money for capitalistic manipulation.

When a Jew does something wrong, we say, "He's a Jew." When a Gentile does the same kind of thing, we simply announce that he did it, without thinking about declaring his race. We may say that Jews are clannish, forgetting those who are not clannish and ignoring the fact that we have contributed to that clannishness.

It is always well for us to remember that our own nationality or race has its disagreeable characteristics. The purpose of this article is not to attempt to prove that the Jewish people are without faults. Quite naturally, there are certain characteristics that seem to me to be predominant among Hebrew people in general which I do not admire. But I must remember that to generalize may be both illogical and unfair. And we must all remember that if Jews were equally frank they might be compelled to admit that they see us in certain general qualities which to them are just as objectionable.

We frequently hear some one say, "Well, if they want to come over here, they ought to do things as we do them." To such a person, several questions ought to be addressed, namely: When did they come over here? Whose country is this? What do we mean by our way? At the time when the Continental Congress was facing bankruptcy in the days of the Revolution, Abraham Solomon loaned the Government $558,000. I mentioned this in an open forum, and a Gentile replied, "Well, why wouldn't he? I'll bet he got good interest!" But we must remember that many Gentiles would not trust the new government, and that Robert Morris had to beg people to loan money. It was a risk. Jews were here before this nation was a nation. They belong here as much as we do. If we were to go back much farther than that, we might be embarrassed; for we might discover that, for conscience' sake, we should have to hand our church property back to the Indians.

Keeping these general principles in mind, there is one thing we ought especially to do. We ought to make a special effort to be unusually considerate, sympathetic, and magnanimous in our attitude toward the Jewish people just now. That is always the duty and privilege of the majority.

The pastor of a Methodist church in this county held a special service on Race Relations Sunday. The rabbi of the near-by synagogue was in attendance with several of his people. There was a warm feeling of real friendliness. Shortly thereafter, that pastor announced the showing in his church of a moving picture on the life of Christ. The rabbi called upon the pastor to make a respectful request that the pastor cancel the showing of the picture on the grounds that it would arouse anti-Semitic feeling and thereby undo the good that had been done by the former service. The rabbi had seen the film, and felt quite distinctly that certain references to Jewish guilt for the crucifixion of Christ would have that very undesirable effect.

The pastor assured his friend that there was no such intention in the showing of the picture. He invited the rabbi and his people to witness it and pledged himself to say to the congregation that would be assembled that there was no anti-Semitism intended; that we Christians would not hold people responsible for what their ancestors did nineteen hundred years ago; that while we recognized that Jesus' enemies were Jews we remembered that His friends also were Jews, and that the first church was Jewish. At the close of the conversation the rabbi said, "I guess we are unusually sensitive just now."

Why wouldn't they be? We should be as much so if our group were being persecuted and exiled as their European friends and relatives are at the present time. We have a great opportunity now to show that generosity of spirit which was so characteristic of our Master, as we work and live with all our fellow Americans.—*Zion's Herald.*

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PASTORS AND THE HERALD

The success of the HERALD during these closing days of the Conference depends upon what you pastors do. You are asked to raise the subsidy on your charge in full and to continue your efforts for short term subscriptions. President Pritchard will ask in his fourth quarter questionnaire, "HAVE YOU RAISED YOUR HERALD SUBSIDY IN FULL?"

Many charges have done well on the subsidy, but many others have done little or nothing. Upon these latter we are depending for a neat sum during these closing days. The subsidy is levied against the local church at the rate of $2.50 per hundred church members, or major fraction thereof, and if raised in full by all charges would amount to approximately $750 per annum. Only thirty days remain until Conference, and to date 33 charges have paid something on the subsidy, 24 of this number have paid subsidy in full, thus leaving 61 charges that have paid nothing. The total raised for subsidy by these 33 charges is $291.36, which is about 35% of the total amount assessed all charges.

We desperately need all the subsidy this year. Subscription receipts have dropped considerably due to short term renewals. We are publishing almost as many papers per week as in former years, but practically all these subscriptions will expire soon after Conference. We need the subsidy to reduce our publishing deficit. This year the HERALD has shown a loss to date of $853, caused by the short term renewals and lack of payment on the subsidy. We are at present losing an additional sum of approximately $25 per week. If the paper is published until Conference, that means we shall be in arrears about a thousand dollars unless you pastors come to the aid of the paper with the full payment of your subsidy.

COMMITTEE ON THE HERALD.

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A church-going people are apt to be a law-abiding people. —*E. A. Park.*

OUR STORY PAGE

THE COLLECTOR

Janice glanced at the penny, as I slipped it into the machine that would tell her weight.

"Do you save Indian head pennies?" she asked.

I told her that I have seen one now and then but I do not save them.

"Well," she said, "next time you see one will you save it? Betty Davis will give you a Lincoln penny for it. I got three for her. Betty is a friend of mine and she has a collection of Indian head pennies."

Of course I promised and it just happened that soon after, in a box of trinkets in the attic, I found one that was rather unusual.

"You see," I explained, when I gave it to Janice, "most pennies are made of bronze but this one is nickel. See: it's the same color as the buffalo nickel. Besides it's quite old."

"O, thank you!" exclaimed Janice. "Betty hasn't one like that I know and she will be ever so pleased. Do you—" She hesitated. "Do you ever get foreign stamps?"

"Not often," I said. "Now and then one on a letter from France or Germany."

"And you don't collect stamps? Well, next time you get a letter from away off, will you save the stamps for Tony Squadrilli. He's a friend of mine and he collects foreign stamps. He gets plenty from Italy, because that's where his grandmother lives, but I don't think he knows anybody that gets letters from France or Germany. Last summer, when Aunt Esther was up in Canada, she wrote us two letters and I gave Tony the stamps from them."

The very next week, as it happened, I had a letter from Mexico. Janice told me it was the first Mexican stamp in Tony's collection.

A day or two later, we were walking together down the street, when all at once Janice called, "Help me catch him!" and started on a run. I had not chased butterflies for a good while, but I could not fail Janice. Finally we caught it and she ran across the street with it. Later she told me all about it.

"It was for Janie Forbes. She's a friend of mine and she has just started a collection of butterflies. I've been helping her catch them—she has a net and everything—and that was one she had not caught yet. I knew as soon as I saw it. Janie asked me to thank you for helping."

We all went to Lake Muscroon the next week for the Sunday school picnic. Janice and I had been for a ride with some of the others and I had just lifted her from the boat, when among the pebbles on the short I noticed something different and stooped to pick it up.

"Oh—!" exclaimed Janice. "You—you want it, don't you?"

I looked at the piece of flint in my hand. It was gray in color and long, long ago skillful fingers had shaped it and sharpened it.

"No," I said, "I don't collect Indian arrow heads."

"Well—Jimmie Barlow—you're sure that you don't want it yourself? He's a friend of mine and he has a collection of arrow heads. Most of them his father plowed up on their farm but I found two for him last summer."

"Jimmie is quite welcome to it," I told her.

Just the other day, Janice was up in my study, when I opened my afternoon mail.

"Oh!" she suddenly exclaimed. "You aren't going to throw that away, are you?"

"Yes," I said. "You can have it, if you want it."

She took it out of my waste-basket—a picture post card showing a man with a fishing rod, standing knee-deep in a mountain stream.

"It's for Margie Lane," explained Janice. "She's a friend of mine and she's collecting picture post cards. She had a scrap book almost full; some from Florida, some from California, two from England. I gave her the two that Aunt Esther sent us from Canada.

All at once she stopped studying the post card.

"Do you know some nice things to collect?" she asked "You see—I don't collect anything."

"Nonsense!" I said, "I don't know anyone who collects more. You collect Indian head pennies for Betty, stamps for Tony, butterflies for Janie, arrow heads for Jimmie, and picture post cards for Margie. That surely ought to be enough for one girl."

"I mean," said Janice, "a collection of my very own."

"Well," I said, "I think you have a collection of your very own. Some people collect things without knowing it."

That was puzzling and she asked what a person could collect without knowing it.

"Freckles," I suggested.

Then she laughed, because of course that was a joke.

"You mean things a person would like?" she asked.

"Certainly and I don't know of any girl in this town who has a finer collection than you have. What's more, I think you have enjoyed it even more than Janie, and Betty, and the others have enjoyed their collection. It's a better one."

"You're not fooling?"

"No, indeed, I am not fooling."

"What is it?"

"Well," I said, "while you have been helping Betty, and Tony, and Janie, and Jimmie, and Margie with their collections, you have been collecting friends."

Janice stared at me hard for a moment.

"They are my friends," she said.

"Of course they are and, whether a person is little or big, he could not possibly collect anything worth more than friends are. Why, they are so much more valuable than Indian head pennies, or stamps, or butterflies, or arrow heads, or picture post cards—they should hardly be mentioned in the same breath."—*Frederick Hall*, in *"The Story Hour."*

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According to the estimated value of school property and endowments in the United States, there is an investment of $400 for each pupil in the Nation's schools.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT SEEKING GOD'S KINGDOM

Topic for September 24, 1939

By REV. RAYMOND W. WHITE, D.D.

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, Sept. 18—Seek it primarily. Luke 12:29-34.

Tuesday, Sept. 19—Seek it by learning its mysteries. Mark 4:10-12.

Wednesday, Sept. 20—Seek it unencumbered. Matt. 19:23-26.

Thursday, Sept. 21—Seek it as a little child. Mark 10:13-16.

Friday, Sept. 22—Seek it through repentance. Matt. 21:28-32.

Saturday, Sept. 23—Seek it through love. Luke 10:25-28.

The Text: Matt. 6:19-34.

To the Leader

This is the third of a series of three topics on the general topic, "Studies in the Sermon on the Mount." These verses should be studied very carefully and the topic should be discussed in a way that an expository study may be made of the text. Much preparation is necessary if one desires to lead this meeting successfully. Verses may be given to the members who will give an exposition at the meeting. Commentaries will greatly help in this preparation. Your pastor will gladly advise you.

Questions for the Open Forum

1. What do we mean by "The Kingdom of God?"
2. Who are the citizens of the kingdom?
2. How may one become a citizen?
4. What are the laws of the kingdom? How made?
5. Who is the ruler of the kingdom? How does he rule?
6. What are the demands of the kingdom?
7. How do treasures of the kingdom differ from worldly treasures?
8. How is the quality of a man's spirit determined?
9. Why can a man not serve two masters?
10. Does seeking the kingdom first guarantee one's material desires?
11. What does Jesus teach about the kingdom in the 13th Chapter of Matthew?
12. In what sense is a man's heart where he has treasures?

The Poet

God send us men whose aim will be,
  Not to defend some worn-out creed,
But to live out the laws of Christ
  In every thought, and word, and deed.

God send us men alert and quick
  His holy precepts to translate,
Until the laws of Christ become
  The laws and habits of the State.

God send us men! God send us men!
  Patient, courageous, strong and true,
With vision clear and mind equipped,
  His will to learn, His work to do.

God send us men with hearts ablaze,
  All truth to love, all wrong to hate;
These are the patriots nations need,
  These are the bulwarks of the State.

—F. J. Gillman.

Little Gems

The real difficulty with thousands in the present day is not that Christianity has been found wanting, but that it has never been seriously tried.—H. P. Liddon.

Christianity is the greatest civilizing, moulding, uplifting power on this globe.—Mark Hopkins.

Some think that they are Christians because they live in a Christian land. Being born in a stable does not make one a horse. —Selected.

The greatest of all blessings, and the most ennobling of all privileges, is to be indeed a Christian.—Samuel T. Coleridge.

Christianity is the spirit of Jesus Christ at work in the world.—Selected.

Topic Hints

The Kingdom. Jesus often talked about the Kingdom of God, its citizenship, its nature, and its manner of life. In the 13th chapter of Matthew we find we spoke seven parables in an effort to make the nature of the kingdom plain enough to be understood by the most simple mind. Jesus came to introduce men to the kingdom and to give men the assurance of God's sustaining wisdom, grace, and power for kingdom living. One stands startled before the Master's outline of the rules for kingdom living found in this Sermon on the Mount. The tension releases, however, when the startled feel the dynamic current of divine power empowering them to do what their compassionate Lord bids them do.

Lesson 1: There is a vast difference between the treasures of this world and the treasures of the kingdom. The former are temporal and soon perish; the latter are eternal and abide forever.

Lesson 2: The quality of a man's spirit is indicated by the kind of things he cherishes. He is known by his fruits. Any man can read the nature of his own soul by consulting the desires of his heart. He may know the degree of spiritual growth by the same process. A man's investments reveal the dugout of his soul.

Lesson 3: No man can serve two masters at the same time. Neither can any man cherish both kinds of investments with equal devotion. What a man regards supremely is his treasure, or his God.

Lesson 4: Anxiety about future support and comfort in this world is needless, hurtful, and wicked; for present obedience to God will insure all needed good. If man is less concerned about the abundance of things in life, the lack of them will not upset him.

Lesson 5: That a man should trust in God, cherish the treasures that abide, and live each day to the full. Certainly godliness with contentment is great gain. One plainly sees that in the kingdom inner powers make men masters of circumstances.

Lesson 6: The secret of victory is seeking first the Kingdom of God. It should be sought first in time, in order, and in importance. Victory over the world is won by putting the things of the spirit before the things of the flesh and the world.

Supplemental Lessons

1. The kingdom began with Christ. Luke 16:16.
2. Christ was sent to preach the kingdom. Luke 4:43.
3. Children are included. Matt. 19:14.
4. The kingdom not known to the unregenerate. John 3:3.
5. It belongs to the meek. Matt. 5:3.
6. It belongs to the persecuted. Matt. 5:10.
7. The kingdom is a growth. Mark 4:26-29.
8. The kingdom grows like leaven. Matt. 13:33.
9. The kingdom grows like a plant. Matt. 13:31.
10. It is beyond price. Matt. 13:44-45.
11. It contains good and bad who will be separated. Matt. 13:47-48; 24-30; 22:2-10; 25:1-13; 14-30.
12. It is a scene of complaint. Matt. 20:1-16.
13. It is not limited to this world. John 18:36.
14. The kingdom is to be sought first. Matt. 6:33.

The Sovereign: God is the Sovereign in the Kingdom of God. He has made the rules which govern men in that kingdom to the end that each individual who has been spiritually restored might live and grow in the likeness of Christ. God's supreme desire is that man, his creation, might become like Him through Jesus Christ and in so doing attain his highest happiness. God welcomes anyone who seeks admission to His kingdom through Jesus Christ; He keeps anyone in good standing through the ministry of the Holy Spirit. The kingdom is man's for the asking.—Methodist Protestant-Recorder.

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CONSECRATED WORK

Italy's gifted artist, Fra Angelico, was of so devout a spirit that he never touched his brush to the clean canvas upon his easel till he had first asked God to make beautiful his work. He refused to paint for hire or at the behest of any save his spiritual superior.

Once at the command of the Pope, Angelico left his cloister and journeyed to Rome where he decorated one of the chapels of the Vatican. His work was completed and he returned to his cloister where soon afterward they found him dead before one of his just finished pictures. But the key to the chapel was lost, and for two full centuries the room remained unopened. At length, however, the door was opened and there, to the joy and wonder of admiring throngs, stood revealed the angelic faces that this saintly artist had traced there generations before.

Parents and teachers are called to the task of painting upon the white canvas of childhood the faces of men and of women. Like the holy Angelico they should be so saturated with the spiritual and the divine that nowhere upon the canvas shall appear the face of a Herod, a Judas or a Pilate, but always some strong, conquering, peace-breathing countenance that utters the divine to those who look upon it.—*Selected.*

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What we want to see is one who can breast into the world, do a man's work, and still preserve his first and pure enjoyment of existence.—Stevenson.

MISSIONARY COLUMN

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QUARTERLY MEETING OF WOMEN'S WORK

The statement concerning this meeting which appeared in this column last week failed to state the place of the meeting. This place is Winston-Salem, the date is October 10, the time 10:30 o'clock a.m. (The omission was mine, as I wrote the notice by permission of Mrs. Bowman.)

PLEASE READ ON! If you have ever been embarrassed by having unexpected guests for whom you are not prepared, at meal time, you will realize the importance and the courtesy due them, of notifying the Winston Auxiliary that you will be there and expect to eat lunch with them, for 35 cents. The person to notify is Mrs. Ruby Kirk, 524 W. Second St., Winston-Salem, N.C.

It is especially important that the blanks that have been sent you by our corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. T. Bowman, asking information for this quarter, be returned to her filled out as completely as possible. I have been notified that I will be expected to make a report of our work at the two-day session of the Annual Conference of the former M. P. Church. The information you put on the blanks you return will be a part of the report I will have to make. This report will become a part of the record in the Journal of the first session of the Methodist Church, and it is very desirable that we tell the truth, the whole truth.

Yours very sincerely,
MRS. R. M. ANDREWS, President,
N. C. Branch of Women's Work.

THANK-OFFERING

Now that the thank-offering season is at hand, and since Mrs. Carroll has given me the privilege of supplying material for this column this week, the story of Little Ann of Lost Gap seems to be a very fine one to tell in auxiliaries before the thank-offering is held; or if you have nothing better for the service itself, have someone tell the story as part of the thank-offering service. The story is printed below, and comes to us from the W. H. M. S. of the M. E. Church.

MRS. R. M. ANDREWS.

LITTLE ANN OF LOST GAP

By Elizabeth Kern

I am writing this from the hill country. I have found haven here at Lost Gap, in the mountain cabin of old Ahab Dove. When I told the old mountaineer that I wanted nothing but quiet for a while he smiled and said, "Waal, you have come to the right spot for that!"

He spoke truly. One day is very like another day here in the mountains. In the morning, I drag an old split-bottomed chair out under the pine trees. At stated times during the day, old Ahab's wife sends her granddaughter, Little Ann, out to me with bread and milk and berries, and sometimes a mountain trout. The child has been warned by the old people not to annoy me, so she seldom talks, but once in a while she will linger, looking solemnly at me out of great black eyes. Once in a while, too, old Ahab, on his way to the mill or the stream, will stop to pass the time of day with me. But the greater part of the time I am entirely alone.

It is not an exciting life. But I love the spicy fragrance of the pines and the sound of the running water and the deep peace of the hills. I have come, too, to care for the simple folk in the cabin. And especially do I love Little Ann, with her quiet ways, so at variance with her tense, eager expression and her great hungry eyes that seem always asking. She rarely speaks, yet when she does talk, one catches a glimpse of a poet's imagination.

Not very long ago we were watching the miracle of the evening sky. "Who done it?" she asked suddenly, nodding her head toward the sunset. "Who painted it all pink and red and gold?"

"Why, God painted it, child," I answered, smiling into the eager face.

"Where'd He git His paint?" she demanded. Then thoughtfully, "Did He dip it out o' the sun?"

The other day I saw her lean forward breathlessly to watch a ruby-throated humming bird poise over a magnificent clump of laurel. "I wisht I knowed how you done it!" she cried hungrily. "I wisht I knowed." The child ought to be in school, I thought.

And so last night when old Ahab had finished his evening meal and was settling down to his corn-cob pipe, I thought to broach the subject.

"Ahab," I began, "are there no schools in the mountains?"

Old Ahab pulled hard at his pipe. "No, we ain't never had no schools in these here mountains," he said slowly. "We ain't never had no schools nor churches nor nothin', but all my life long I've wanted a chance ter larn. Jes' seems like I can't remember the time I didn't want to be in school."

"When I was a little shaver," the old mountaineer went on in his patient, wistful voice, "A missionary come ter Lost Gap one day, and from a little book he carried, he read us the story of a child and a star and some shepherds. Hit seems like the child growed up into a kind of healer an' he went around healin' the lame an' sick an' the blind. But after 'while his enemies got too much fer him and they took him away an' they was goin' ter put him to death with two thieves. But jes' then," said old Ahab, "jes' then the missionary was called away—an' I never got ter learn how the story ended. An' all my life I've been waitin' fer somebody to come and larn me ter read so's I could find out the end of the story.

"But the summer went by an' the wild geese honked south in the fall an' back again in the spring, an' another year was gone—an' nobody never come. An' when I'd plow the mountain land an' git ter the end of the furrow, I use ter look down the mountain ter see ef that warn't somebody comin'. Only nobody never did.

"An' after 'while, I knowed that fer me, hit was too late—an' hit's too late fer my boy. But when Little Ann come along," he said huskily, "hit jes' seemed like I couldn't stand hit not to put her on the trail fer the school house."

I was deeply touched by the old man's story. "Surely there are missions somewhere in the mountains," I said. "Yes," he replied, "I've been down ter the mission. The mail carrier at Cross Roads tol' me about hit. A good school hit was, he tol' me, over at Bufflick Run, forty mile over the mountain. When I heered that, hit jes' seemed like a dream was comin' true, like I was jes' that little boy agin lookin' down the mountains fer help—with help a-comin'.

"An' I went an tol' Little Ann about hit, an' we set down on a log an' we talked an' talked. Jes' think, I says, jes' think, our Little Ann is goin' ter larn about the things I've wanted all my life ter know."

"'Yes,' says Little Ann, smilin' up in my face, 'I'll study all the time, gran' daddy. An' some day I'll come back from school an' we'll set down by the fire an' I'll read you out of the book, an'—guess what the story'll be?' Of course I knowed what she meant, but somehow I couldn't answer. I jes' had ter keep winkin' back the tears that was makin' my ol' heart hurt. So Little Ann answered fer me. 'Yes, gran' daddy,' she said quiet-like, 'it'll be the story of the little child an' the shepherd an' the star.'

"An' the next day, I started over the mountains ter the mission. Little Ann went as fer as Cross Roads with me, dancin' every step of the way. Forty mile ain't nothin' to walk when thar's a school-house at the end. An' when I finally got to the mission, I walked all 'roun' an' I see little gals with their letters an' books an' things. I see one little gal that looked like Little Ann. She was readin' out of a book an' I couldn't help wonderin' if it was the story the missionary read me when I was a little boy.

"An' when I went up ter the mission house an' tol' the teacher 'bout Little Ann, she said, 'I only wish I could take her in,' an' you could tell by her voice that she meant it, 'but we can't accept any more students just now. We are over-crowded as it is.'

"'Do you mean Little Ann can't come?' I askt her, an' somehow I coudn't keep my voice from shakin'. We had never thought, Little Ann an' me, that she might not be able ter git in. An' the mission teacher said sorter to herself, 'If they only knew! If they only knew!' An' then she tol' me how the mission school was run. She said as how the good women in the church met together an' formed their missionary society, an' they planned fer hit, and how they got out mite boxes and had thank-offerin's. Hit was the money from the thank-offerin', she said, that helped to run the mission school.

"'They are splendid women,' said the mission teacher, 'loyal and generous an' fine, but there is so much in their busy lives that sometimes they forget or they think they can't afford to give, an' the money doesn't come in, an'—' then she said, lookin' up at me with her eyes filled with tears, 'then the Little Anns of the mountains have to suffer.' I didn't understand everything she tol' me. All I knowed was, I'd hafter go back an' tell Little Ann thar warnt no room fer her at the school. So I started off, an' as I crossed the mission yard I could see the little gals playin' about, an' under a big maple tree, with the book still on her lap, was the one that looked like Little Ann.

"I was a good deal longer comin' back than I was goin'. When I come ter the

Cross Roads, thar was Little Ann like as if she'd never left the spot. An' when she sees me, she come runnin' toward me—her black eyes shinin' like stars.

"An' then I tol' her. She never said nothin'—jes' stood thar lookin' at me—an' her eyes had the same look that a deer has when it's been wounded an' the shot's gone deep.

"She never mentioned school after that. She never cried ner complained ner nothin'—Little Ann didn't—she jes' shet her lips tight an' kep' quiet. But ol' Ahab knowed. He'd been thar!

"An' a year went by. An' one day I found her down in the holler holdin' a piece of newspaper that the mail carrier had throwed away. 'What're you doin', Little Ann?' I called to her. She never said nothin' fer a minute, an' then she looked up an' I see thar was tears in her eyes. An' she said, 'I was jes' pretendin' to myself that I was readin'!' That was the first time I ever see her cry—an' I tol' her, 'Little Ann,' I said, 'termorrer I'm goin' back thar ter Bufflick, an' have another try at the mission.'

"An' the next mornin' I pulled out over the Great North Mountain. An' I jes' went an 'tol 'the mission teacher how things was up thar in our mountain. I tol' her 'bout Little Ann waitin' fer the chanct ter larn—not complainin' ner nothin'—I tol' her—jes' waitin'. And when I was through the mission teacher's face was twitchin' an' she put her hand on my arm. 'I'm expectin' to hear from the home missionary society just any day now,' she said. 'Tell Little Ann that as soon as the money comes in, I'll send a letter—an' she can come.'

"An' that's why every day, rain or shine, I go down ter the Cross Roads ter see ef thar's any news. But the letter never comes. Seems like I can't stan' it sometimes, when the mail man rides on by an' calls out, 'Not today, Ahab.' "

The old mountaineer was quiet for a while. Then he looked up with a patient smile. "If they only knew! That's what the teacher tol' me; if the home missionary people only knew!' "

I thought over the old man's words far into the night. And today came the golden thought, I would write to the Woman's Home Missionary Society myself and tell them of Little Ann. The mission teacher is right. They are fine and loyal and generous—these devoted women of the church. The reason Little Ann has to suffer is because they do not know.

And so I am writing directly to you, dear people of the women's missionary societies, wherever you may be. I am writing here under the pine trees in the shadow of old Ahab's cabin. I know that if you could only see Little Ann with her great hungry eyes looking down the mountain for help, you would not let her look in vain.

And my hand is all a-tremble as I write. For believing in you as I do, I know that the day is not far distant when old Ahab and Little Ann will go down to Cross Roads to watch for the mail man to come. I can see just how they will look—the old mountaineer with his patient face turned toward the winding road, and Little Ann — body tense, hands clenched, lips tight, the soul of her blazing from her great black eyes. At

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OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Baltimore S. S., West Forsyth	$ 3.00
Pleasant Union S. S., Mt. Pleasant	2.00
Liberty S. S.	5.00
Eden S. S., Halifax	3.00
Whitakers S. S.	5.00
Giles Chapel S. S., Richland	3.50
Bethany S. S., Randolph	4.25
Browers Chapel S. S., Richland	7.50
Moriah S. S.	4.50
Harris Chapel S. S., Vance, Aug.-Sept.	4.50
Fountain Place S. S., Burlington	5.00
Chase City S. S.	4.00
Haw River S. S., Glen Raven	3.50
Midway S. S., Haw River	3.66
Woman's Auxiliary, Haynesville, La., for shoes	6.00
Woman's Auxiliary, R. I. Ave., Washington, D. C., for shoes	6.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Wortham, Texas, for shoes	5.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Graham, for shoes	6.00
Yarborough's Chapel S. S.	.75
Lebanon S. S., High Point, Aug.-Sept.	16.62
Mt. Hermon S. S., Mt. Hermon	6.05
Salem S. S., Saxapahaw	5.17
Rock Creek S. S., Alamance	2.00
Matthews Chapel S. S., Greensville	1.00
Center S. S., Alamance	4.42
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Canaan S. S., Denton	1.00
Bethesda S. S., N. Davidson	3.25
Mill Grove S. S.	2.32
Sapling Ridge S. S., Alamance	5.44
Pleasant Grove S. S.	19.00
Glen Raven S. S.	4.33
Glen Raven C. E. society, for shoes	6.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Opelika, Ala., for shoes	2.00
Circle No. 5, Davis St., Burlington, for shoes	5.00
Circle No. 8, Davis St., Burlington, for shoes	2.00
Liberty Hill S. S., Anderson	2.00
Tabernacle S.S., Tabernacle, Aug.-Sept.	7.95
Pinnacle S. S., Pinnacle-Mt. Zion	.76

Clothing and Other Gifts

A number of boxes of clothing for our girls, and a few for our boys, have come in during the last few days, and we are very thankful for these. And we had to buy for several of our boys before they could start to school.

The second lot of canned goods to come in is 34 jars from Fairfield on Guilford, with two others to come. We greatly appreciate this help. We were not able to put out as many glass jars this year as last for lack of invitations, but quite a few were taken, for which we are thankful. When they are filled and there is passing this way, please bring them if you can. If that is impossible, please see that they are all gathered at some convenient place and we will send for them after conference.

School

School opened this morning, September 18, and all of our children are going except two little boys and two little girls who are too young. They seemed happy to start to school.

While We Have the Herald

How this Home is to run without the Herald we cannot now see, but somehow the Lord will direct. So while we have the Herald we must use it to try to get across the fact that the former Methodist Protestants are expected to continue to run the Children's Home at High Point just as we have been doing. It will take a fine spirit of cooperation to do it, and we believe we will have your hearty cooperation because of your love for the children and the work here.

A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

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AN ISLAND OF BIRDS

One of the strangest bird colonies in the world is Willis Island, a tiny sand key out in the Pacific Ocean, some 250 miles from the eastern coast of Australia. On this lonely islet, only 20 acres in area and so far off the normal course of steamships that in ten years only one passing steamer has been sighted, is a radio-cyclone-warning station, where two men, a meteorologist and a wireless operator, keep a vigil like Robinson Crusoe and Man Friday. Their duties are to warn shipping on the Australian coast of the approach of cyclones.

Reposing in isolation in the middle of a vast expanse of heaving ocean, Willis Island has a greater bird population than any other island of similar size in the Pacific, if not in the world. The tiny speck is the home of countless thousands of birds as tame as domestic fowls, birds of many species that live in complete harmony with each other, their nests intermingling on virtually every square foot of the little island.

Most plentiful are the noddies—trim little figures in dark-brown, with crowns of silver gray. Masked gannets, red-footed gannets, and brown gannets are also there in great numbers. Master divers and fishermen, these birds spend most of their time at sea, soaring and dipping over the sun-kissed waters seeking fish. Sooty terns and crested terns are also plentiful. The latter are very attractive birds of a battleship-gray color, with fine yellow bill, neat black-capped head, with a "crest" on the nape of the neck which is erected when the bird is indignant, as, for example, when the peace of its home is disturbed.

By far the most interesting bird on the island, however, is the banded landrail. This bird is found in many other parts of the world and is known to be a speedy flier. But on Willis Island the bird is flightless. On Willis the landrails cannot fly, but they make up for this deficiency by being extremely fast runners on the ground. The presence of this flightless bird on the lonely island, which is over 200 miles from any other land, is a puzzling mystery.

When the cyclone-warning station was established on Willis Island eighteen years ago it thought that the birds might resent the intrusion of man to their domain and leave the island to settle elsewhere. Instead the birds have become the greatest of friends with the men at the station.

It is almost impossible to walk even a few feet on the island without stepping on an egg, and wherever one walks one is accompanied by a noisy bodyguard and the fluttering of a myriad wings that seem almost to fan one's face.—Ewen K. Patterson in Our Dumb Animals.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Kistler's Union Church, Cleveland Charge, T. G. Madison, Pastor, Sept. 18.—We have not had a report for some time, although our church has been very active. Our revival meeting began the first Sunday in August, with Rev. W. L. Harkey of Lincolnton as the pulpit help. Mr. Harkey did some wonderful preaching in these services . He was liked by all, and we hope we can have him to assist in our meeting again some time. There were many reclamations and several new converts, and three young people united with the church.

Our Sunday school is having the usual attendance and much interest is being shown. We have an enrollment of 80 in Sunday school, and attendance of around 60 each Sunday. We are proud of our Sunday school and feel that much good is accomplished by attending each Sunday.

We are looking forward to our fourth quarterly conference on September 23, when we are to have our president. He will meet with us at Mount Pleasant and will bring the message at the 11 o'clock hour. In the afternoon our president will hold the fourth quarterly conference. We hope to have good attendance and good reports from all churches.

There is some sickness in our church and community.

Prayer services are being held in our church each month with good attendance.

Our delegate to the annual conference is Mr. P. P. Richards, of the Lawndale church.

We desire the prayers of all Christians.

REPORTER.

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Central Church, Asheboro.—Dr. J. E. Pritchard paid his official visit to Asheboro September 17, preaching at the morning worship hour to a large congregation. Mrs. Pritchard also spent the day in Asheboro with friends.

A program of worship in song was presented on Sunday evening, September 10, by the young people's choir of Central church. Tom Houts, supervisor of music in the local church, directed the vested choir of 36 members, with Mrs. N. M. Harrison accompanying. The program was as follows: "Te Deum" (Downes); "Finlandia," arranged for hymnal (Sibelius); "Crossing the Bar" (Barnby); "Deep River" and "Dig My Grave" (arranged by Burleigh); "Ave Maria" (Gounod); "The Day Is Past and Over" (Bach), by the choir. Sam and John Taylor, Tom Houts and Lawrence Sours sang "Prayer of Thanksgiving" (Traditional) and "Some Blessed Day" (Nevin), while Sours and Houts contributed a duet, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought." Tom Houts sang "The Holy City" for the offertory.

The service was attended by many from other churches and a group of worshipers from Leaksville, home of Tom Houts, were present.

A series of prayer meetings was conducted from homes of the church members during the past week, preparatory to the revival services which began September 20 at Central church. The visiting minister is Dr. E. K. McLarty, of Concord. Tom Houts is directing the choir.

Colon Cox of Central church died at his Asheboro home September 11, after an illness of four years. Last rites were conducted from the church by Dr. Taylor. Mrs. Martha Burrow Wright, one of the oldest church members, died September 14 and funeral services were at the Charlotte Methodist church, near Asheboro, by her pastor. Both families have scores of friends who extend sympathy.

Miss Enolia Presnell of Charlotte has come to Asheboro where she is a member of the local school faculty. Miss Thyra Wright is teaching in the Bessemer school at Greensboro. Away at school are Marguarite McCullers, Martha and Cynthia Mendenhall, Helen Phillips, Woman's college; Lacy Lewis, Jr., Salem college school of music; Sam Taylor, High Point college; James Hedricks, Lenoir-Rhyne; L. D. Burkhead, Jr., University of North Carolina; Hal Hammer Walker, Frances and Thomas McDowell, Bowling Green, Ky.; Harris Lamb, State college. Cicero H. Holder, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Holder, received a degree in engineering from State college at the end of the 1939 summer term.

Mrs. J. S. Lewis, Rev. and Mrs. N. M. Harrison, and Dr. and Mrs. Taylor jointly entertained 40 members of the young people's choir at the Lewis home on Friday evening. Special guests were the college group who has entered school this fall.

Mrs. Harriett Hammer Walker is improving rapidly from a major operation at the Randolph hospital.

Miss Exie Callicutt spent last week in New York with friends and attended the exposition.

The young people's choir on Monday evening gave the program of Sunday evening, September 10, over radio station WMFR at High Point.

CLETA RICH.

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Corinth, Littleton Charge, Rev. D. D. Broome, Pastor.—Our revival meeting began at this church first Sunday in September with an all-day service. Our pastor, Rev. Mr. Broome, brought us two splendid messages for that day. Rev. Mr. Wagoner came on Monday and preached until Friday night when the meeting closed. He brought us some wonderful messages, and all who heard him learned to love him. We enjoyed having him preach for us and enjoyed having him in our home. We hope he can come and be with us again.

There were no additions to the church, but many hearts were warmed and we feel much good was accomplished throughout the meeting. We are thankful for the splendid cooperation of the members of other churches in the community.

Rev. Francis Joyner of Littleton preached for us the first Sunday in August, as our pastor was away in a meeting.

Rev. Mr. Broome brought us a good message Sunday night. We were glad to have Mr. W. I. Porter worship with us Sunday night.

On Sunday night Mr. Claude Insco, one of our stewards, and Miss Clara Hawkins, of Hawkins Chapel church, were united. We wish for this splendid young couple much happiness as they journey through life.

On Thursday night, September 14, our community was shocked and saddened as the news spread that two of our Sunday school members were killed in a wreck—Francis Warren and Surry Keeter. They were returning home from a Sunday school picnic when a big lumber truck hit their car. No one else in the car was hurt. Mr. Keeter was 17 years old and had moved into our community this year. Miss Warren had lived in our community all her life. She celebrated her 14th birthday on last Sunday, September 10, and was baptized that day at Bearswamp Baptist church. She attended Sunday school and preaching service at our church regularly. Our pastor conducted her funeral on Friday afternoon. They will both be missed in our Sunday school and church services. Our deepest sympathy goes out to their parents in this sad hour.

While our church is considerably behind with annual conference assessments and pastor's salary, it is hoped that these assessments will be raised in the next few weeks.

MRS. B. F. MORRIS, Reporter.

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Canaan, North Davidson Charge, Rev. O. B. Williams, Pastor, September 11.—It has been some little time since I have given any report from our society, but just the same we have been trying to carry on the work required of us as Christian workers. We have been working hard toward getting enough money to give our church a new coat of paint and hope to see this done in a few more weeks. Our circles seem to be growing. Each meeting has been inspiring and uplifting. The last meeting was held at the church with 19 members present. We had 89 sick calls and flowers sent to 12. We are hoping that soon all will be restored to health.

Let us say here that the pantry at the parsonage has been built. This was done through all the churches on the charge. This adds a little more room for the pastor which I am sure they are proud of, as they have needed this for some time. By the way, our next meeting will be held with Mrs. Williams. Am sure we will have a nice time there. This will be our first meeting with her since they have been on this work, as she has been called on other duties each month in the past.

I would like to say here that the attendance is good, both at Sunday school and preaching services.

May great blessings fall around God's humble servants and make them His children.

MRS. CARL W. CLODFELTER, Reporter.

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Seagrove, Seagrove-Love Joy Charge.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment last Sunday, September 17, at 11 a.m. Brother Trolinger always has an interesting message for us. Rev. and Mrs. Trolinger were dinner guests of Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Johnson.

Our revival services began the fourth Sunday night in August and closed the first Sunday night in September. Rev. H. F. Surratt of Graham did the preaching, and oh, how we did enjoy those splendid sermons! The attendance was good all through the meeting. There were several conversions and reclamations and we believe the entire church was greatly revived. Brother Surratt, we hope you will come this way again, for we enjoyed your stay among us so much.

Our Sunday school attendance is good. We have 104 enrolled and usually have around 70 present each Sunday.

Our people were made sad Sunday, September 10, by the news of the death of Mrs. Euna Walker Gearin, a former member of our church. Mrs. Gearin died in Randolph hospital after an illness of several days. Mrs. Gearin was once secretary of our Sunday school. She moved her church membership to Science Hill Friends church after her marriage. Her young husband and other relatives have our sympathy. A number from here attended the funeral at Science Hill, September 11.

We are having a very active Christian Endeavor society. We have some splendid young people who like to do things. The society recently enjoyed a melon slicing at M. C. Auman's pond. A business meeting was held before the social hour. Wade Harris was elected president to take the place of James Auman, who had been president for some time. Other officers were elected.

Our Ladies' Auxiliary met in August with Mrs. James Green. A good program was rendered. The attendance was good and delicious refreshments were served. The September meeting will be held in the home of the president, Mrs. A. C. Harris, Friday night, September 22.

We are expecting a joint meeting with Love Joy society in October. Pray for us that we may remain a true and loyal little band for Christ.

MRS. NOAH WILLIAMS, Reporter.

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Midway Church, Rev. Paul Hamilton, Pastor, September 13.—An inexperienced reporter has not kept you very well informed this year of the activity of our church, but our church has been doing things so great that more than make up for the negligence on my part.

Last week he had the greatest revival in the history of our church. Thirty-six conversions were made with 26 of this number uniting with our church. Rev. Tommy E. Strickland of Charlotte and High Point was the pulpit help. He is well known and much loved in our community. His messages were well planned and the above figures tell their own story as to how they were received. The foundation for this revival had been laid by our own beloved Paul Hamilton by his bringing us inspiring messages regularly. This young man has done a good job this year and we hope conference will see fit to return him to us and let him continue the good work he has started.

An impressive baptismal service was held at a nearby lake, where some of the converts were immersed and the rest sprinkled. Twenty-five of the 26 people uniting with our church were baptized. This service was a little unusual for our church, but due to the fact that some of the candidates wished to be immersed, the services were held at the lake.

The organizations of the church have also been active. Three classes of the Sunday school are holding meetings this week. The Ladies' Auxiliary has regular meetings. The attendance in Sunday school last Sunday was 107, near the record mark for our Sunday school. The Christian Endeavor society is active and continues to have well planned and helpful programs.

Barber Jean Hamilton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hamilton, 10 Robbins Circle, Lexington, N. C. Jean recently won in a popularity contest at Trinity church. She received a total of 2,600 votes. Little Darrell Kimball was second with 1,321 votes, and Tommy and Eugene Fine were third with 700. The contest ran through August and a nice sum of money was realized for the church.

With the coming of fall and colleges opening, we are losing three of our young people. Cleo Pinnix will return to High Point College as an upperclassman, Herman Wyrick will enter High Point College as a freshman, and Hugh Thomas will enter Elon College as a freshman.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. York have been in Fort Bragg, N. C., where Mr. York's work has kept them for the past few weeks. We are looking forward to their return soon.

The church members have certainly enjoyed Mr. J. A. Suits' watermelons. We look forward annually to seeing that his melons are well taken care of and we have done a good job of it this year. Their flavor has surpassed those of previous years.

HUNT PINNIX, Reporter.

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Hawkins Chapel Church, Littleton Charge, D. D. Broome, Pastor.—The doors of the church were opened the second Sunday morning. Joining by letter were Brother and Mrs. D. A. Broome and Mr. Curtis Porter. We extend to them the right hand of fellowship. We feel fortunate in having them. Brother Broome filled his appointment. After service Mrs. Broome asked all to remain for a few minutes, for the purpose of organizing a Christian Endeavor society. Officers were chosen as follows: president, Leonard Hawkins; vice president, Virginia Vincent; corresponding secretary, Miss Margaret Pittard; recording secretary, Miss Lillian Hawkins; treasurer, Miss Virginia Hawkins. It would take too much space to name the various committees. They met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Grey Mitchel Friday evening, for the purpose of getting their parts straight. The first meeting will be held the fourth Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock.

Sunday morning at Sunday school there were many back in their places, as most all the revival meetings have come to a close.

Miss Margaret Pittard has been appointed to hold Sunday school if it should happen the superintendent or the assistant were not present.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Inscoe, who were married at the parsonage September 9 at 7 p.m. We hope for them a long and happy life.

We are sorry Mrs. F. A. Greens, who is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Harris, is very ill. Glad to report Mrs. Squire Cullom is up again after returning from the Roanoke Rapids hospital.

MRS. CLAUDE HAWKINS, Reporter.

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Union Chapel Church, Mocksville, Rev. K. G. Holt, Pastor.—The health of our people in the community is good at this writing, except Mr. M. B. Richardson is suffering from a wounded finger which he nearly cut off. Rev. Mr. Holt also had a similar accident and is suffering with his finger, we are sorry to state.

Rev. Mr. Holt was unable to fill his regular appointment the fourth Sunday morning at Union Chapel on account of illness, but filled his regular appointment the second Sunday night.

It seems that the month of August was a celebration and enjoyable month with most of our folks, since two birthday dinners were held consecutively. Mr. Beal Bailey was given a surprise birthday dinner August 20, with about 65 relatives and friends present.

The Sunday school honored Mr. R. L. Baker, our superintendent, by giving him a surprise dinner August 27. Mr. Baker was 76 years old on that day.

RUTH BOGER, Reporter.

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Sapling Ridge Church, Alamance Charge, Dr. George R. Brown, Pastor, Sept. 17.—Our regular preaching service was held last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Our pastor delivered a wonderful message, as he always does, his text being taken from the 16th chapter of Romans and the 23rd verse.

The September meeting of our auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. Harry Perry

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of Burlington, N. C., September 16. The meeting opened with a song, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Devotionals were led by Mrs. Ward Campbell, followed by the Lord's Prayer by all. There were 14 members present. We had a very interesting program. Those taking part were Mrs. Laverne Woody, Mrs. Epps Clark, Mrs. Harry Perry, Mrs. Duley Campbell, and Mrs. T. M. Clark. Mrs. M. H. dismissed us with prayer. We were then invited into the dining room, where Mrs. Perry served a delicious lunch which was enjoyed by all. We decided to meet with Mrs. H. K. Webster next month. We as auxiliary members are striving to carry on this work so that it will be pleasing in the sight of the Lord.

We have recently bought a large pulpit Bible for the church with money we had in the treasury. We have done several different things to raise some money.

We still have several on the sick list, Mr. A. G. Campell, Mr. Wilbur Johnson, Mr. James Johnson, Mrs. A. V. Ferguson, Mrs. Sina Stone. We hope for them a speedy recovery and their presence at the church again.

Mrs. H. K. Webster and daughter Hazel spent the week-end in Burlington with her daughters, and also Mrs. Wade Perry and daughter Doris spent the week-end in Burlington with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Johnson announced the birth of a daughter, September 14.

We ask the prayers of all Christians that we may grow in grace.

MRS. FRANK WEBSTER, Reporter.

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Randolph Circuit.—Successful revival meetings have been held at Bethany, Shiloh, and Bethel. Revs. A. D. Shelton, Thomas E. Strickland, and Charles Coble were the pulpit help in the order named. These brethren preached soul-stirring gospel sermons. As a result of these meetings and the work done in the community, there were 54 conversions and renewals and 26 additions to the churches. We think others will join later. Many of our members were very much concerned about the unsaved people. Much personal work was done in the community as well as in the churches. During these meetings the members and friends kept us well supplied with melons, apples, honey, vegetables, and some gasoline.

And this is not all. At the close of the Bethel meeting we received a generous pounding consisting of eggs, flour, veegtables, sugar, coffee, potatoes, canned goods, and one chicken, completely filling the car.

Several years ago I heard a preacher say that preachers had very few visitors. We were very pleasantly and agreeably surprised last Saturday afternoon, September 16, when 62 of the Bethany people visited us at one time. They brought their supper (dinner) with them, which was served on a quickly arranged table on the lawn of the pastor's home. It was their Sunday school picnic. They too brought a pounding with them, consisting of 35 pounds of sugar, flour, vegetables, lard, cocoa, oat meal, soap, towels, matches, a fruit bowl, and some cash.

During the Shiloh meeting Brother C. C. Hemphill gave the pastor a cash donation.

For all these donations and the many words of encouragement, we are profoundly grateful. We shall serve them the very best we can.

Brother G. L. Whitaker, who recently had an operation in a Greensboro hospital, has returned home. Miss Maxine Jones is in the hospital at the present time for treatment. Others are sick in their homes. We wish for all these a speedy recovery.

Our last revival for this year will start at Gray's Chapel next Sunday. For 108 years this church has started the revival on the fourth Sunday in September.

H. L. ISLEY.

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Bethany Church, Randolph Charge, Rev. H. L. Isley, Pastor.—Around sixty members of the Sunday school enjoyed a picnic supper at the home of their pastor, Rev. H. L. Isley, near Burlington, on Saturday afternoon. The pastor was also presented with a number of gifts.

The Helpers' class will meet with Doris Wood Saturday afternoon, September 23. New officers will be elected for the coming year.

The fourth quarterly conference for Randolph charge will be held at Bethany church the second Sunday afternoon in October at 2:30 o'clock. All official members are urged to be present.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely. We have an average attendance of over 100. We have most of our conference claims paid in full. We still lack some on the pastor's salary but hope to have it raised before conference.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Johnson in the death of their infant son, Thomas Alfred, on September 23.

DORIS WOOD, Reporter.

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Trinity Church.—The fall revival at Trinity church began Sunday night, with Rev. J. W. Groce preaching to a packed house of people. The interest is good for one of the best revivals in some time. Pray that God will direct, and the church be greatly revived and sinners saved in this meeting.

L. E. MABRY, Pastor.

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Sink-Berrier

The marriage of Miss Mabel Berrier and Homer Sink was solemnized Saturday afternoon, September 9, at 3 o'clock in a quiet but impressive ceremony at Shiloh Methodist Church.

Rev. C. E. Ridge, pastor of the church, performed the ring ceremony. Mrs. Homer Craner rendered the wedding music.

Prior to the entrance of the wedding party Mrs. Craner played "I Love You Truly" by Bond and "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms" by Moore. To the strains of "Bridal Chorus" from Lehengrin, Wagner, the bride and groom entered unattended.

The vows were spoken near the church pulpit which was banked with ferns and palms against which floor baskets of dahlias improvised an altar.

Mrs. Craner played during the ceremony "The Sweetest Story Ever Told." The wedding march from Mendelssohn as a recessional.

The bride wore her travel outfit of navy crepe. Her small felt hat, purse, shoes and gloves were navy. At her shoulder was an exquisite spray of white roses and gysophlia.

Mrs. Sink is the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Berrier. She graduated from Lexington high school and holds a position in Lexington. Mr. Sink is the second son of R. B. Sink and the late Mrs. Elissa Sink. He graduated from Reeds high school and now holds a position with Montcastle Hosiery mill in Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Sink are at home on Route 3, Lexington.

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Massey-Garlington

Miss Virginia Dare Massey and the Rev. J. Ezell Garlington were married in an impressive ceremony at Spring Methodist Church at 8 o'clock Monday evening, August 14. The Rev. William M. Howard of Enfield heard the vows.

The church was decorated in green and white. Pine was used as a background and the altar was twined with English ivy. Tall floor baskets of white gladioli alternated with four seven-branched candelabra in which white candles burned.

Prior to the ceremony Mrs. Charles Miller, vocalist, and Miss Dorothine Massey, sister of the bride, rendered a program of nuptial music. Mrs. Miller sang "The Sweetest Story Ever Told" and "I Love You Truly." As the wedding party entered the church the bridal chorus from "Lohengrin" was played, and during the speaking of the vows Miss Massey played softly "Indian Love Call."

The ushers were S. Ellis Crew and J. Winfield Crew of Pleasant Hill.

Miss Pauline Massey, sister of the bride, was her maid of honor and only attendant. Mr. Garlington had as best man his brother, H. B. Garlington, of High Point.

The bride entered with her father by whom she was given in marriage. Her wedding gown in an off shade of white satin had a sweetheart neckline with wasp bodice and modified bustle back fullness. The skirt extended into a lengthy train. The finger-tip

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Mrs. Garlington is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Massey of Pleasant Hill. She graduated from High Point College, and since then has taught in the Northampton and Alamance County schools.

Mr. Garlington, a native of Louisiana, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Garlington of Pollock. He received his bachelor of arts degree from High Point College in 1937. He is at present a student at Westminster Theological Seminary, Westminster, Maryland, where he will graduate next spring. He is also pastor of Spring Church charge.

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GETTING READY FOR THE SUNDAY SESSION

"I must study my Sunday school lesson," says Miss Allison as she turns to next Sunday's session in her teacher's textbook. She reads the three or four pages of materials and suggestions which the writer has provided for her guidance. But printed lesson materials to her mean facts 'set-out-in-advance-to-be-learned," and later recited to the teacher. So she does not see the significance of the suggested informal procedure for the class session nor the reason for having the children carry out activities. She reads the story, if there is one, so she call tell it to her group, and notes the Bible references which are given. She hopes the children will "study their lesson," but does not know just what she wants them to study.

Miss Allison is intelligent, loyal, and earnest. She wants to make a contribution to the lives of the pupils in the class which she has been teaching since last October. But she dissatisfied with the lesson materials and discouraged with results. The boys and girls, she says, are not interested, won't study their lessons, lose their books, come irregularly, are irreverent and difficult to manage.

Mrs. Hamilton says, "I must get ready for next Sunday's session" rather than "I must study my Sunday school lesson." She begins not with the printed lesson materials but with what happened in the group last Sunday morning. With her class roll before her she checks each child's name recalling the significant things he did and said, making mental notes of special needs.

"John has been absent four times recently.. I must talk with his mother and perhaps his public school teacher and find out before next Sunday what he is interested in and why he does not like to come to church school," Mrs. Hamilton says to herself.

"Peggy agreed to take Mary's copy of Boys and Girls to her and tell her what the group has been doing since she has been ill. I must call Peggy. She is apt to forget and needs a little help if she is to learn to be more dependable. I will try to stop by the hospital to see Mary this afternoon.

"Barbara does not seem to feel at home with the group though she has been coming regularly for several months. A class party might help her. She could serve on a committee with Jean and Frank.

"Jean has difficulty in sharing in class activities. Frank is always friendly and cooperative but lacks purpose and initiative. Definite responsibility on a committee might help him too.

"Martha went home unhappy last Sunday because the group did not vote for her to take the picture they had mounted for the children in the Beginner Department. The other members of the class do not like Martha. How can I help her make happier contacts with children her own age?

"Dora, Susan, and Jack are coming Saturday afternoon to help get the room ready for Sunday. Martha must come too; perhaps she can make friends with a few childern at a time.

"Joe will be interested in this clipping about the rings of Saturn in today's paper."

Thus Mrs. Hamilton considered the individual needs and interests of each boy and girl in her group, and now she is ready for the printed lesson materials which she thinks of not as so much subject matter set-out-in-advance-to-be-learned but rather as a means of arousing interest, widening horizons, creating purpose, and enriching the lives of the children she teaches. At the beginning of the quarter she has carefully examined her own and the children's textbooks to discover the several units which are included, and the number of sessions given to each unit.

Her preliminary plans included reading the materials for the entire unit noting the central idea and the writer's statement of desired outcomes; checking activities which seemed most worth while and practical for her group; and listing sources of materials.

Now as she gets ready for next Sunday's session she recalls the class discussion and activities carried out in preceding sessions, unfinished items and children's unanswered questions. She reads the writer's suggested way of beginning but thinks of a happier one which will pick up and carry forward last Sunday's interest. It may be a question, a picture, or a poem but it will fit the situation and start the group thinking together. The informal procedure suggested in her textbook is in line with her preliminary preparation and serves as a guide for directing class discussion. She makes note of specific assignments which may be given to members of the group.

On Sunday morning Mrs. Hamilton will be in the Junior Department before the children arrive ready to suggest interesting things to do: arrange the flowers; put pictures or clippings on the bulletin board; learn a new song; find and mark in their Bibles the passages to be used in the worship service.

Mrs. Hamilton is not dissatisfied with the lesson materials because she thinks of them as means rather than ends in themselves. She is not discouraged because she is getting satisfying results. The boys and girls in her class do "study their lesson," and use rather than lose their books, because she gives them very specific assignments. They come regularly and are not difficult to manage because they are interested, and they are learning to be reverent through having real worship experiences in the church school.—Barnett Spratt, in "The Elementary Teacher," August, 1939.

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Thompson

Grace church mourns a loss in the passing of Maude Thompson, who passed away August 16, 1939. Funeral services were conducted at the church the following day by the pastor.

Miss Thompson, daughter of the late John Frank Thompson and Mary Forrest Thompson, of Efland, had been in declining health for about a month and was seriously ill for a week. She had been a resident of Greensboro for many years, and for 27 years was an active and faithful member of Grace Church.

Funeral service was conducted at the church on August 17, with Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, pastor, in charge, assisted by Dr. S. K. Spahr, pastor emeritus. Burial was in Green Hill Cemetery.

Miss Thompson is survived by two brothers, Elmore and J. Frank Thompson, of Efland, and a number of nieces and nephews.

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Coghill

Patsy Kittrell Coghill was born on September 20, 1894, and departed this life on September 9, 1939. She is survived by the husband and three children: Nellie Kittrell, Flora Coghill and John Coghill. Her surviving brothers and sisters are: Mrs. E. R. Breedlove, Mrs. John Barnes, Mrs. Stanley Ellington, and W. R. Kittrell, E. C. Kittrell, M. G. Kittrell, and A. M. Kittrell.

She had been a faithful member of Rehoboth Methodist Church since childhood. The funeral services were held in Fuller's Chapel Christian Church. The writer and Rev. Mr. Carter held the services. A large congregation and a beautiful floral tribute revealed the deep esteem in which the deceased was held. Our prayers go out to the bereaved ones.

J. P. PEGG, Pastor.

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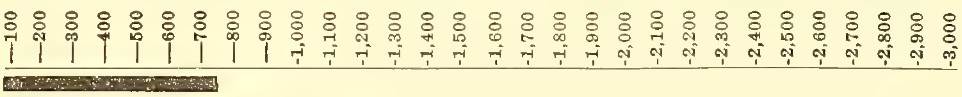

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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the turn of the road the mail carrier will come in sight, waving something in his hand. There's a ring to his voice as he calls out, "It's come! It's come! Here's your letter, Little Ann!" I cannot see the faces of the old mountaineer or of Little Ann, for my eyes are wet with sudden tears. But from out of the deep peace of the hills, I seem to hear a voice saying:

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

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Our church has heard the call from the mountains and established its own school for mountain children at Pine Ridge, Kentucky, and our thank-offering helps to maintain this and other educational institutions of learning so that those who hunger for knowledge may satisfy that hunger. The number of Little Anns we are able to help still depends largely upon the liberality and generosity of the women's societies and their efforts. Please make your offerings as liberal as possible.

Mr. Thiessen, superintendent of Alvan Drew School, Pine Ridge, Ky., says through the Pine Ridge Booster: "Folks, don't throw clothes away if there is still some wear in them. We cannot supply the demand for this wearing apparel. Every bit helps—helps us to give scholarships to needy boys and girls.

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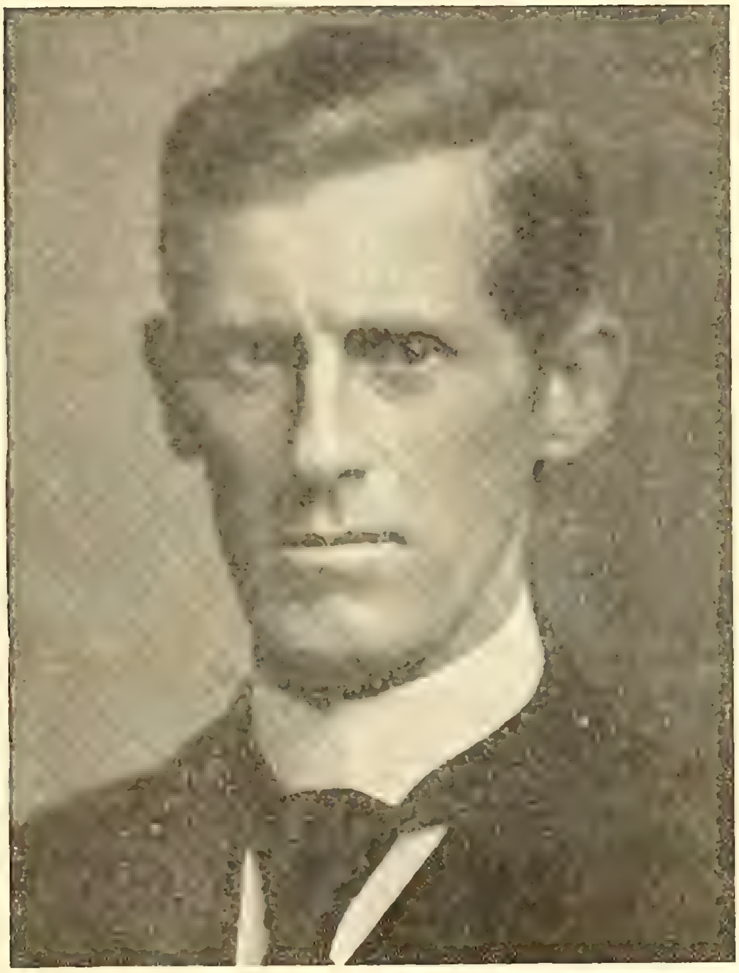
Reverend J. F. McCulloch, D. D.



One of the greatest contributions to the Methodist Protestants of North Carolina was that made by McCulloch, who for forty years edited and published the official paper of the North Carolina Conference. He proposed as early as 1893 that the Conference establish a college in North Carolina. The strength of the Conference, however, at that time did not seem to justify the undertaking. He established the paper for the purpose of educating the people to the need of a college. He saw his dream realized in the opening of High Point College in 1924.

Further information about the subject of this picture will be found in "The History of the North Carolina Annual Conference," which is being prepared by Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, conference historian. The History will be off the press and first offered for sale at the Conference sessions in Greensboro.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Fayetteville and Not Rocky Mount

In the call for the meeting of the Annual Conference in the HERALD of last week the statement was made that the North Carolina Annual Conference of the (new) Methodist Church would meet at Rocky Mount. This was an error and it should have said at Fayetteville. I am sure that Dr. Bates who wrote the article will make the correction this week but I am doing it also to be on the safe side.

Full Time Pastorates

A couple of weeks ago I stated that the Board of Missions of the Western N. C. Conference had asked our Board of Church Extension to ask for supplements to salaries so that each man serving a charge would get as much as one thousand dollars. There was just one thing I should have added, namely, that this rule applies where a man devotes his full time to the work of his charge. As I understand it it does not apply to student pastors nor to cases where pastors do not live among the people and give simply Sundays to the work. This is a very important matter and should be clear in the minds of all.

A Saturday On the Cleveland Charge

The entire day, Saturday of last week, was given to the Cleveland charge, Rev. T. G. Madison, pastor. The services were held at the Mt. Pleasant church with preaching at eleven o'clock and the quarterly conference in the afternoon. Not many places think they can give all day to the work of the church and when we do find a place where the people will attend it is refreshing. This church is near the foot of the South Mountains south of Morganton. It is about sixteen miles from the parsonage and is the furtherest removed from the center of the charge of any church there. While there I was told that I was the only president of the conference to visit this church since the days when Dr. T. M. Johnson was president. It had so happened that the other presidents had visited the charge on Sundays when the appointments were at other churches. There was a splendid congregation present both for the preaching services and the quarterly conference. This charge has made a good record this year. Five of the six churches raised World Service in full, some of the churches are already paid out on salary and all will pay. Some also are out on Annual Conference budget and we had the assurance that all will pay out. There have been 24 accessions during the year. In the quarterly conference there was a unanimous vote for the return of the pastor for the next conference year.

Oak Grove Church Dedicated

Last Sunday morning the Oak Grove church on the Cleveland charge was formally dedicated. The pastor, Rev. T. G. Madison and the people had worked hard to have everything in readiness, however, they did not have quite time enough to put the finishing touches on things. This nice brick building was erected some four or five years ago during the pastorate of the late Rev. R. S. Troxler. There is a good sized auditorium with Sunday school rooms on either side of the auditorium which can be opened or closed by rolling partitions. The massive concrete steps leading up to the main entrances at the front give one the impression of stability. And from the front steps of the church is mountain scenery in the distance fit for a king to look at. While Brother Troxler was not permitted to live to see the church dedicated yet he was well represented Sunday morning by the presence of his family. The Troxler quartet composed of Miss Vesta and Miss Virginia and R. S. and William sang very effectively as did R. S. in a solo. The dedicatory ritual of the former Methodist Protestant Church was used almost in full. This was a glad day for this congregation and I predict that they will make good use of the new building.

The Fallston Quarterly Conference

Leaving Oak Grove church I rushed across the country to the Fallston charge quarterly conference, held at Laurel Hill church Sunday afternoon. Rev. R. L. Hethcox, the pastor and his people have had another good year together. Knob Creek church reported everything paid in full for the year. It seemed a pity that we did not have a gold medal or something to present to this church for this accomplishment thus far ahead of conference. The splendid building at Fallston has been dedicated this year and improvements in general have been made on the church buildings, one being a heating plant at Laurel Hill. Two new Christian Endeavor societies have been organized on the charge this year. Friendship church reported having raised a little more than two hundred dollars for the Children's Home during the year. Brother Hethcox has done a fine work on this charge and has many friends there.

Western Pastors' Federation

On Monday it was my privilege as well as the privilege of a good many others to be present at the meeting of the Western Pastors' Federation meeting at Union Grove church, Rev. E. A. Bingham, pastor. Rev. C. E. Ridge, the president, presided and Rev. T. G. Madison acted as secretary. This Federation has been the only one of the three in our conference to meet with anything like regularity. And while the men are considerably scattered over a large territory yet they attend, all of them except three being present Monday and these had good reasons for not being present. Rev. G. L. Curry gave an illuminating discussion of the new discipline. Dr. Dixon presented the Children's Home and I spoke on the Progress of Methodist Union. The pastors gave good reports of their work. At the noon hour the women of the church served a fine dinner picnic style—free.

Appointments

Saturday, September 30, Randleman Q. C. at Mt. Lebanon, 2:30 p. m.

Sunday, October 1, Lincolnton with preaching at 11 o'clock and Q. C. in the afternoon.

Friday, October 6, 7:30 p. m. Richland Q. C. at the parsonage.

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A Message in Verse

"Lost this day loitering, 'twill be the same story
Tomorrow, and the next more dilatory;
For indecision brings its own delays,
And days are lost lamenting over lost days.
Are you in earnest? Seize this very minute
What you can do, or think you can, begin it;
Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it;
Only engage, and then the mind grows heated;
Begin it, and the work will be completed."

—*Goethe.*

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The fault finder is often most in fault, but if finding riches were as easy as finding fault none need be poor.

Pledge keeping should ever keep pace with promise making; one should strive to keep his pledge for only by so doing can he keep his friends, and without friends he is very poor indeed.

Near the end of his life Lord Byron said: "The thorns I have reaped are of the tree I planted; which must have been very true. And others may as well say that the flowers they have most enjoyed were the ones they helped to bloom."

It never hurts one to put his religion into politics one hundred per cent; not so is he, who foolishly put politics into his religion; it would be better for that man had he never sought to mix the two.

No Church can run a program a year on the fervor of the annual revival. Undirected emotions are like unconfined steam, soon dissipated. Neither can a Church conduct a successful program without the revival; the two must be geared up under the wise direction of a consecrated leader.

If any of our readers have forgotten the time of the meeting of the next annual conference of the former M. P. Church, it is October 18, place, Grace Church, Greensboro. The old time hum and hurry of pastor and stewards is less audible and obvious than usual. Let us hope that all that was to have been done in preparation has already been accomplished and they are just awaiting the expected day.

As the chairman of the Committee on Financial Recommendations understands it; the same allotment for World Service each church has this year, 1939, is to be accepted for 1940; so this committee need not make a new apportionment for this item, but the apportionments to annual conference claims will be different, therefore, each pastoral charge will have a different set-up in these brackets for 1940, however these apportionments are to be made by the Finance Committee of the united annual conference.

M. H. Waynick, Jr., a member of the West End Church, who recently graduated from the University of North Carolina, has accepted a position as teacher of music at Eli Whitney high school and entered upon his duties last week. He has a large number of piano students enrolled; he also teaches the band and directs the glee club of the school. Evidently Mr. Waynick will be very busy. He is a fine young man, a good musician and Eli Whitney is to be congratulated upon securing his services.

September 28, the day we go to press, is the birthday of Frances E. Williard. She first saw the light of this world on this date, 1839, one hundred years ago. A most remarkable woman, not so strong in body but with a courage that quailed before no foe; with a faith in God and in man vital enough to classify her among those heroes listed in Hebrews, chapter eleven. Her stature in grace and beauty stands in the rotunda of the Capital at Washington as a fitting recognition of the people of this country of her tireless and victorous fight for temperance. Long may the memory of her great life be treasured in the hearts of our people.

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Religious Certitude

Against the expressed doubts and fears of so many, the word of God again and again declares the privilege of knowledge. Our Lord said to the woman at the well, "We know what we worship"; St. Paul, "I know whom I have believed"; St. John, "We know that we have passed from death unto life"; and the patriarch Job in the darkest hour of his search after the fuller knowledge of God, cried out in his anguish, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." It takes knowledge to separate superstition from worship. And God has not left us alone with our doubts and fears. Jesus said to His disciples, "It is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven." We may know what we worship; we may know what prayer is designed to do for the soul; we may experience eternal life. For every one may know "If we follow on to know the Lord." Eternal life is not just a dream, a fancy of the prophet, an ideal of an apostle; it is life in the Kingdom of God. He who dwells in doubt and is content to regard his religious life as a way of living that he is unable to understand, is living far below his privilege.

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"He Who Pulls the Oars Has No Time To Rock the Boat"

Recently I read of a busy Church worker having this maxim printed in large letters, framed and sitting high on his desk. He was a busy man, and naturally, was one of the most dependable members of his Church; giving his time, his energy to intelligent planning; and contributing liberally of his means to the execution of those plans. And he had made a discovery many others have yet to make, that if one did his turn at the oars he would have neither time nor inclination to rock the boat. It is obviously a foolish thing to tug at the oars with all one's might to push the boat forward and then give over the oars to another and begin to rock the boat with the same determined effort. It looks like such a one does not want progress at all, he just wants to have his way about the boat.

Many Churches have in them some very husky boat-rockers. They never seem happier than when all who are in the boat are most unhappy or very disgusted. Some are sermon tasters of the most finicky sort, others are "general superintendents" of the Egyptian taskmaster style—skilled in the administration of the lash (of their tongue). And when the last word is spoken over their grave and the marker is carved to keep in memory the place where they lie, would it not be a fine epitaph to put on the marker, "Here lies one who was too busy rocking the boat to relieve the weary ones at the oars"?

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Tabulating Results

This is the particular season for the Methodist minister and Church official to begin tabulating the results of the year. What progress has been made? Is the Church in a better condition than the year previous? What should have been done? Who is responsible for the failures? etc., etc. This all sounds most interesting, it affords many an opportunity for discussion. Among the criteria for judging the progress in a church are the increase in membership, and the amount of money raised that year. If there has been substantial increase in the membership, there usually is a feeling of satisfaction. At least the Church will not likely die from the lack of members soon. And if the budgets are all paid in full there is also satisfaction that those who belong to the Church think enough of it to support it. And so the blank upon which the pastor reports to the annual conference gives ample room to tabulate the results of these activities. And, we should not despise them.

But there ought to be a more definite way by which the pastor can report the faithfulness of those who serve, whose service is not that of the evangelist, nor the raising of money. We speak of those whose regularity at the Church service cannot be rebuked even by the clock; whose faithfulness in the performance of the smaller duties is as fine as the priest in the temple. Those people who make the pastor comfortable in his home, who cheer him with their friendly presence, who make the Church a Church, who make a Church service spiritual by their spirit, these are the people who make men believe in the reality of religion in the face of the most skilled attacks of the doubter and unbeliever. We know God keeps their names in His book of life in heaven but we wish so much that there was a place down here where the records of all such faithful souls were kept.

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A CORRECTION

In the Call to Conference I stated that the Uniting Session of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church would be held at Rocky Mount. I was in error. It will meet at Fayetteville. I did not mention the date. The regular session of the now M. E. South Conference will begin on November 9. I suppose, although no notice has been published, that the uniting session will be held on November 10.

C. W. Bates, *Secretary.*

THE GREAT SUNDAY MORNING TRAGEDY

By Charles W. Koller, D.D.

It is the Sabbath morn. The old home-town with its lovely trees and lawns and flowers is smiling in the morning sun. The fragrant stillness brings memories of Galilean Sabbaths hallowed by the presence of the Saviour himself.

The town clock has just struck eleven. Listen! from the sanctuary of the church the first strains of music are heard. The organ is softly playing. The Sunday school is closing; and presently, in beautiful spiritual climax, the voices of young and old will mingle in the sanctuary, and the doxology will ascend like sweet incense to the throne of God.

But wait! From the Sunday school annex a conflicting melody is heard. The children begin to sing. "The Sunday school is over, and we are going home. Goodbye, goodbye—" From cradle days they have been singing the song, and through the years they have not ceased singing it and suiting the action to the words.

A door opens. An attractive young woman comes out, carrying her Bible under her arm. A little group of twelve-year-old girls is thronging about her. Affectionately they follow her down the street. Another door opens. Another teacher comes out, Bible in hand. He is a middle-aged man. He is going home. So is his class of adolescent boys. Another teacher comes out, and still another; and their pupils are following them.

The angels weep. The very teachers to whom the destinies of boys and girls have been entrusted are leading them away from the Lord's house, on the Lord's day, at the Lord's appointed hour of worship. Unwittingly they lead the unsaved away from the Saviour. Unwittingly they help to destroy the Sunday morning worship service, with which the church must ultimately stand or fall.

What an awakening, when the judgment shall disclose the consequences of that mistaken leadership which labors and prays for the salvation of the children in the Sunday school, and then frustrates God by leading them away from that further blessing in the house of God, through which they might be saved!—*The Watchman-Examiner.*

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The President's Letter

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Saturday, October 7, Shiloh charge, Friendship church, preaching at 11 o'clock with Q. C. in the afternoon.

Sunday, October 8, Alamance charge, Center at 11 o'clock; Sapling Ridge 2:30 p. m.

Sunday, October 8, 7 p. m., Glen Raven, preaching to be followed by Q. C.

Tuesday, October 10, First Church, High Point in Q. C. at 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday, October 11, First Church, Burlington in Q. C. at 7:30 p. m.

Saturday, October 14, North Davidson in Q. C. at Canaan church, 2 p. m.

J. E. Pritchard.

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That is pleasant to remember which was hard to endure.—*Latin.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By O. L. EASTER

THE INFANCY OF JESUS

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, October 1

Lesson Text—Matthew 2:13-23.

Golden Text—And they shall call his name Immanuel; which is, being interpreted, God with us.—Matt. 1:23.

To the Christian the story of the infancy of Jesus holds a tremendous fascination. Acknowledging as he does that Jesus is the Son of the True and Living God what a spectacular event must His birth and infancy of necessity be. It is no wonder that the Wise Men from the East travelled far to see this strange child; for whom would not make great effort to witness the *birth of God?* Isaiah associated many names with Jesus the Messiah that speak many volumes as to His nature and mission to the world. He called Him Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, yet Matthew has given us a name that shatters our greatest imagination when he gives Him the name *Immanuel*, which is interpreted to mean God with us. If we believe God to be Wonderful, Councellor, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, then what a tremendous fact does the Incarnation become.

"'Man of Sorrows,' what a name,
For the Son of God who came;
Ruined sinners to reclaim.
Hallelujah! What a Saviour."

In the opening pages of the Old Testament is found the sensational description of the creation of the universe with all its stupendous powers being brought into being. One can hardly comprehend the spectacle of the Spirit of God moving upon the darkness of the nothingness of space to produce the heaven and earth that even God Himself looking upon was led to exclaim, It is good! Yet having said all this about the wonder of the creation story as to the significance of the heavenly bodies we hasten to say that more spectacular by far than all the "sea and dry land" is the fact that man being made in the image of God. This one fact forever placed man above all creation to dress and keep and subdue it. In the opening pages of the New Testament, however, is found a still higher fact than this: that of God being made in the image of man. If to be made in the image of God exalted man then the compliment of God in allowing Himself through the incarnation of Jesus Christ to become a man is forever the crowning glory with which God has honored the nature of man.

"Lowly to us, O Lord, as Thou
In humility dost bow,
So high our nature lift with Thine,
Till human things become divine."
J. S. B. Monsell.

Thus, in the first place, the infancy of Jesus as He takes the name Immanuel teaches us of the honor God confers on human nature.

In the second place it teaches the divine sympathy that God has with human life. The coming of this Babe is to forever prove to men that God is able to be touched by their infirmities in that in Christ He had been tempted in all points like unto them. Rudyard Kipling who wrote so understandingly of the English exile in India gives the reason for this ability in his own words when he said:

"I have eaten your bread and salt,
I have drunk your water and wine,
The deaths ye died I have watched beside,
And the lives that ye led were mine."

Gad had made man but He had never been man. He had seen men toil but He had never had calloused hands Himself so He became the Carpenter of Nazareth. He had heard men weep but He had not wept so He became the Son of a widow. He had never felt the soul-shattering pangs of physical pain so He allowed Himself to bring salvation by the way of the Cross. Who can remember that the name of this Babe was Immanuel and doubt the sympathy of God. Shakespeare rightly explains the absence of sympathy in those who have not experienced the struggles of others when he said, "He scoffs at scars who never felt a wound." Never can we feel that God ignores the scars of our human battles when we remember that He received like wounds while upon earth. Surely, with His *stripes* are we healed.

Again the coming of Jesus into the world teaches that God has provided not only symathy for our plight but a remedy for the ills of human life. His coming is God's supreme effort of love to bring lost men back to their right relationship with God. Moody summed it up thus, "To create man, God had only to speak; to redeem him, He had to suffer. He made man by His breath; He saved him by His blood." The presence of this little Babe showed that man's salvation would come by man, "Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection." As we watch the Child grow into manhood as the Son of God we naturally watch for the miraculous that would prove Him to be God, yet if we watch Him closely we shall see that the most miraculous thing about Jesus was His determination not to be miraculous but to be human. As a man He was able to best save man, thus He "took not the form of angels but the seed of Abraham that He might be a better high priest."

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HOMER RODEHEAVER TO VISIT GREENSBORO

Sponsored by the Greensboro Christian Endeavor Union

Homer Rodeheaver, world famous song leader, composer and trombonest, will visit Greensboro Tuesday, October 3, under the auspices of Greensboro Christian Endeavor Union.

Announcement was made by Floyd G. Reynolds, past president of the Greensboro Christian Endeavor Union and chairman of the Greensboro publicity committee for the Rodeheaver Meeting.

He will appear in person and conduct a program of audience singings, he will also render special vocal and trombone solos during the evening. Singing old and new songs. The program will begin promptly at eight o'clock Tuesday evening, October 3, in the auditorium of the First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Rodeheaver has sung himself into the hearts of more than seventy million people. He is one of the greatest living exponents of the real Negro Spiritual. Rodeheaver concerts and rallies breathe the spirit of friendliness. They are spiritually helpful and delightfully entertaining, and leaves his audience happier and better.

The residents of Greensboro and surrounding territory will have the opportunity to enjoy an interesting and stimulating experience in connection with the visit of Mr. Homer Rodeheaver, who will sing and speak on this program.

He is recognized as a leader of music. Last July at the International Convention of Christian Endeavor in Cleveland, Ohio, he led an audience of ten thousand in singing. For twenty years he traveled with Billy Sunday as musical director of those great tabernacle evangelistic meetings. He is noted for his rare ability in indusing groups to sing heartily, with his famous trombone, his rare smile and his keen wit. He has written numerous songs and choruses and several books, and has recorded thousands of phonograph records. He is also a speaker of unusual ability. His stories and illustrations taken from real life, drive his points home and an audience leaves his meeting refreshed and better for the contact with him. It will be a rare opportunity to see, hear and sing with Mr. Rodeheaver.

Burron Fleming, President of the Greensboro Christian Endeavor Union, is General Chairman of the Rodeheaver meeting and Roy P. Barber, past president of State Christion Endeavor Union, is in charge of the Committee on Arrangements.

The public is cordially invited to attend this Homer Rodeheaver meeting. No admission but a silver offering will be taken.

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HAPPENINGS ALONG THE UNITED FRONT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN THE LOCAL CHURCH DIVISION

In addition to conducting our large series of summer camps and conferences which has just closed, the leaders of the former Methodist Protestant Church have been sharing in many other enterprises along the united front of Religious Education in the Local Church Division. Some of these projects are:

National Council of Methodist, Warrenton, Mo., Aug. 30-Sept. 3, 1939. Six young people representing general youth work and one representing student work along with the writer had the privilege of attending the National Council of Methodist Youth, held at Warrenton, Mo., August 30-September 3, 1939 on the campus of the Central Wesleyan College, Warrenton, Mo. Those representing youth work were: Donald Barss, Coshocton, Ohio; Lea Joyner, Grayson, La., Wilson Little, New Brighton, Pa., Mary Neel, Birmingham, Ala., Bette Marsh, Ionia, Mo., and F. L. Gibbs, Pittsburgh, Penna. While there these young people shared with representatives of the other three churches in exploring the youth program for the new Methodist Church. The Methodist Protestant group decided upon the following general principles as a basis for the new program. We found the other two groups agreeing to these principles in part. They are:

First: That a National Organization of Young People of the Methodist Church is Vital and Necessary, and that one be democratically organized.

Second: That This Organization in its program and guidance be closely related for administrative purposes, to the agencies and Board of the Methodist Church responsible for a total youth program.

Third: The plan of Organization, whether Local Church, Annual Jurisdictional, or National, be so constructed as to safeguard youth initiative, expression, and responsibility which is necessary for proper growth and leadership development. At the same time proper adult counseling and guidance is to be provided.

Fourth: We find ourselves in harmony with the Uniting Conference legislation pertaining to the Youth Work of the Methodist Church: (a) Local Church; (b) Annual Conference; (c) Districts; (d) Jurisdiction Conference; and (e) General Conference.

Fifth: We recommend that there be held in the late summer or early fall of 1940 a National Methodist Youth Conference or Convention. The program and Organization of which to be worked out by the eighteen young people meeting in Nashville, Tenn., September 22-24, 1939, in cooperation with leaders of Youth responsible for the youth work of the former three churches forming the Methodist Church.

There will be a meeting of eighteen young people and the sub-committees of Educational Institution and Local Church of the Joint Committee at Nashville, Tenn., September 22-24, 1939 to discuss further the program of youth work for the Methodist Church and to recommend a final plan to the Joint Committee on Education. The Methodist Protestant Church will have two young people on this committee. Mr. Donald Barss of Ohio will represent the general youth work and our other member will be appointed by Dr. F. W. Stephenson to represent the student work.

The writer is thrilled with the possibilities of a great youth program for the new Methodist Church.

Staff Meeting of the Division of the Local Church of the Three Boards of Education, Chicago, Illinois, September 11, 12, 13. We have just returned from this most helpful meeting in Chicago. The entire staff of the three churches met together for a part of three days for the purpose of arriving at "a common interpretation of the legislation enacted by the Uniting Conference as it affects Christian Education in the local church, to the end that the members of the Staffs of these Departments and Divisions may make a common interpretation in their fields; and for the further purpose of planning for cooperation between these Departments and Divisions wherever practicable between this time and the organization of the Board of Education following the General Conference." This meeting proved to be a great step toward a United Front in this very important phase of the program for the Methodist Church. At a later date the results of these meetings will be given to the paper and will form a basis for procedure in children's work, youth work, adult work, leadership education, missionary education, etc.

During this ad-interim period the sphere of influence for the Southern Board will be the south central and south eastern jurisdictions. The sphere of influence of the Northern Board would be all other jurisdictions. The Board of Christian Education of the former Methodist Protestant Church will, for the present, maintain its office at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and will cooperate in every possible way with these two Boards in their areas of influence.

We are confident that all these steps in the work being done are in the direction of a more adequate program of Christian Education in the Methodist Church.

F. L. Gibbs, *Executive Secretary,*
Department of Religious Education

FOREIGN MISSIONS AND TODAY'S WORLD

By Charles Daniel Brodhead

Against the rival faith of indigenous religions, totalitarian nationalism, and secular paganism, Christian cooperation appeared all the more timely and vital at the forty-sixth annual session of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. For eight days, 300 delegates from more than 60 denominations and 150 denominational and interdenominational boards and agencies convened at Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa., where they lived together in the college dormitories, worshiped and discussed together in the beauty of Clothier Memorial or in the quiet and simplicity of the Quaker meeting house. Charged with the responsibility of putting the recommendations of the Madras conference of the International Missionary Council into action, they sought conclusive thinking for what their boards and agencies should do to carry out the Madras findings and meet the challenges for the kingdom of God amid contemporary world conditions. One index of how well they succeeded came from President Lee of Hankow University, who said that what impressed him most at the conference was ''the sincerity of all and the lack of politics, often found in church gatherings.''

The missionary imperative stressed individual commitments. Such has been the movement in Shanghai to reach the alumni there of the Christian schools, inasmuch as teachers, doctors, nurses, and other professionals tend to congregate in large cities. About twenty per cent of the Chinese students in the Christian middle schools and forty per cent in the Christian colleges have accepted Christ and joined the church. All the others have been influenced by Christianity and become interested in it. They are being sought and won by a united evangelistic approach. What has been done in Shanghai should and can and will be done elsewhere.

The Commission on Evangelism, on ''The Life-Giving Church,'' made a practical recommendation that has marked possibilities in many centers for ''a group of missionary board to hold a conference on evangelism with board secretaries, board members, and missionaries home on furlough. Such a conference might review and exchange the experiences of missionaries in different parts of the world and in cooperation with a group of local churches engage in some definite form of evangelism in the city in which the conference meets.''

The missionary urge also emphasized more Christian attitudes in personal and social relations. A Young Men's Christian Association secretary who for a quarter of a century has been over at Cairo, Egypt, told how Moslems there resent a direct evangelistic approach but have been responding to his more indirect advances. According to their Moslem tradition, everything is done to win merit and thus attain their heavenly entrance. Now they have been learning to serve for the sake of others, taking the Christian attitude of concern and service without the label.

Inasmuch as ''Jesus disclosed the fundamental principles upon which healthy and progressive economic and social relationships can be built,'' the church was summoned to a new approach and into divine guidance for social and economic problems. In rural churches, ''wider study and demonstration should be given to the comprehensive or parish program: better agriculture, better health, better recreation, better homes, better economic organization, widening of intellectual horizons, enrichment of rural life through music, drama, and other forms of the arts, development of community spirit, as well as the vitally important work of Christian preaching and teaching, worship, fellowship, and service.''

Hence the missionary demand has come for a united front and an ecumenical church. No wonder Dr. James Moffatt, who led the daily worship morning and evening, closed his final message with ''Blest be the tie that binds.'' Franklin D. Cogswell of the Missionary Education Movement suggested the timely name of the hymnal used at the conference: ''Hymns of the Widening Kingdom.'' One leader confessed that some within his denomination regard themselves as guardians of truth, when all are guardians of truth, to be shared like leaven in the lump. It was asked why the Methodists of China entered The Methodist Church in China instead of the Church of Christ in China. National Christian councils were encouraged. The West China situation is demanding ''united planning on the part of Christian agencies, and pooling of evangelistic, educational, medical, and other resources.'' The call for a larger unity not only was made by speakers like Dr. John R. Mott and Dr. Samuel M. Cavert but was felt in all the deliberations and decisions.

Japanese and Chinese delegates were associated together in the conference. The Far Eastern committee will study carefully the suggestion for exchange visits between Japan and China of skilled and internationally experienced missionaries.

During the sessions a cablegram from Chengtu, West China, told of the bombing of West China Union University. Its more than sixty buildings house not only its faculty and students in the arts, science, religion, medicine, dentistry, and education, but now four other Chinese universities, exiled from the occupied territory. Here for four decades Dr. Joseph Beech, Wesleyan 1899, has been building the kingdom of God in this richest and most westernly Chinese province. Now this cablegram of bombs over Chengtu was a tragic parable of the baffling forces faced by the Commission on World Tensions, so that it registered wide-spread discussion. It was agreed that ''the desperate need of the world is for the Christian insight and a demonstrated Christian strategy for overcoming enmity, injustice, exploitation, and dishonorable dealings in international relations.''

To the local churches it was recommended that, ''since the world mission of the church is one, the boards urge the local churches to coordinate closely their work for missions, peace, and the ecumenical movement (all three being concerned with world tensions). Instead of three separate committees competing for program, time, and appropriations, there should be one, with division of responsibility. The boards suggest to the local churches a church library section on the world mission of the church rather than three separate sections."—*Zion's Herald*.

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THE DISCIPLINE OF THE INNER LIFE

By Levi Dawson

Fellowship with God is a gift. Wesley proclaimed it as within the reach of all. That does not mean, however, that it is obtained easily. A man needs all his endeavors before he can gain that communion.

To enter the kingdom of heaven, Jesus said, a man must strive hard. He must keep on seeking until he finds. He must be as persistent as a neighbor knocking for bread at midnight. In the words of the apostle, he must "contend earnestly for the faith." God is not unwilling to grant the fellowship, but a man must want it more than anything else in the world before he can appropriate it.

It is a law of life that nothing worth while can be attained without effort. Education is free to all. Books were never so easy to obtain. The wisdom of the ages is within the reach of all, however poor. To appropriate this gift to himself a man must strive hard. He must spend hours in study. He must deny himself much that is pleasant in order to gain his place in the kingdom of the wise. Any man can obtain that prize if he wants it badly enough to sacrifice for it.

It is not other with God's greatest gift. The saints bear witness that entrance to the kingdom of heaven is free to all, but its door open only to those who press violently. A man wrestles in prayer, he must agonize to enter through the narrow door. Without that striving on man's part God cannot give. Man must be able to receive. Wireless waves have been in existence ever since the world was made, but it was only after much struggle that man was able to receive. Reception of spiritual power is likewise not gained without a struggle.

The most important thing for those who would know God is to take time be be alone with Him. That is a struggle for most of us. Life is so full and time is so occupied. Yet time must be found even if something else has to go. It is no good saying we have no time to pray. We shall find time if we want it badly enough. That is God's condition. We can find time for things when they matter enough to us. Haphazard prayer has never yet led to an experience. A disciple's road is a disciplined road and the vision only comes to the man who submits to the discipline.

Paderewski is reported to have said that if he missed practicing one day he noticed the difference in his playing. If he stopped for two days his family noticed it, three days and his friends remarked about it, a week and the world knew it. So much does greatness depend on discipline. One of the secrets of the unreality of our religion is the smallness of our prayer. We must recover the discipline of the seeker before we can see the vision of the saint.

We need not only disciplined time but harder thinking. We cannot feel the power of God until we strive to know something of His mind and purpose. Friend cannot talk with friend in the secret places until there is real understanding of heart. That is why the Bible and the work of the saints must mean so much to us. To company with those who have known Him intimately is to gain that understanding of His ways which is so indispensable.

A second-hand religion, gained only from the utterance of preachers and talks in a class meeting is never really vital. There must be discipline of individual search—a man must find God for himself. There is a strange lack of faith and the assurance of victory among Christians today. The world situation, the indifference of men and women, are too much for us. We wonder and faint and become inert. There is a real connection between this state of mind and the fact that we are no longer a Bible reading people. The assurance of our fathers came because they lived the Scriptures, and there they saw and heard their God. When we recover their love for their Book we shall know their faith.

We have plenty of ideals for the world and for ourselves. We have good moral principles by which we guide our conduct. These things alone are insufficient. To have the certainty of God a man must have the disciplined life. Only he who chooses conflict rather than casualness in this sphere will know the witness of things unshakable.

There is no finding without seeking in the Christian life. It is also wonderfully true that there is no seeking without finding. The search may be a long one, the striving may be hard, but the answer is certain. If seeking is the indispensable condition, finding is the unrevoked promise. To those who seek through the darkness and struggle on over heavy roads there is the knowledge that Christ went that same way and that His vision may be ours.

The disciplined life is the only life into which God can come in His fullness. In the struggle there is perfecting of character and the making ready for the guest. For man is not the only one who is seeking. God also seeks and longs to be known. God also knocks and longs to enter. God also strives—

> About your gates I shall not cease to plead
> As man to speak with man,
> Till by such art
> I shall achieve by immemorial plan
> Pass the low lintel of the human heart.

When God and man seek together they find each other and share the joy.—*The Methodist Recorder*, London.

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APPRECIATION OF THE M. P. HERALD

By Mrs. Claude Hawkins

To be able to express my sentiments regarding my association with our own Methodist Protestant Herald, I would need a spontaneous mind, and the pen of a ready writer. Nevertheless, I will say in all sincerity that as reporter for Hawkins Chapel for the past ten years, I have had the blessed privilege of spiritual contract with many dear people; and through the pages of the Herald I have learned and loved the work of the various churches, a joy which otherwise I should not have known.

I have never met Dr. McCulloch personally, yet I have felt that he was an intimate and faithful friend. It has been my good fortune to meet both Dr. Pritchard and Dr. Andrews through my work as reporter to the HERALD, and was very much impressed by their sincerity to the cause of the church. The high motives of the HERALD and the promotion of the gospel of Jesus and Lord: and not only those, many others, all of whom will join me in expressing our heartfelt thanks for the wonderful work of the HERALD. Though the years as our church paper, and should the publication be discontinued we as a united group will sustain a decided disappointment.

In reviewing the past ten years of service as reporter to the HERALD and recalling the many happy hours I have spent in spirit with the various writers and the comfort I have derived from the pen of those whose hearts are full of the Holy Spirit and whose every word is an inspiration to my soul—ah! there I find no words adequate to express my sentiments. So in the words of the beloved Psalmist, the sweet singer of Israel, I will say: Oh praise the Lord all ye nations, praise Him all ye people, for His merciful kindness is great towards us, and the truth of the Lord endureth forever, praise ye the Lord.

The Lord shall preserve thee from evil; He shall preserve the soul.

The Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth and even for evermore.

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THE LOST SHEEP

By REV. W. A. LEDFORD

The three parables found in the fifteenth chapter of Luke, teach among other things, that God does not lose sight of the individual, in a great crowd. Jesus tells us that the Shepherd calls His own sheep by name. Many of us have interesting names here, but it would be a great deal more interesting to know the name our heavenly Father calls us by. It warms my heart to know that God loves the world, but it melts it into tenderness to know that "He loved me, and gave Himself for me." All these precious truths in harmony with the fact that God knows the number of the hairs of our heads, and sees where the sparrow falls. How unlike the modern world, which seeks to let all people go by number. The shepherd missed the straying sheep, the woman the lost coin and the younger son was continually missed until he returned home.

The Parable of the Lost Sheep is given by Matthew in a rather different connection from Luke's setting. Both unmistakably teach how precious the little ones are in the Father's sight. We gather this from Matthew's story of the penalty imposed for causing one of them to stumble. The penalty make us shudder. "Who shall cause one of these little ones to stumble, it is profitable for him that a great millstone should be hanged about his neck, and he should be sunk in the depth of the sea." This penalty should be written in large letters, and placed before all betrayers of youth.

Matthew suggests another proof of the preciousness of little ones in God's sight, namely, that each one has a guardian angel. "See that you dispise not one of these little ones: for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven." We guard against the safety of a thing in proportion to the value we place on it. We lock our most valuable earthly papers in great bank vaults. I shall not soon forget the care taken to preserve, "The Great Chalice of Antioch," at the World's Fair in Chicago. It was insured for five hundred thousand dollars, locked in a glass case, and guarded day and night. Our God does not trusting the keeping of us even to our mothers, but to the One that neither slumbers nor sleeps.

Luke agrees with Matthew, in showing that God holds His little ones to be very precious in His sight. This is seen in the searching love of the shepherd and the woman, and the waiting love of the father for the son's return. He extended his search until the lost sheep was found. There is no place in the economy of God for faint-heartedness, growing weary in well doing and feeble efforts: yea, nothing short of one's best. The indifference, the neglect, the trivial way so many treat their God given privileges and opportunities is sickening to faithful church people, and enough to make angels weep.

It is a very comforting fact, that the Good Shepherd, didn't drive the tired, worn and straying sheep home; lashing it unmerciful, nor did he place it on the shoulder of some servant, or hirling; but on his own strong shoulder. This fact is not only illustrated in the parable of the Lost Sheep, but is also taught in the book of Revelation, "The Lamb that is in the midst of the throne shall be their shepherd, and shall guide them unto the fountains of waters of life: and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes." This is doubly comforting since, "All we like sheep have gone astray: we have turned every one to his own way." Is. 53:6. Paul writing to the Romans said, "We have all sinned and come short of the glory of God." The Apostle John wrote, "If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father." Jesus commanded, saying, "After this manner, therefore pray ye. . . . And forgive us our debts, as we have also forgiven our debtors." Jesus came seeking the lost.

Some years ago I heard Bishop Francis J. McConnell preach from the text, "We know that to them that love God all things work together for good." The scholarly bishop explained that the key word in his text was "together." We know how we are overwhelmed by certain experiences in life, which almost crush us. But taken together with our mountain top experiences, we learn that these darker, more trying ones were really and truly for our good. The key word in all these parables is "until." There is no let up in the search until the lost was found. There is an adage, "A faint heart never won a fair lady," and is just as truthful, "A fait heart never won a lost soul." In these trying, saddened days the Christian world needs to hear often, "Let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6:9.

These parables were spoken for the encouragement of the publicans and sinners, who were drawing near unto Jesus; and to rebuke the scribes and the Pharisees, because of their murmuring because the publicans and sinners did come. The Christ had a lot of trouble with the proud, boasting Pharisees, who felt themselves better than other people. They were so set in their ways, that they would not join in the songs of jubilation at Christ's Triumphal Entry; nor welcome home, the prodigals, who had been dead, and were alive again: were lost and found again. Could such a spirit still exist among church members, who object to any excitement, or emotional expressions?

It is nauseating to hear how cheaply we use certain phrases. Take that one, "Over the Top." We sing the Doxology, and shout "Over the top," when we have completed a undertaking that called for neither sacrifices, nor struggles worthy of the name. Unmindful of what it cost the men over seas to "Go over the top" in the World War. This phrase in these parables "Rejoice with me" and translated by Drs. Goodspeed and Weymouth, "Congratulate me," has been cheapened till we congratulate our friends on the most trivial accomplishments. The highest grounds for congratulations is to be a part of God's redemptive purpose in this world of sin and sorrow. Often we congratulate our friends over bringing home some prize easily won, and fail to congratulate the winner of precious souls, which cause rejoicing among the angels.

New Windsor, Md.

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RESUME OF SUMMER CONFERENCE SCHOOLS

Beginning with Missouri and Texas the first week in June and continuing to the end of the series with Kansas, closing August 27, twenty-eight summer training projects were under the auspices of the Board of Christian Education in cooperation with our twenty-six Conference Councils of Religious Education. To these came some three thousand students and workers to whom were issued about three thousand units of the new Standard Leadership Training Curriculum. Seven hundred and fifty-eight signed Life Service Declaration Cards in the decision services and the popular attendance reached approximately seven thousand. Three hundred and sixty-three First Certificates of Progress and eight Second Certificates of Progress were issued. One hundred faculty members and a large number of staff workers gave of their time aside from their already busy program in order to make this far-reaching enterprise a success. In many of these enterprises, leaders of the former Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South cooperated. Also a number of students from the other two Methodist Churches found their way into our schools. In addition to the large number of volunteer workers, the following field workers contributed much to this series: J. E. Olson, M. A. Williams, J. Clyde Auman, E. L. Ballard, Mrs. Amos Banks, Miss Lillie Foster, W. C. Mathes, Miss Lea Joyner, Mrs. J. W. Shell, and T. L. Crenshaw. These workers traveled twelve thousand and six hundred and one miles and rendered twenty-eight weeks of service at a total cost of only $598.70.

It is interesting to note that our summer conference schools have been quite successful even though there has been some uncertainty because of the adjustments being made leading to complete Methodist Union. These enterprises have reached practically every section of the former Methodist Protestant Church and are considered to have such value that it is the earnest desire of the leaders of our three Boards that wherever possible that they be conserved for the new Methodist Church. In many cases our schools can be merged with similar enterprises but in a large number of cases where we have well-established camps, they will more than likely become a neucleus around which will be built a larger and more effective program of summer leadership education than has been possible in the three separate churches.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the large number of workers who contributed to the success of schools and to assure them that they will have no little part in the program of Christian Education of the new Methodist Church. We trust that the large number of students who were trained in these enterprises for work in the local church will render every service possible to make their church programs effective in their own community.

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F. L. GIBBS, *Executive Secretary,*

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THE CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE

Just to be tender, just to be true,
Just to be glad the whole day through,
Just to be merciful, just to be mild,
Just to be merciful as a little child,
Just to be gentle and kind and sweet,
Just to be helpful with willing feet,
Just to be cheery when things go wrong,
Just to drive sadness away with a song,
Whether the hour is dark or bright,
Just to be loyal to God and right,
Just to believe that God knows best,
Just in His presence ever to rest,
Just to let love be our daily key,
That is God's will for you and me.

—*Selected.*

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THE SANCTITY OF HOME

A Christian home should be heaven begun on earth. It will be if it is the abode of warm and loving hearts. Serene but inspiring is the household which thinks, works, rejoices, and sorrows together; whose personalities are all melted down by divine grace, uniting them in love. "A lamp," said Robert McCheyne, the great Scottish preacher, "is a very small thing, and it burns calmly, and without noise, and it giveth light unto all that are in the house." So there are great but quiet influences which, like the flame of a sacred lamp, fill many a home with light and fragrance. A soft, deep carpet not only diffuses a look of ample comfort, it deadens many a creaking sound; so is the peace of a Christian home. A strong curtain wards off the summer heat and the wintry winds; so a sweet family fellowship is a shield protecting all the members. A soft pillow may make some forget their misery, and a tired mind soon forget its cares in the delights of a comfortable Christian home. Its influence is like the fresh evening breeze at the close of a burning day. There would be fewer aching hearts if there were more Christian homes. When you turn your face homeward think of Jesus and heaven. Our Lord raised three persons from the dead. One was an only son; another, an only daughter; the third, an only brother. Whenever He entered a home He sanctified it with peace and radiant life. Make sure that Jesus is in the sacred presence of your home.—*Watchman-Examiner.*

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QUARTERLY MEETING OF N. C. BRANCH OF WOMEN'S WORK

Former M. P. Church
Winston-Salem, N. C., October 10, 10:30 A.M.

PROGRAM

Devotions—Mrs. E. O. Peeler.
Roll Call.
Minutes of First Quarterly Meeting—Mrs. S. S. Holt.
Reports:
  Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. J. T. Bowman.
  Treasurer — Mrs. Coy L. Kearns.
  Assistant Treasurer — Mrs. J. H. Allred.
  Secretary Student Loan Fund — Mrs. J. M. Millikan.
11:30 Leader's Training Day — Mrs. J. G. Sterling, Winston-Salem District Secretary, Woman's Missionary Society of Western N. C. Conference of the former M. E. Church, South.
Reports — Branch Departmental Secretaries.
Lunch.

Afternoon Session

Hymn.
Prayer.
Reports continued.
Business.
Adjournment.

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NOTICE TO AUXILIARIES

All auxiliaries that have not paid the 25c for leaflets for this year will please send it to me as early as they can conveniently do so.

I would appreciate it if those who secured mission study books through me would send the money without waiting for bills from me, as sending out bills takes time and money.

Our missionary year will soon come to an end and we want to close our books with everything paid in full.

Note

Homeland Harvest, 60c.
Through Tragedy to Triumph, 60c.
Women and the Way, 50c.
Comrades Round the World, 60c.

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND WORLD PEACE

We are indebted to Mrs. Henry C. Sprinkle, Jr., of Black Mountain, chairman of international relations and world peace of our Conference Bureau of Christian Social Relations, for the following splendid article which we know will be read with interest:

"In the past few weeks the cause of world peace has received what appears to be a mortal blow. Those of us who have studied, talked, and prayed for peace must now redouble our efforts. Dark as the European scene appears today, it should be remembered that the tragedy and horror resulting from the appeal to violence simply argue for the cause of peace and the peaceful methods of settling international disputes. The great danger lies in our wavering faith and our tendency to yield to the war spirit and the propaganda to arouse emotions of anger and of fear.

"Granting that the democracies of western Europe did not enter upon this war until every possibility of peaceful settlement had been exhausted, and that our sympathies are on their side, we who believe in peace must keep our heads, and we must keep our faith. We who enjoy the security of peace at present have no right to feel superior in any way to those who have been caught in the catastrophe, but we must strive more earnestly than ever to prevent the spread of war to neutral nations and to bring about an honorable peace as soon as possible. We believe that we can best help those with whom we sympathize by staying out of this war.

"Our first and most important means of helping the cause of peace remains the way of prayer. The God of peace has not forsaken his cause. He still hears the prayers of humanity, and he is still our Rock and our Salvation. We cannot escape the influence of press and radio, but we can keep our balance if we keep in touch with God. And it is still true that—

'More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of.'

"A second means of helping in the cause of peace is through intelligent personal appeals to representatives in Congress. This means that we must keep informed about the issues that will arise from time to time. There are few people who do not follow the news reports with deep concern these days. But it is well to keep in mind that propaganda is one of the strongest measures used in modern warfare. As the war progresses, more and more pressure will be applied to neutral countries, and an uninformed people is the natural prey of propaganda. The immediate question about the revision of our existing neutrality law is a case in point. This law was framed with the purpose of keeping America out of war. It is invoked for the first time, despite the fact that a war has been going on in the Orient for many months. It may be that this law ought to be changed, but let us be sure that such changes are not made with the purpose of enabling America to make money out of the misery of war and that these changes do not increase the likelihood of our being drawn into the conflict. Thus far the issues have not been presented clearly enough to enable us to say more with certainty, but when the Christian conscience can speak, our representatives in Congress should be urged to stand for the kind of neutrality legislation that makes for peace."—From North Carolina Christian Advocate.

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NOTICE OF THIRTEENTH DISTRICT MEETING

The semi-annual meeting of the Thirteenth District will be held at Maple Springs church, Forsyth charge, Thursday, October 12, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Devotionals will be conducted by members of the Maple Springs Auxiliary. The Mission Study books will be reviewed by members of the various auxiliaries of the district. This will be an all-day meeting with a picnic dinner in the basement of the church. Miss Anna Cox, district chairman, will preside.

MRS. R. A. HUNTER, Reporter.

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Gisbourne J. Cherry

Gisbourne J. Cherry, "Gibb" as he was familiarly known among his many friends, was the son of Gisbourne J. Cherry and Elizabeth White Cherry; born August 12, 1869, and died July 30, 1939. Had he lived a few days longer he would have reached the age of three-score and ten.

He united with Rehoboth church in his boyhood days during the pastorate of Rev. W. T. Totten, and remained faithful and loyal until the end of his life. He gave generously to its support and always had the interest of his church at heart. He spent much of his vacation time at his old home in Washington county. While he was there he invited his pastor to see him; one especially, Rev. R. L. Hethcox, who was his pastor for many years. Mr. Cherry was planning to have Rev. Mr. Hethcox visit him in his home in Charleston, South Carolina, and conduct services in the Star Gospel Mission, as he did some years ago. The deceased was one of the trustees of this great mission work in Charleston and contributed very largely to its support; he was also one of the trustees of the M. P. Children's Home, High Point, N. C. He took one of the boys from this Home years ago and trained him for his office; today he is secretary of the business and one of the most highly respected men in Charleston. Mr. G. J. Cherry often remarked, "A son could never be more dutiful and respectful to a father than he has been to me."

Mr. Cherry has been in the lumber business since he was 17 years old. He began his business career with the Branning Manufacturing Company in Edenton, N. C., and served in this capacity for a year. At that time the Parmele and Eccleston Lumber Co. at Parmeel wanted a young man to be superintendent of their mill. They chose him because he did not drink. For many years he was superintendent of that organization. While there he organized the North State Lumber Co. and moved to Charleston, S. C., and located his plant on the Cooper river; this was 44 years ago. He was a rugged individualist, one who practiced honesty and integrity in his business. His estimate of himself is that he was a successful business man and had always taken God as his partner. Not long before he passed away he remarked to many people that he was so happy and enjoyed life so that he did not want to retire; but when the Master called, "I am ready to go."

He was stricken with paralysis the morning of July 24th, and passed away so peacefully the night of the 30th at his home in Charleston. Funeral services were held in Grace Episcopal church, which he attended, and interment was in Magnolia cemetery.

Mr. Cherry was married twice. His first wife was the former Miss Emma Mayo of North Carolina, and his widow Mrs. Elizabeth Cherry of Virginia. He is survived by his second wife and one sister, Mrs. Sallie Cherry Davenport, Washington county, N. C.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

COMMITTING OURSELVES TO CHRIST

Topic for October 1, 1939

By REV. RAYMOND W. WHITE, D.D.

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, Sept. 25—Performing Spiritual Arithmetic. II Peter 1:4-8.

Tuesday, Sept. 26—Practicing Self-Denial. Luke 9:23-26.

Wednesday, Sept. 27—Putting on "The New Man." Eph. 4:21-24.

Thursday, Sept. 26—Living as Christians. Col. 3:12-16.

Friday, Sept. 29—Renouncing the World. I John 1:15-17.

Saturday, Sept. 30—Yielding Ourselves to God. Rom. 6:11-13.

The Text: Rom. 12:1-8.

To the Leader

Observe that this is the first of two topics on the subject, "Witnessing for Christ." This two-week unit provides an opportunity for the members to reconsecrate themselves to Christ and His work at the beginning of the new year of activity. This, the first of the two topics, deals with the commitment of the members to Christ which is an act that generates an adhesive power uniting Christians in one body and in a common cause. Common devotion of the members to Christ is the beginning of a move in the right direction. Knowing that commitment involves an inward transformation and an outward conformation, the members should be encouraged to seek the new life in Christ Jesus and endeavor to live a new life in fellowship with Him and His followers. Note that committing ourselves to Christ involves a "togetherness" without which there can be no fulfillment of the second commandment of our Lord.

Questions for the Open Forum

1. In the Scriptural sense, what do we mean by commitment?
2. What does the commitment of the individual to Christ involve?
3. What demands does commitment to Christ make on the individual?
4. What are the inward results of a commitment? The outward?
5. How may one develop a "want to"? An "ought to"?
6. Of what value, if any, is a group commitment to Christ?
7. What rules for the road can you suggest for a committed group?
8. Can we and will we live the rules suggested?
9. What do you mean by transformation of life? Confirmation? Conformation?
10. What can we do, as individuals, to make Christ live in our C. E. Society?
11. As a group, what can we do to make Christ real to one another? To the world?
12. If you knew you had but one more C. E. meeting to attend on earth, how would you spend it?

The Poets

A seven-years' lad gazed sadly on
The manor house of Daylesford.
"It shan't be thus. I will regain
Our lost estate of Daylesford."
He toiled afar, but ne'er forgot
He'd Hastings be of Daylesford.

A man perceives his soul is barred
From access to his true estate.
"Though far I wander, long I strive,
I'll not be shut from mine estate."
A new life-center he has found—
He'll claim and conquer his estate.
—St. Clair Adams.

Peace has unveiled her smiling face,
And woos the soul to her embrace;
Enjoyed with ease, if thou refrain
From selfish love, else sought in vain;
She dwells with all who truth prefer,
But seeks not them who seek not her.
Yield to the Lord, with simple heart,
All that thou hast, and all thou art;
Renounce all strength but strength divine;
And peace shall be forever thine;
Behold the path which I have trod,
My path, till I go home to God.
—Madame Guyon.

Little Gems

Submission to God is the only balm that can heal the wounds He gives us.—Emmons.

Souls stumble into hell over two persons—the moral outsider and the immoral insider. —Selected.

The Christian's desire must never be that God should go his way, but ever than he should go God's way.—H. C. Macgregor.

Social regeneration can never come enmasse; it must come through the individual. —Rev. Dwight W. Wylie.

Human improvement is from within outward.—Froude.

Topic Hints

Commitment: The word "commit" may be used in many and various ways. An up-to-date dictionary and a good thesaurus of English words prove this fact. Words are symbols and conversation means little if these symbols are not understood by both the speaker and the hearer. We are now using the word "commitment' as a relationship between Christians and their Christ. Thus we might say that "to commit" means "to connect." If we accept this interpretation of the word, we reach the conclusion that "committing ourselves to Christ" is "connecting ourselves with Christ." This connection is perfectly illustrated by our Master when He said, "I am the vine, ye are the branches." John 15:5.

Transformation: Transformation of man is the first work of God in a penitent soul. Said Jesus to Nicodemus, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3. Repent was the command of Jesus and repent was the message of His apostles. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature," said Paul. 2 Cor. 5:17. This new-born man and this new creature have passed through a transformation. This changed man is no longer carnal in mind, wicked in heart, nor wayward in will. His interest has been turned from the things of the flesh to the things of the spirit. He is connected to Christ because he has been made a spiritual being. Spiritual man is connected to a spiritual Lord.

Conformation: A transformed person very naturally conforms to the things of his Transformer. No longer is he "conformed to the things of the world" but he delights in conforming to the things which glorify his Lord and which edify his own soul. Conforming to the ways of the Lord is one of the problems which the modern world faces. We are inclined to believe that the problem presents itself because "professing transformation" has been substituted for "transformation." Men of unction should have no trouble in living lives of action. Again the problem arises because the dim eyes of men have not seen that when they disobey the laws of God they invite personal and social disaster. The committal of a life to Christ includes the committal of the ways to Him.

Means of Grace: A commitment to Christ includes a commitment to the means of Grace. A person is what he is by the Grace of God, but he keeps what he is by the same Grace. God's Grace is sufficient but man's reception must be efficient. The Bible is a means of Grace when it is lived as well as read and studied. Prayer is a means of Grace to the man who prays as well as talks about prayer and believes in it. The Lord's Supper is a means of Grace if there is a communion of the communicant's spirit with God's spirit as well as a pious observance. Baptism is a means of Grace if the heart is cleansed as well as a ceremony observed. Committing ourselves to Christ includes committing ourselves to the means of Grace.

The Way of Life: Committing ourselves to Christ includes committing ourselves to Christ's way of life. In the committal, Christ becomes Lord over every phase of life. His teaching and example become the law of life. Read again the Sermon on the Mount and note the way our Lord encourages His followers to live. Read again the story of His life and see how He lived what He taught. There can be only one conclusion. The committed to Christ is committed to Christ's way of living in the home, in the school, in office and shop, in business and industry, in leisure and in labor, in trouble and in triumph. "Commit thy way unto the Lord." Ps. 37:5.

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NATURE'S ADAPTATIONS

A recent writer in the Scientific American tells us that man at one time had power to move his ears; that all the muscles are there now but man has lost control of them. He declares that those animals having this power are enabled thereby to detect more readily simultaneous sounds, which enables them more readily to detect foes from any quarter and defend themselves more readily. Man in his primitive state needed also this power. But as there has been less and less use for it in his advance in intelligence the power thus to use his ears has passed away. But instead the stationary ear gives him greater ability to detect successive sounds and has thus enabled him to develop all the higher beauties of language and music. Having become a man he has put away childish things. "When that which is perfect is come then that which is in part shall be done away." —J. W. D.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Moriah, Rev. J. Leo Pittard, Pastor.—Quite a few interesting things have happened at our church since our last report. We had a grand meeting beginning the last Sunday in August. Rev. Charles Sharpe preached for us at the morning service and the Ladies' Auxiliary was in charge of the afternoon program. Mr. John R. Hughes, prominent attorney of Greensboro, gave a splendid talk and the ladies filled the choir. All in all, it was an ideal home-coming service. During the following week Rev. Mr. Stevenson of Durham preached for us each evening at 7:30. He is a grand preacher. You that missed his sermons just can't imagine what you did miss. We had four new members added to our list, Mr. and Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Clarence Curtis, and Mrs. Richard Glass.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is having its thank-offering program next Sunday night, October 1, at 7:30. They are giving a pageant, "The Lighted Highway." Everyone is cordially invited. This promises to be a good program, and, too, the offering counts on our World Service budget.

Rev. J. Sylvester Higgins was a visitor at our Christian Endeavor meeting last Sunday night. We have had the pleasure of hearing him preach and we welcome him and all other visitors to these services.

The quarterly conference meets the second Sunday in October immediately after service. All members are urged to be present. This meeting has been designated as the time for election of officers for the coming year.

MRS. WILBUR A. SHERRILL, Reporter.

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North Davidson Charge, O. B. Williams, Pastor.—We are now in the closing weeks of our first year as pastor of this fine group of rural churches. Since we have a Herald reporter at each church, I have not written many reports to the paper. In this letter I want to refer to the progress that has been made.

We have held our special meetings. At Mount Pleasant the preaching was by Rev. T. Glenn Madison. His preaching was very effective, the church was revived, and seven new members were added.

At Canaan church the preaching was by Rev. W. L. Harkey. His preaching was truly on the evangelistic order that gets the desired results, the church being revived and 13 new members added.

At Bethesda church the preaching was by Rev. J. Paul Pegg. He was pastor of this church only a few years ago, and everyone was glad for his return; his preaching was very instructive and helpful, the church people rededicated themselves, and five new new members were added to the church.

At Spring Hill church the preaching was by Rev. James T. Bowman; his good preaching was appreciated by everyone, especially the young folks, and they number more than half the congregation. We had a good meeting; nine new members were added to the church.

All the churches are in a better spiritual condition and 34 new members have been added.

Many material improvements have been made. Mount Pleasant church has been painted, and it certainly presents a new appearance; this improvement cost $178 and was paid by our Women's Auxiliary. They certainly know how to do things that should be done to keep the local church in fine repair.

Bethesda church has a new roof on the auditorium at a cost of $85, and it was paid for by special effort of the trustees; the money was raised from the congregation.

The Ladies' Aid society at Canaan church has raised the money for painting the church and bids are now being asked for; the work is expected to be completed by conference.

At Spring Hill the Ladies' Aid society has raised the money for, and are having a cement walk laid around the church. They are assisting the church in the improvement of finishing the Sunday school rooms in the church basement; they have also recently paid for a beautiful painting—a picture of the Master knocking at the door. This has been placed in the auditorium and dedicated.

The parsonage has been furnished this year and a pantry built. Bids are asked for on repainting the parsonage, which is expected to be finished and all paid for before conference.

Our fourth quarterly conference will meet at Canaan church on Saturday p.m. at 2:00 o'clock, October 14. Dr. J. E. Pritchard, conference president, will preside over the conference. Our World Service budget has been raised and paid, and it is expected that salary, annual conference budget, and all other claims will be paid in full. Our delegate to the annual conference is Brother C. L. Wagner of Bethesda church; and we want to say that whoever he may get for pastor of this charge will find this one of the best rural charges in the conference.

O. B. WILLIAMS, Pastor.

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Liberty Hill, Anderson Charge, Rev. T. M. Johnson, Pastor.—Since we haven't had a report since our revival meeting closed, we would like to say we have had a grand meeting. Large crowds attended. Several conversions were made and several united with our church. Rev. Herbert Garmon of North Carolina was the pulpit help. He is well known and much loved in our community. He brought very helpful and inspiring messages each morning and evening. The foundation for this revival had been laid by our beloved pastor, Rev. T. M. Johnson, and by him bringing us inspiring and helpful messages regularly, and also by the prayers and help of the church people. Our pastor has done great work the two years he has served as pastor for Liberty Hill. Much has been accomplished and we are hoping that conference will see fit to return him to us.

The organizations of our church have been very active lately. The Sunday school is having good attendance, The Christion Endeavor is very active and continues to have well planned and helpful programs. The Ladies Aid is still doing grand work, The prayer meetings also is still continuing each Wednesday night at 8:00 o'clock.

The first Sunday in October will be the day for election of new officers for our Sunday School. The second Sunday of Oct. will be the day for the election of officers for our church. We urge each member to be present both Sundays and pray that nothing will be done or said that will hurt in any way, but will be uplifting and helpful for our church.

An Ice cream supper was much enjoyed by the Christian Endeavor society at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McClimon Saturday night. Rev. Johnson attended and each one reported a nice time.

Several of our members are sick at this writing, Thomas J. Brannon, Miss Ester Compton, Miss Romaine Poole and Mrs. Simpson. We hope for them a speedy recovery and their presence at the church again.

Rev. T. M. Johnson was the Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Davis.

The regular Willing Workers class meeting under the sponsorship of Mrs. W. T. Jackson will be held Tuesday night October 3rd, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bee Cooper. We urge each member of our class to be present as these meetings are very important and helpful. Splendid programs have been rendered by the leaders.

The fourth and last Quaterly Conference of this year for Anderson charge will be held September 30th, in the afternoon. All officials are urged to be present.

All Annual conference claims have been applied for except one which is the largest. We do pray that all will stand by and pay in full the assesments that we are to raise before conference meets. We do urge all to help and make this year the best report ever given from our church.

A Rally Day program is under way at this writing and will be given as soon as possible.

Mrs. John D. McClimon, Reporter

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New Hope, Why Not Charge, Rev. C. H. Hill, Pastor.—Our revival meeting began the first Sunday in September and closed the second Sunday night. Rev. J. R. Short was the pulpit help. Everybody enjoyed his sermons very much. There were several professions and reclamations. Three were added to the church membership, and the church was revived in general.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely with a large attendance each Sunday.

Plans are being made to hold a Presnell family reunion at this church next Sunday, October 1, with an all-day service, this being the regular preaching day. Brother Hill is expected to be present. The public is cordially invited to attend and bring lunch

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which will be served picnic style on the church grounds.

Some of the Presnell forefathers who have passed on to the great beyond years ago were among the founders of this church, and their descendants are still helping to carry on the work here.

Mrs. Hattie Presnell James of Washington State is visiting friends and relatives in this county, and will be present next Sunday. Mrs. James is the daughter of the late Wiley A. Presnell and was one time a member of this church. It has been 24 years since Mrs. James had visited her relatives.

All of our conference claims have been paid and we are planning on finishing the pastor's salary before conference. Pray for us that we may ever press onward and upward.

MRS. J. V., Reporter.

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Spencer-China Grove, Rev. A. Ridge, Pastor.—The revival services which began last week are still going on. We have had a wonderful meeting so far, many souls having been blessed.

We are fortunate indeed to have Rev. Mr. Bell from Roberta church to assist in the revival. We were glad to welcome 12 new members into the church last night, September 24.

Rev. A. Ridge has made each appointment and never been late yet. We as a church think we have a wonderful pastor. He has meant so much to each one of us. We hope we will get him back.

Our Ladies Aid is doing very well; also our midweek prayer meetings, as the young girls have been holding the prayer services each prayer service. Our C. E. society is still doing very well. We had five new members to join this past Sunday. Our Sunday school is certainly doing splendid work.

MRS. TITUS WRIGHT.

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Denton-Canaan—We have had good revivals at both churches. Brother Easter was with us during the Canaan revival which began on the second Sunday of August and closed the following Friday night. Brother Easter did fine preaching and endeared himself to the people. We were all so glad to have him with us that we would be glad to have him with at any time. There were a number of conversions and reclamations and the church was greatly revived.

The Denton revival began on Sunday night of August 27th and continued until the next Sunday night. Brother C. E. Ridge was with us and did the preaching. He did good preaching and we were all pleased. Brother Ridge was born near Denton and his first pastorate was Davidson charge very near here. He did not have to get aquainted for the people all knew him. The way the people responded to him indicated that the people with whom he had lived and labored highly appreciated him and his life. Here too we had a number of conversions and reclamations. In the two churches we have had 25 accessions during the year.

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Our finances are not quite up to date. But are in such shape that we are reasonably certain it will all be paid.

Officers at both churches have been elected and at Canaan the newly elected officers have been installed. At Denton the installation service will be conducted on next Sunday.

Our fourth quarterly conference will meet on Monday night October 9.

GEORGE L. CURRY, Pastor.

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Friendship Church, Chase City Charge, Rev. D. D. Broome, Pastor.—Mr. Broome has filled every appointment since our last report. Every sermon has been an inspiration to us. We haven't been reporting but that's no sign we haven't been working.

Our Sunday school attendance isn't as high as it was last year, but our collection is higher.

We had a good revival meeting and I feel it was a great help to our community. Eleven new members were taken into the church. We were glad to have Mrs. Broome and the children spend that week with us, and we were also grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Broome for organizing a Christian Endeavor. I am sure this will be one of the greatest to our young people we could have chosen.

At our third quarterly conference Mr. George Bell was elected delegate to the annual conference.

The fourth quarterly conference will be held at the church on October 9 at 6:30 o'clock. All official members are urged to attend. We also have the privilege to have with us on the same evening the District Superintendent of the former M. E. Church.

I am asking the prayers of all you good Christian people who are interested in our church. Pray that we may carry on our work faithfully to the end.

PAULINE JARRELL, Reporter.

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Lawndale, Cleveland Charge, Rev. T. G. Madison, Pastor.—It has been quite a while since we had a report. However, we are still having some splendid sermons by our most able pastor. On September 3 our pastor gave us the best message since being on the work. His subjejct was "Old-Time Religion."

The Auxiliary is still very active. Several new members have been added since our last report. The last meeting was held at the parsonage, with Mrs. Madison as hostess. Everybody reported a good meeting and one new member, Mrs. Henry Williams.

Our Sunday school is still moving along fine.

This being a union church, the Baptist pastor, Rev. J. L. Suttle, conducted his revival last week. He brought some very good messages.

We have a Thursday morning prayer meeting for the evening shift, prayer meeting on Thursday night for the morning shift, and Saturday night for everybody to meet together.

The reporter had the pleasure of attending the dedication of Oak Grove church on this charge Sunday. The president preached a very impressive sermon. Mrs. R. S. Troxler and children were present. It was through the untiring efforts of the late Brother Troxler that this beautiful brick church now stands on a little knoll overlooking a lovely countryside and can be seen several miles. Mrs. Troxler's four talented children gave a splendid number in song at the service. We were all delighted to see them and to know they are getting along so well.

REPORTER.

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Gibsonville.—The former M. E. and M. P. churches of Gibsonvile concluded revival services here Friday night. Rev. Robert Hardee, pastor of the Glenwood Methodist church of Greensboro, was the preacher for these services. Cottage prayer meetings were held in the homes of members of both churches preceding and during the services. These services proved to be of inestimable value and we trust that their influence will be felt for a long time to come in this community.

Brother Hardee's services were well received by our people. This Sunday seven members were received into the membership of this church by the pastor.

REPORTER.

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First Methodist Church, High Point.—On Sunday week the college students were welcomed at First Church to their first service of their school year. Members of the church went out to the college and brought the students to the service. Mr. Madison preached an unusually good sermon to the large congregation attending.

In the afternoon a Youth's Rally, sponsored by the City-wide Christian Endeavor Union, was held at the church. Rev. Elbert Newlin, pastor of the Oak Hill Friends Church, and Luther Medlin, field secretary of Christian Endeavor, delivered the principal addresses. A. C. Lovelace, Jr., led the inspirational song service. This meeting was well attended.

Last Monday the Woman's Auxiliary held its regular monthly meeting with Mrs. L .H. Zimmerman. Mrs. Lillie Green led the devotionals. The attendance at the Auxiliary

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meetings has been very good recently and the women of the church are delighted with the progress they are making on their budget. No projects are being undertaken this year, except for an occasional meal, and more time is being spent on the devotionals and programs. Practically all the budget was pledged at the beginning of the year.

On Sunday morning, September 25, Cale K. Burgess, Temperance secretary for the state, delivered a Temperance sermon at our church. He spoke interestingly on his subject and urged his listeners to lend their support to the efforts his associates are making against the sale and use of intoxicating drinks. At this same service officers for the coming year were elected. Miss Mary Louise Gibson was welcomed into our membership.

MRS. ROBERT DAVIS, Reporter.

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Seagrove Church, Seagrove-Love Joy Charge.—A large number of the descendants and friends of the late Peter and Anne Vuncannon met at Seagrove Methodist church Sunday, September 24. This service was held to renew social relationship between relatives and friends as well as to honor the departed ones.

When our new church was built here the children of this good couple installed a memorial window with the following names engraved: Peter Vuncannon, Anne Vuncannon, and Melton Vuncannon; also the dates of births and deaths and the slogan of Peter Vuncannon, "Prepare to meet thy God." Many of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren had never seen this window, so for this reason they had their reunion at this church. Then, too, Peter Vuncannon and family once lived in this community and he helped build the present Fairgrove church.

The program rendered was a short, impressive one. Devotional was in charge of Miss Xannie Stowe of High Point. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Vuncannon sang an old familiar hymn, then the grandchildren sang, and after that the great-grandchildren sang.

Mrs. Carrie Fogleman Nicholson made a short talk, dwelling much on the fine qualities of Mr. and Mrs. Vuncannon and the family in general. A story of their marriage and life was read by a granddaughter. A collection was taken and after expenses were taken out $11.08 was turned over to the church to help buy seats or to be used where needed most. This was unexpected to the people here but was greatly appreciated.

Last, but not least, the tables from the church dining room were carried and formed a long table near the church on the outside, and it was soon covered with delicious food. Everyone seemed to enjoy this, and I don't think anyone went away hungry.

After dinner the crowd assembled again in the church for a few minutes to hear three little girls sing. These children were on the morning program but arrived too late to sing before noon. They were the daughters of the former Miss Ruth Vuncannon, who is a granddaughter of Peter Vuncannon and daughter of Milton Vuncannon. We were glad to have these people in our church. We really felt it an honor for them to select our church as a place to hold their reunion and hope they will come back again.

Our pastor is conducting camp meeting at Love Joy with Rev. C. G. Isley as pulpit help this week. Some of our people attended services there Sunday.

MRS. NOAH WILLIAMS.

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Eden, Halifax Charge, Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr., Pastor.—The conference year is drawing to a close and we are looking forward to having Brother Howard with us another year.

In May we had a five day Leadership School conducted by Rev. Sydney R. Crumpton of Duke University. About twenty-five persons attended the school, twelve of whom qualified for certificates.

Our Easter and Children's Day programs were unusually good this year. We attribute the success of both to Mrs. R. G. Willey, Superintendent, and members of the Junior classes of Sunday school. The Sunday school has lost two very efficient members, Marjorie Willey, pianist and Hattie Mae Locke, teacher primary class. Our best wishes go with them. They have been faithful members since infancy. They are both in school, Marjorie in Greensboro and Hattie Mae in Raleigh.

The church yard and cemetery have been cleaned up and electric lights have been installed in the church and hut.

Our revival meeting began the first Sunday in August. We were fortunate in having Rev. J. C. Auman preach for us. The church and community have been greatly benefited by his deeply spiritual sermons.

The Ladies' Auxiliary, following the leadership of our most efficient president, Mrs. J. J. Burt, has had a very successful year. We have gone "over the top" in every undertaking.

It is indeed a pleasure to report the recovery of Mr. J. W. Hardee. Mr. Hardee was critically ill for a number of weeks. He is now able to walk again.

We of Eden church welcome the new regime with sincere hope and faith.

REPORTER.

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We are thankful for all these gifts of money and substance.

Please Remember

First, that we are having to close up our conference year almost a month earlier this year, so please get us another offering before conference if at all possible.

All moneys to get into our report at this conference should be in our hands by Tuesday, October 17. Conference meets on the 18th.

Second, this Home is to be supported next conference year by former Methodist Protestants just as in other years. So please plan to go right on with the work of getting a regular monthly offering just as you have been doing, except that we will have to do a bit better if the Home is to live and succeed.

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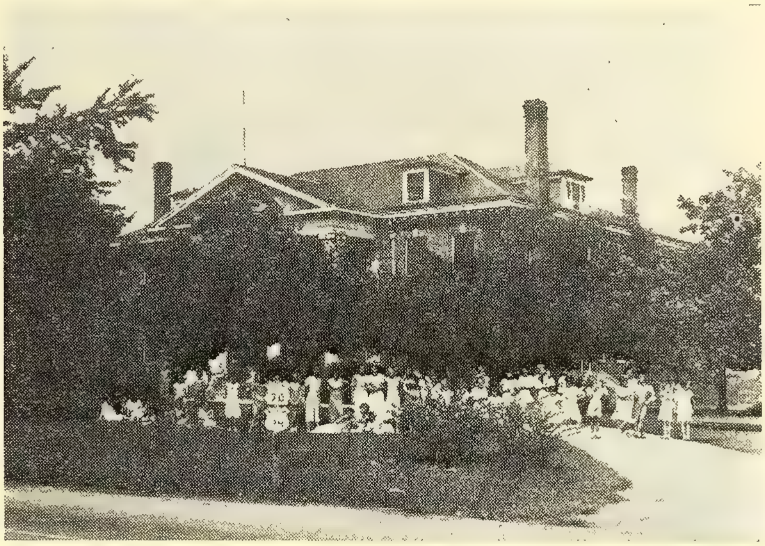

The only orphanage home of the Methodist Protestant Church is located at High Point, North Carolina. It was established by the Woman's Home Missionary Society of North Carolina upon the recommendation of Mrs. W. C. Hammer, president. The Home was opened in Denton, North Carolina, in 1910, with Mrs. Mabel Williams Russell as matron. Mrs. Russell received assistance almost immediately when Mrs. Etta Auman Austin arrived. The Home was transferred to High Point during August, 1913. Those taking a very active part in the establishment and maintenance of the Home at High Point included Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Welch who provided the land for the site and gave generously towards its purchase; the Reverend and Mrs. A. G. Dixon, J. R. Reitzel, A. M. Rankin, George T. Penny, J. C. Penny, and J. M. Millikan. The Home is the property of the North Carolina Conference, though endorsed in 1912, by the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. The Penny Building for Boys, not shown in the picture, was largely the gift of George T. and J. C. Penny. More than half of the annual operating cost of the Home is provided by voluntary offerings by the Sunday schools in the North Carolina Conference. J. M. Millikan has been chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Home throughout the life of the institution. A. G. Dixon is the present superintendent.

Further information about the subject of this picture will be found in "The History of the North Carolina Annual Conference," which is being prepared by Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, conference historian. The History will be off the press and first offered for sale at the Conference sessions in Greensboro. (Photograph provided by the Home).

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The Time Is Short

It is hardly necessary to remind any of our people of the fact that the conference year is rapidly drawing to a close and that what we do we must do quickly. This letter is being written this week on Wednesday morning and it is just two weeks until our conference meets in Grace Church, Greensboro, for the finishing up session and then we go into and organize the new conference. Let every pastor do his best to bring up everything in full and let churches cooperate to make this a good year.

The Eastern Pastors' Meet

On Thursday of last week I went to Littleton to meet with the pastors in the eastern part of the state. All of them with the exception of two were present. During the meeting each pastor reported the prospects for finishing up the year on his charge. In many cases the picture was not very bright. The boll weevil had badly damaged the cotton crop and then the tobacco holiday came along and made it impossible for the farmers to market their tobacco so things are in a bad way. Some pastors reported not having received half of their salary so far this year. Of course the situation will improve some when the market does open but in some cases it will be too late to get the best results. People who have not lived in the section where these money crops are raised have difficulty in realizing how adverse conditions effect the people. While down east I held conferences with the District Superintendents in the Rocky Mount and Durham districts in regard to the future of the work down there.

The Randleman Quarterly Conference

On Saturday afternoon of last week I held the fourth quarterly conference of the Randleman charge, Rev. C. L. Spencer, pastor. The churches on the charge were well represented and good reports were given. The charge has done decidedly better this year on World Service than in former years and a good showing has also been made on A. C. B. and Pastor's salary. In fact the salary is so nearly paid that it ought not to be much of a task to finish it up. The salary was fixed at the same figure for next year and the delegate was instructed to ask for the return of the same pastor for another year. Brother Spencer is one of our best workers and usually stays a good while on the charge.

A Sunday at Lincolnton

Last Sunday was spent with the Lincolnton charge, Rev. W. L. Harkey, pastor, with preaching at Lincolnton at 11 o'clock and quarterly conference in the afternoon. The attendance at the morning church services was cut some by the fact that an electric and rain storm descended just at the time for the service to begin. Those who were there for Sunday school had the advantage of the others in that they were already there, however, like it is at so many other places, not all of the Sunday school remained for the church services. But it was a pleasure to preach to this congregation in their nice auditorium. After dinner, in the home of the pastor, it was my privilege to baptize three of the pastor's children.

In the afternoon all three of the churches on the charge were represented at the quarterly conference with good reports. Here too, the salary is about paid with a good showing on most of the other interests. There was some discussion in regard to boundary changes for the new year and I was asked to confer with the District Superintendent in regard to the matter. One of the churches, Fairfield, is some twenty miles away from Lincolnton and could be served more economically from another charge closer by. It is likely that this will be done. Here, also the vote was strong for asking for the return of the same pastor for another year.

With the Cabinet Again

The entire day, Tuesday of this week, was spent in Statesville with Bishop Purcell and his cabinet in a serious discussion of the work for next conference year. The various proposed mergers were discussed and in most instances approved. The one question before all three of the former groups is that of finding a place for all of the men for the new year. But Bishop Purcell assures us that the new conference will make such adjustments as are necessary to find a place even if it has to make new places. In his interests the Bishop knows no difference between those of the former M. E. Church, South, and the other two former denominations. My opinion is that Methodism in Western N. C. is fortunate in having such a fair and impartial Bishop.

Some Good Reports

From time to time I have been asking pastors to furnish me with the information when their charges pay out on everything in order that I might put the name of the charge in a place of honor in the HERALD. So far no charge has reported everything paid in full, however, Rev. Earl Cook of the Friendship-Love's Grove charge and Rev. H. W. Bell of the Roberta church have sent in good reports with everything paid except in a very few instances. I hope they can finish the job.

Names of Delegates Not All In

A few days ago Dr. Bates sent me the name of the delegates to conference as had been sent to him. In this list there are several blank spaces, some of them from our best charges. Since the time is short I will have to communicate directly with the pastors. Next week I will have the list of conference committees ready but I want to get all of the names of delegates before making up the committees.

Appointments

Friday, October 6th, 7:30 p. m. Richland Q. C. at parsonage.

Saturday, October 7, Shiloh charge at Friendship church with preaching at 11 and Q. C. in afternoon.

Sunday, October 8, Alamance charge, Center at 11 and Sapling Ridge at 2:30 p. m.

Sunday, October 8, Glen Raven charge at Glen Raven church, preaching at 7 p. m. with Q. C. to follow.

Tuesday, October 11, 7:30 p. m. Q. C. at First Church, High Point.

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Message in Verse

"You can never tell what your thoughts may do
In bringing you hate or love;
For thoughts are things, and their airy wings
Are swifter than carrier dove.

"They follow the law of the universe,
Each thing must produce its kind;
And they speed o'er the track to bring you back
Whatever went out from your mind.

"Then let your secret thoughts be fair,
They have a vital part and share
In shaping worlds, and moulding fate;
God's kingdom is so intricate."

—*Author Unknown.*

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Rev. Charles Sharp, pastor of Chatham circuit, brought a good message to the congregation at West End Church last Sunday night. Brother Sharp is one of our young men yet unordained, but he gives promise of becoming a splendid preacher.

On another page we run through the courtesy of Pastor Way a cut of the M. P. Church at Kernersville. It has served the community and the denomination in a splendid way. Entertained the annual conference in a most hospitable manner several years ago. Has had in its membership some very fine people among them, Brother J. C. Roberts who gave vitality to the campaign for a college in North Carolina by pledging a gift of $10,000, the Linville family has been and is among the most substantial, dependable members in that Church. Pastor Way is now serving the Church his second year; Charlie is a good man and a very hard worker. The Church now appears under its new name, Cherry Street Methodist Church. A very good parsonage is on the same lot but does not appear in this picture.

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Proceedings of Thirty-Ninth Session of the North Carolina Conference, M. P. Church, Convened at Bess Chapel, Lincoln County, Wednesday, November 9, 1864

Conference sermon preached by Rev. J. L. Michaux, text, Luke 2:49. T. H. Pegram, president, presided. R. H. Wills was elected secretary, S. P. J. Harris, assistant.

The following ministers were present: T. H. Pegram, Alson Gray, W. H. Wills, C. F. Harris, A. W. Lineberry, A. C. Harris, J. Deans, Q. Holton, J. L. Michaux, K. Parker, R. R. Michaux, R. R. Prather, J. W. Heath, W. McB. Roberts, J. M. Waynick, J. R. Ball, J. C. Deans, W. C. Kennett, W. F. Gray, S. P. J. Harris, A. M. Lowe, R. H. Wills, J. M. Kennett, J. Ketchum, W. A. Lineberry, J. W. Naylor, F. S. Gladston, J. H. Gilbreath, J. A. Huggins, G. W. Hege, H. A. T. Harris, and J. H. Page.

The following laymembers were present: L. W. Batchelor, R. J. Vinson, and W. H. Jones from Halifax Charge.

Tar River Circuit, T. T. Thorne, B. T. Pittman, delegates.

D. B. Bell, Roanoke Charge.

J. B. Hicks, Dr. Horace Hester, R. W. Harris, Granville Charge.

Jas. B. Thompson, Orange Charge.

Berry Davidson, Alamance Charge.

O. U. Ward, Randolph Charge.

W. W. Amick and R. R. Hammer, Greensboro Charge.

L. Thacker, Haw River Charge.

W. D. Trotter and J. C. Roberts, Guilford Charge.

D. L. Mitchell, J. Rominger, Winston Charge.

B. Willis, Cleveland Charge.

A. J. Gill, Buncombe Charge.

J. C. McClure, J. Thomas, Catawba Charge.

Asheboro Charge, Green River Charge, and Davidson Charge did not have delegates present.

J. L. Michaux, Alson Gray and Q. Holton was the committee to examine candidates for elders orders. The characters of the ministers were passed.

The Superannuate Fund Society reported $2,873.19 in the treasury.

Such elementary matters engaged them as "no quarterly conference has the right to change an arrangement of the annual conference"; " all licenses to preach expire unless renewed annually," etc.

Much time was spent in conference sessions in the passage of the characters of the ministers, through reconsideration of the actions.

"The Watchman and Harbinger," appears to have been the name of a conference paper published at that time.

T. H. Pegram was re-elected president of the conference.

The Stationing Committee consisted of one laymen from each pastoral charge to act with the president of the conference.

Ai Church, near Oak Ridge, asked to be set off as a station.

Five hundred copies of the Minutes to be published in pamphlet form, was ordered.

The Church in Wilmington was sold, bringing $1,235.31.

One of the requirements for those entering the ministry then was "to be able to write legibly and to compose with a tolerable degree of correctness." It is most fortunate for many of us modern preachers that we have typewriters, if this rule is still to be enforced.

Rev. T. T. Wyche was the Fraternal messenger from the M. E. Church, South.

A set of resolutions was adopted urging members to try to attain unto full sanctification; to revive prayer and class meetings; to provide for the instruction of the servants in the land, either in public or in the home of their master's.

The conference voted to hold its next session at Enfield.

The salary of the president for the ensuing year was fixed at $3,200. But remember those were the days of an inflated currency; the Civil War was not yet over.

Rev. J. L. Michaux was elected editor of the *Watchman and Harbinger,* salary $4,000.

Q. Holton introduced a resolution that the North Carolina Conference be divided into Western and Eastern N. C. Conference; it rested on the table when conference adjourned sine die.

Twenty-two pastoral charges were reported with 8,880 members; of whom were 459 colored; thirty-four itinerant ministers; sixty-six unordained preachers.

There were received into full membership that year 1,517 members; expelled 10, 150 were deceased, 70 withdrew, etc., showing a net increase of 1,222. There were reported 13 Sunday schools with 139 scholars, 3 libraries with 100 volumes, 101 churches and 3 parsonages; the total value of all church property was $53,975.00.

It would be most interesting did we have the time, to trace the descendants of these ministers for they are well-known citizens of our state; the Wills family, the Michaux, the Grays, the Holton family, the Pages, the Harrises, the Kennetts and others. These men were heroic in their efforts to establish righteousness in the land. Their lots were cast in conditions so very different from ours of this day that it is difficult for us to appreciate them as we should.

IT ISN'T MY BUSINESS

No it isn't. My business is to raise the Conference claims on my own charge; which I am trying to do, with fair prospects of coming out in full. (One church lacks about $10.00 of being out, and will make it.)

But I am concerned about the total. I took some money to the Conference Treasurer last Monday. He is very much distressed. Not enough has come in to meet certain urgent claims. He is embarrassed, the individuals and Boards involved are in straits. And, what is as much to the point, we are going to make a mighty poor showing when the brethren of the other Conferences entering into this union come to study our statistics, as you may be sure they will, in the combined Minutes. There isn't much I can do about it. Except to do my best on my charge—and urge all the saints to be like minded.

C. W. Bates.

The President's Letter

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Wednesday, October 11, 7:30 p. m. Q. C., First Church, Burlington.

Saturday, October 14, 2 p. m. Q. C. at Canaan Church on North Davidson charge.

Wednesday, October 18, 10 a. m. Annual Conference, Grace Church, Greensboro.

J. E. Pritchard.

PASTORS, PLEASE NOTICE

I went to Salisbury yesterday afternoon for a meeting of the three Annual Conference Secretaries. We talked over the joint Journal that is to take the place of the three separate Conference Journals as heretofore printed. We found ourselves up against a good many difficulties; but we are trying to get around them as best we can. We need your help in some matters.

1. There is great need that we shall have the reports in —all of them—at the earliest possible date. We—the Methodist Protestant section—have asked that the reports be turned in on Wednesday afternoon, instead of Thursday. That means we won't be able to wait until late in the session, as some of the brethren have the habit of doing, before we turn our reports in. This is especially important as regards the numerical report. Let's be as accurate as we can. One of the Secretaries called our attention yesterday to the fact that the difference of five members one way or the other may determine whether we shall have one less or one more representative to the General Conference.

2. We are going to have to report our statistics separately this year. The information asked for by the three denominations is so different it will be impossible to combine much of it. Next year we shall probably have a new set of blanks which will call for the same items from all of us. I am sure we want these statistics to show up to the best advantage. We ought to make a desperate effort, even though we are working under severe handicaps, to make our financial showing satisfactory. Many of us, I fear, began too late. But we certainly need to do our very best.

3. No place is provided for it in the blank, but I think the Appreciation Year receipts ought to be reported. I am suggesting that you put it in your Financal Blank in the space for "Special Offerings." White "A. Y." in that space, and the amount raised in the column.

4. We shall have to omit, for lack of space in the combined Journal, a number of items we have been carrying. There will not be room for the Honor Roll. I am suggesting that it be compiled and printed in the Herald for the week after Conference. Then any one who wishes may paste it in the Journal for a permanent record.

5. Only one blank of each kind was sent out. There is some possibility we shall have to use the same set-up for our statistics for next year. I did not want to have another supply printed. I have enough on hand for another year if there is need for them. But the brethren can get extra copies, if they are needed, at Conference.

6. Still a few charges that have not paid for the 1938 Journals. I shall send out letters this week asking the brethren to send in their Journal money before Conference. If you get one, please do that.

C. W. Bates, *Secretary.*

Last Sunday was Rally Day and Promotion Day in West End Sunday school; there was a large attendance, and a good program was put on by the primary department. Church officers were also elected and installed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By **O. L. EASTER**

THE FORERUNNER OF THE KING

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, October 8

Lesson Text: Matthew 3:1-17.

Golden Text: Make ye ready the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Matthew 3:3.

John the Baptist is one of the most interesting characters in the story of mankind. More is told us about his birth and babyhood than concerning almost any other character in the Bible. And after that we know nothing at all until he emerges full grown out of the desert, preaching in the wilderness, not coming to the towns and cities to find a crowd, but drawing the eager multitudes away from the cities into the desert, by the force of his ideas, the power of his eloquence, and, above all, the Spirit of Almighty God upon him, which made those who listened to him believe that he was a messenger of heaven. The attention of the nation was as much arrested by his look as by his words. The lean form hardened by fasting; the flashing eye, full of living energy; the uncut Nazarite locks; the rough hair-cloth garment; the independence of much that other men hold needful; the thrilling herald voice, piercing like a sword to divide soul and spirit. It is no wonder, then, that the whole neighboring community of cities and towns was stirred and that crowds poured forth to hear and be baptized of him. His utter recklessness in proclaiming the truth whether to the unthinking crowd of peasants, or the rude soldiers, the formal Sadducees, the hypocritical Pharisees, or the guilty Herod on the throne makes him a heroic and vital character to the Christian. As, therefore, we observe this bold life we can readily endorse the declaration of the masters when he said that ''Among them that are born of women these hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist.''

His ministry served as a forerunner for the coming of Christ and we should know the characteristic of that ministry. The most notable perhaps is its fearless allegiance to the truth irrespective of the attitude and whims of the crowds to whom it was preached. John's passion was to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord and with such a holy and exalted personage in mind he had no homage left to give to the unholy life of Herod (though an earthly king) nor did the self-righteous pretense of the Sadducees and Pharisees command his consideration. Thus we hear John crying to Pharisee and Publican alike, ''Repent ye, for the Kingdom of heaven.'' John braved the danger of such preaching because he knew that if the Lord was to be able to come in the hearts of His people the way must be prepared by repentance on their part, whether Pharisee or sinner, king or peasant. He knew that he could not be true to his Lord nor to all men if he did not so preach. John the Baptist must still do his work today in the soul. Only when there has been repentance and confession of sin, which submission to John's baptism signified, is a sinner prepared to receive the Saviour. As one has expressed this truth, ''Only a broken-hearted sinner can receive a crucified Lord.'' The coming of the Lord has struck rough going in recent years because the all-important work of John has been neglected. As the church has moved out of the wilderness conditions to discard its cloak of camel's hair to the highly developed conditions of the twentieth century in which the church has put on the ermine cloak of ecclesiasticisms it has at the same time been tempted to discard the harsh sounding words of John which demanded repentance.

It is, however, a mistake on the part of the modern day preacher to suppose that the world is unwilling to hear an earnest and positive sermon that demands all of the vital processes of true Christianity. Experience today proves that more people go to hear that than any other kind. Jesus admitted this when He said to the crowd one day, ''What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind?'' Notice the irony in the Lord's question, ''What went ye into the wilderness to see?'' that is, ''ye took long a journey, ye were at great pains to see John, ye left your homes and went into the wilderness—for what? to see some frail reed shaken by the wind? to see some cultured preacher give a book review? It is as if the Lord had said that if John were such you would not have gone out to see him. John himself was a little surprised to see that even Scribes and Pharisees had come out to hear sermons on repentance (of all things). He exclaimed in wonder, ''Ye generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?'' Close observation of all classes of people will show us that the heart of man, which the moralist tells us is so pure and excellent, will not stand the light of day. It is not pure though dressed in rich attire or concealed under the long robes of Pharisaism, but rather it is corrupted and polluted and restless. This truth is confirmed by the presence of all these classes at John's baptism. There was yet something that their souls wanted and they came to see if John could give it to them. He could not, but his ministry was able to point them to one who could. ''Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.'' Is not this the work of every true witness of Christ today? To stir men's hearts to seek through repentance what their souls lack and then to point them to Christ. We must use our friendship, our business relations and all our association with men as suspension bridges over which Jesus Christ may walk into their hearts and lives. ''Make ye ready the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'' What nobler, grander work can any man do than that?

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ARE YOU VISITING GREENSBORO CONFERENCE SUNDAY?

The ladies of Grace Church will provide coffee and tables free for those who wish to come to Conference on Sunday and bring their own lunch. You will appreciate this courtesy when you realize that there will be thousands of Methodist visitors here and the eating places filled to overflowing. Meals will NOT be served at the church on Sunday.

YOUTH AND CHURCH LOYALTY

There is no more urgent problem before the Christian church than that of securing and holding the loyalty of its members. At no point in its life is this need more apparent than where it touches youth. If the church of Christ is to be what its Founder and the Lord intended it to be—a vital missionary force for the kingdom of God—it must win the loyalty of youth.

Let us remember that Christ is the object of Christian love and loyalty; that loyalty to the church of Christ is a derived loyalty, only rich and powerful as that from which it springs is virile. If we can indicate what creates and maintains loyalty to Christ and are able to follow lines calculated to do that we will do much to solve the problem. What are the roots of loyalty in the human soul? Is it not clear that loyalty to a person or a movement initiated and controlled by that person arises when an individual has been profoundly touched by that person? Putting that in Christian terms, it means that one root of loyalty to Christ is in a life transforming experience through Him. When He touches and changes life, then that life tends to love Him in a loyal, consistent way. Boiling it down to a matter of practical approach to youth, it means we must first give them Christ in all His power. No substitute can be permitted here if the church is to live for and serve God. Straight to the center of the soul's need we must go with Christ—bring Him with all His loving power to become the center of the new life. If we compromise or equivocate here we will lose in our quest for youth. Christ is our message—and Christ alone we have to offer.

This is vastly more than a vain platitude. It has implications of lasting significance. Christ is Saviour; He frees from the bondage of sin. Christ is the herald of the kingdom of God, and He calls all men to citizenship in it through the door of personal regeneration. Interest is aroused when out of the confusion of life a clear, compelling purpose emerges; and when purpose comes to the soul it unifies; it simplifies, and it transforms so that in the triple experience of the touched heart a new treasure is discovered, a new dominant loyalty arises and the personality s won in deathless allegiance to the kingdom of God. Thus is loyalty born in the heart of man. Now if that loyalty is to grow there must be unqualified surrender to its object. The cost of loyalty must be paid by the life that would know its rewards. There is a baptism of fire coming to him who would be loyal to Christ. From this youth must not shrink. From it the church must not seek to protect it.

It is a sad day for the church of Christ when we begin to lower the standard demanded of its members. We do ill service to youth when we make it appear easy to be a Christian. We must urgently call youth to heroic, creative, yet unconscious sacrifice. Again and again we must lead the way before youth in full, glad surrender to the costly way of Christ. Our generation must give a genuine demonstration of loyalty to Christ in every field of life—demonstrations in life rather than in sermons in words. An ounce of action is worth a ton of talk. Unmoved by our studied eloquence, rich in Christian lore, youth will be profoundly touched when it sees us with a cross upon our backs laboring for Christ in our time. The cry of youth is for reality; let us of the church of Christ give it in living terms. Let us be pioneers in the unconquered fields of paganism all about us. Let us dare to raise the banner of Christ in our own lives, measuring them without self-pity in the scales of Christian righteousness. Let us suffer our offending eyes to be plucked out or our sinning hands to be cut off rather than for our whole lives to be plunged into spiritual oblivion. When we begin to do that, youth will begin to listen to our preachments! It will pause in its mad rush for pleasure and listen to the living secret of our courage. It will be startled into a new inquiry concerning the source of this higher righteousness they have seen lived out before them.

Friends in Jesus Christ, there is no other technique than this by which we may win from youth the loyalty to Christ we so greatly covet. This is the price we must now pay and continue to pay if youth is to bow in loyalty to Him who is our only Hope.

To the hosts of youth the world around let this be said: Everything you need, everything you should and ought to be and have, Christ is and can make possible. Let there be no doubt of this—the church of Christ is the missioner of an abundant life you greatly need—without which your life will be, in the highest sense, a failure. The church needs the verve, the vision, the courage, and the enthusiasm of youth. It needs the capacity to abandon one's self to a great adventure which is the genius of youth. At home and abroad, in city, village, and rural hamlet the call to service is heard—the fields are white unto the harvest and the laborers are few. The ranks of the Christian ministry call to youth for dedication of life to its holy task. Field after field of volunteer service stretches out before young men and women today in the interest of Christ's kingdom. Door after door, long closed to the gospel message, has by the hand of God been flung open to our generation. We are still under the compelling command of our ascended Lord, "Go ye into all the world"—our mark is still to be a sent people. Christ is calling youth to serve His church—to spread far and wide the gospel of grace, and where it has been planted to cultivate and produce abundant fruitage in the things of the spirit. Out of every walk of life our Lord would have consecrated youth go to pioneer for the kingdom's sake. The complex social issues of our time will only yield in solution to men of good will who in Christ have found the goal of human history. The major problems of our time await the solvent of fervent action under the power of the Holy Spirit. To make this solvent an actual factor is the challenge that Christ and His church lay before youth.

Let us bring this matter, finally, very close to each heart. A traveler in the Alps once came upon a village in which a strange custom prevailed. Centuries before a great church had been built by the Duke who lived near the village. The beautiful old church had been built without lamps, but to each person in the village the Duke supplied a torch which they took with them to church and lighted as they entered. As one by one they entered the church the glow of their torches spread until the whole church was filled with light.

Here and there over the audience the traveler saw a dark spot—for someone had stayed away from this Church of the Lighted Lamps. So today in the church of God—if Christ's church is to be as a light to the world—as the center of a radiance streaming out into a world plunged into the night of sin and despair, it will only be as one by one we light our torches and take our places of witness in the church Christ loved and gave Himself for. Let us say:

"Just as I am, Thine own to be,
Friend of the young, who lovest me,
To consecrate myself to Thee,
O, Jesus Christ, I come.
Just as I am, young, strong, and free,
To be the best that I can be,
For truth, and righteousness, and Thee,
Lord of my life, I come."

Rev. Elbert Paul, B.D., in *Biblical Recorder.*

BETTER PARENTHOOD WEEK

Religious and social organizations will take active part in the national observance of Better Parenthood Week, October 23 through 29, according to plans made public this week by George J. Hecht, publisher of Parents' Magazine and chairman of the nation-wide committee sponsoring Better Parenthood Week.

"With America one of the few nations in which parents can still be reasonably certain of keeping their children under their own guidance, we feel that programs planned for this week will have an unusually thoughtful and receptive audience. The threat to humanitarian principle, which war always brings, makes paramount the need for more thoughtful guidance in the moral and spiritual development of children," Mr. Hecht explained. "Religious leaders are particularly urged to join in the national program for observance of Better Parenthood Week and deliver, not only on the Sabbath but during all this week, sermons or messages that will influence the thinking of parents in their communities."

Better Parenthood Week is a project which has grown in two years to become one of our great national observances. Churches, Sunday schools, Parent-Teacher Associations, women's clubs, schools and consumer groups are urged by the Better Parenthood Week Committee to take part in the programs of this week which will be devoted to the needs of youth today and the necessity for parents to intelligently understand child problems and deal wisely in the rearing and training of their children.

Church organizations, clubs and other groups, arranging programs to tie-in with the national observance of Better Parenthood Week, may secure a complete plan for suitable programs and other helps from the Better Parenthood Week Committee at 52 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York City, states Mr. Hecht, chairman.

The need for national observance of this week is summarized by Faith Baldwin, famous author and member of the Better Parenthood Week Committee, who writes that, "There has never been a time in history when the welfare of children was not vitally important to any country. It seems even more important now, if that is possible. Certainly I know of no era—not even that of 1914 to 1918—when the youth of the world was as important to the community. In these troubled times many of us are asking ourselves what heritage we have to offer our children. Surely, we cannot promise them the peace and security and happy forward-looking to realized ambitions which our parents promised us! It seems to me that anything which can be accomplished in educating parents to their responsibilities, in giving children as much of their rightful due as possible, is of incalculable benefit to the country itself."

The national significance of Better Parenthood Week will be augmented in the many states by proclamations from state governors who urge state-wide observance of the national movement. Honorable Edwin C. Dawson, acting for the Governor of the State of Kentucky, in a proclamation this week, urged all religious and social organizations in Kentucky to make child health and parenthood their special topics for discussion during that week. Better Parenthood Week has similarly been endorsed by the Governors of many states who praise this national movement as an opportunity for parents to inform themselves concerning modern methods of dealing with child problems.

The national program for Better Parenthood Week will begin with a luncheon meeting in New York City on October 23, at which time outstanding leaders in parent education and child guidance will bring important messages to parents everywhere in America. Speakers on this occasion will be Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt; Mrs. Ethel Nourse Rogers, Representative from Massachusetts; Dr. E. A. Gilmore, President of Iowa State University; and Mrs. Clara Savage Littledale, Editor of Parents' Magazine. The program will be broadcast over N. B. C. on a coast-to-coast network. Other radio programs and events will be announced later.

The U. S. Children's Bureau also is cooperating with the Better Parenthood Week Committee and Katharine Lenroot, Chief of the Bureau, in endorsing this national project writes that, "It seems to me this is an excellent time to call to the attention of the country in this special way the opportunities open to parents for more adequate facilities for the care and protection of children, through the cooperation of many different groups and organizations. The job of parenthood is concerned not only with providing the best possible conditions in the child's own home, but also reaches out into the community, the State and the Nation."

Among the nationally famous persons on the committee sponsoring Better Parenthood Week and arranging suitable programs for its observance are: Mr. George J. Hecht, Publisher of Parents' Magazine and Chairman of the Committee; Angelo Patri, educator and author; Dr. Arnold Gesell, Director, Clinic of Child Development, Yale University; Miss Faith Baldwin, famous author; Dr. Allan Roy Dafoe, physician to the Dionne Quintuplets; Dr. Lillian M. Gilbreth, author of "Living With Our Children"; Mrs. Dorothy Canfield Fisher, American Youth Commission; Dr. George D. Stoddard, Director, Iowa Child Welfare Research Station; Dr. Grace Langdon, U. S. Government Specialist of Nursery Schools, Parent Education and Homemaking; Mrs. Sidonie M. Gruenberg, Director, Child Study Association of America; Mrs. Paul Rittenhouse, Director, Girl Scouts, Inc.; Dr. James

E. West, Chief Scout Executor, Boy Scouts of America; Dr. Malcolm MacLean, Dean of the General College, University of Minnesota; U. S. Senator Capper; Frederick L. Redefer, Executive Secretary, Progressive Education Association; Dr. Lester F. Scott, National Executive, Campfire Girls, Inc.; Dr. Douglas Thom, Director of Habit Clinic for Child Guidance; and Harriet Ahlers Houdlette, American Association of University Women.

"Religious organizations and other groups who plan to follow the governor's suggestions and make child health and better parenthood subjects for discussion at their meetings during October 23 through 29 are invited to write the Better Parenthood Week Committee at 52 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York City, for material for such discussions," states Mr. Hecht.

GOODBYE!

Sometimes we say this word with the thought of meeting again, and there is no sadness connected with it; but when we say goodbye for the last time there is always a thought of sadness that cannot be expressed in words. So to say goodbye to the HERALD is sad for we shall only see it again in the future in the good things that it has helped us to do and the help to us in making our lives better.

Beginning with the first issue of *Our Church Record*, back before entering the itinerancy, I have never missed a copy. What hallowed memories it brings as I think of the past years and those who have contributed to its columns. I have always realized that the church paper was a pastor's helper, and always did my best to get the membership of the churches I served to subscribe and read it. I have never deviated from that path whether the Editor pleased me or not.

One of the pleasant memories is of asking my congregation one Sunday morning if they could supply me with an assistant pastor. The charge was not paying a living salary at the time. They looked at me like they thought, "He is as crazy as he looks." Then I explained that it would only cost them two dollars per family extra. That if they did not have the money I would vouch for them—subscribe to the HERALD! That relieved the tension. We soon had our quota. Always paid our subsidy after that was put in, and have always raised the quota of subscribers. Another thing: that charge that was only paying one thousand dollars soon went to fourteen hundred. I believe reading the church news had much to do with the raises I have always gotten, for unless I fail this year, it will be the first charge I have ever served that did not increase the salary. Find out that your brethren are doing the impossible and it will always increase your faith, and we get that in the church paper.

I have written many articles during this year for the HERALD. Some of them have been severely criticized, others commended, but that is all in the past. I have been reading the *Advocate* now regularly for nearly a year, and I expect to push that interest just as much as I have the other papers during these years. It will come natural to talk church literature as I have kept it up through the years.

To Dr. McCulloch's memory I feel incompetent to add anything in words to his illustrious life. What it has meant to all of us former Methodist Protestants! He lived to see the accomplishment of much for which he had sacrificed. To the other men who have labored to keep the HERALD going, I take off my hat.

Goodbye HERALD! Your work has not been a failure by any means. You have helped us to get ready for larger usefulness. May we all prove faithful to this trust. There are other things that have made this writer feel sad. One was the thought of giving up intimate relations which have grown dearer through the years. But since living up here among as fine a set of Methodist ministers as walk the globe today, I have learned of their consecration and sincerity and the cordial way in which I have been received has dissipated that sad thought to a large degree as I realize that I am among real brethren. So as we enter the larger fellowship with no friends lost, we trust, and these treating us better than we deserve, new ones gained, I gird myself anew for the few years that remain with a firmer faith in God, hoping that great grace my rest upon us all, and that greater victories may come to a greater UNITED METHODISM!

N. G. BETHEA.

"OPEN YOUR MOUTH, OLE HOSS"

It was in a committee room during the session of my annual conference. Several other old-like ministers were seated and talking of the possibility of being superannuated. Suddenly with the dash and ease of an athlete a large clergyman came in with two others, he paused for a moment, then said, "Ah, here they are." He came to me first and said, "Open your mouth, ole hoss," and somehow without hesitation I obeyed the command. He put his unwashed finger in my mouth and speaking as to himself said, "Ah yes, his molars are very well worn, wisdom teeth gone, bicuspids decaying, the frontal incisors have been often repaired." Then going to my friend, Rev. Mr. D., he went through practically the same inspection, and when he had examined all of us, he turned to the two clergymen with him and said, "I think we will recommend all of these men for the superannuate relation at this conference. There is Mr. B, and that was me, his wisdom teeth are no more, his molars are worn down to the gums, his bicuspids are of but little use in mastication, and the condition of his frontal incisors convince me his ennunciation is seriously affected." Turning to me he said, "Here Mr. B. let me hear you sound p. b. m. f., ah, that will do. Yes, we will recommend them for superannuation."

My resentment was kindled against them, and I arose and said, "Do you men mean to say that the condition of a preacher's molars and incisors are to determine his status in the pastorate? Why I'll get me a new set of teeth at once. Listen to me brethren," I continued, "My health is splendid, I can drive my car all right, I have averaged this year in my visits to my people at least three calls a day for every day in the year. I can prepare a sermon with greater ease than when I entered the ministry; my congregations are good; I have raised all claims and there is nothing against my character. Why this is high handed. If ever I have been of service to my church I am now able to render acceptable service to the type of pastorates I serve."

The other pastors arose and began to insist that they were wrongly judged, that the real test of service had not yet been invoked. But the examiner, who was also the spokesman for his committee, waived us silent and said, "Sorry, ole gents, if you are displeased with our recommendation, but you will have to admit the facts of bad teeth won't you? I will therefore recommend that all of you be superannuated, and of course it will be done. Good day." With a flourish and a dash he passed into the main auditorium. Amazed at such treatment, I could hardly move out of my tracks, but did manage to move towards the door to the street and there one of the young fellows met me and said, "Oh Mr. B., I was just looking for you, I understand that you will superannuate and I am to be pastor of Middle Creek Circuit next year. please let me have some information." I must have stormed at the intruder for my wife shook me real hard and said, "Why husband, what in the world is the matter?" "Oh," I said, "I have had a terrible dream." But when I told it all to her, she said to me with a sad, but knowing look in her eyes, "It was terrible, but I hope it is only a dream."

A MINISTER.

A MESSAGE FOR A TROUBLED CHURCH

The Revelation of St. John the Divine

By PAUL D. LEEDY

Critical observers of contemporary international affairs are seeing a striking similarity between the events of today and those of 1914. In Christian living another analogy has been making itself felt, events paralleled by nearly the gap of the life of the Christian church. We are today of a Christendom that is being assailed and persecuted in a striking manner. As was the case with the early church, our faith is clouded by despair, reeking with the blood of persecution, and under a canopy of pessimistic lethargy. We are the people who walk in darkness and need to see a great light.

The church of the present day needs to see the shaft of light that shone clear and pure through the blackout of ancient Christian despair. It came from the island of Patmos, where an old man who knew God and lived among the eternal verities of the world could see the shadow of the Almighty, and feel again the continual strength of the everlasting arms. To a church persecuted and ravished, and to a people whose faith was being smothered beneath the iron fist of Rome, came this assurance of the ultimate triump of righteousness, this revelation for the eternal nature of God. We need this message now. Under the cryptic mosaic of its exterior, it holds a word of hope for a troubled church, a church not unlike the one to which the message was first written. The Revelation of St. John the Divine should give us today the awareness that we are even now more than conquerors through Him who overcame the world.

The more we inspect its elaborate symbolism, the more we allow its beauty and significance to grow into our consciousness, the more it becomes a beacon of confidence amid the sullen seas of hopeless pessimism, a shaft of light in a God-forsaking world. The book was written for an age like this!

Picture the Roman provinces of Asia in the last decades of the first century. Dotted throughout these provinces were the seven principal churches of early Christendom. The Roman Levant was opulent and prosperous. The crossroads of the empire was here, and Caesar was being worshiped in every great center as a god. Those who refused to participate in the oblations were at first socially ostracized and later brutally punished. It was totalitarianism first persecuting the Christian church. As time went on, the price for faith in God became more and more exacting until, under the reign of Nero, the unspeakable tortures to the Christians of the early church form one of the goriest chapters of all history.

It was out of blood and persecution and the darkness of Sheol that this letter of hope, enunciating faith in the ultimate triumph of good, was written. The ornate tapestry of symbolical language which covers the message in the letter was intentional. It had meaning for those who knew its cryptic code. To the member of an early church who thought of their new faith in vivid symbolical equivalents, it spoke eloquently. It meant nothing to the profane. John on Patmos, like Niemoeller in prison, yearned to send a message that would strengthen the hearts and fortify the determina-of those of the early church who might be tempted to fail in the crucial hour. What an analogy between the situation in which this letter was written and the contemporary world!

The final book of the Bible still has power to quicken fainting hearts. Take it, sit down quietly with it, and read it over again and again. Let its beautiful symbolism, the mystical expression of the Oriental mind, grow upon you. The seven points of light in a dark and pagan world were the seven churches of Asia. And in the very center of these lesser lights was the regal and majestic personage of "one like unto the Son of man," whose countenance was "as the sun shineth in his strength." Where else do we get a divine portrait of the Christ like this? Read it; forget its materialism and literalism, and in the beauty of its symbolism interpret it in the light of its spiritual implications for the church of Christ among men.

The key to the book is hidden in the thirteenth chapter and the eighteenth verse: "Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six." It will be recalled that the ancient peoples used letters to designate numerical values. The Roman numerals that have survived to the present day are our best example. Now, here is the interesting fact of this verse: if Nero Caesar be written in Hebrew and the letters be given their numerical values, the total value is six hundred sixty-six! In similar manner the beast that rose up "out of the sea" is a graphic portrayal of Rome. Take a map and look at its geographical location and it will be readily apparent what a wonderfully powerful and realistic metaphor the writer of the Apocalypse has used. To those who read into the book with the aid of simple critical helps, the significant symbolism will make the message clear. The white horse represents, of course, the victorious Christ; the red horse is the personification of revolution, war, and civil strife; the rider of the black horse is Famine; while finally come Pestilence and Death riding upon a "pale horse." The blood "under the altar" is vividly descriptive of the actual persecution of the early Christians; while the "feet like unto fine brass" are at once suggestive of the stability and strength of the gospel. Those who know their Gibbon will at once recognize that the allusion to the beast with ten horns refers to the Roman Empire with its ten emperors. Obviously, a knowledge of Roman history aids limitlessly in reading the Revelation intelligently. Alpha and Omega, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, represent the first and last of all things, eternity, boundless and infinite. The eagle was symbolically the messenger of doom, and smoke appropriately represented the befogging nature of false doctrine.

This is only a very elementary gloss to the reading of the letter. He who reads wisely will not quibble too much about the exact interpretation of every allusion; there are places, in this divinely inspired work of a lonely saint to a discouraged church where several interpretations are possible, and time alone has the perfect answer. Always, however, shining like a star of first magniture, one truth is inevitably enunciated: Christ and His kingdom will ultimately be victorious over all forms of falsehood and evil! This is the book's universal message, and one that a faltering church needs in this modern age of doubt.

And now sit down with this great letter as you would sit down before a beautiful piece of Oriental tapestry, filled with significant scenes of trees and dragons, beasts and streams, and ponder its meaning, not critically and scholastically, but simply and yearningly. Drink of its beauty of language and sincerity of faith and the book of the Revelation of St. John the Divine will challenge you as it did the early Christians to live a more courageous life, and to see with a clearer vision the Christ Victorious.—*Zion's Herald.*

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

We welcome you as official delegates to the final session of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, to convene in Grace Church, Greensboro, Wednesday, October 18, 1939. This message is important, therefore, please read every word of it.

FIRST, there will be a great concourse of Methodists in Greensboro at that time. Three conferences with more than a thousand official members will be running simultaneously until merged on Friday evening. In view of the tremendous crowd to be entertained we are asking two things, namely: first, that ministers and delegates bring no additional persons with them for us to entertain as we cannot assume responsibility for entertainment of persons other than official members of the conference; and secondly, that ministers and delegates who live within a radius of twenty miles of Greensboro travel to and from conference daily.

SECONDLY, meals will be served at Grace Church during the week days of conference. The thousands of Methodist visitors to the city will of necessity crowd all eating places. Our ladies will serve you excellent meals at a reasonable price. We urge you to cooperate by purchasing a season meal ticket for the entire week.

THIRDLY, a luncheon for wives of ministers will be served in a private dining room at Grace Church, Wednesday, October, 18, at 12:30 o'clock for forty cents per plate. Those who wish to attend are asked to drop a card stating same to Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll, Greensboro.

FOURTHLY, a letter with the above facts is being sent to every minister and lay delegate. If you fail to receive your letter will you write a card to Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, 222 N. Edgeworth St., Greensboro, and give the answer to the following questions: Do you wish us provide lodging for you? When will you arrive? With whom do you wish to room? Will you be driving your car? What charge do you represent? What is your name?

Grace Church Entertainment Committee.

A CITY WITHOUT CHURCHES

By A. C. HOFFMAN

A city without churchgoers would be like a railroad without engines—nothing to make things go, according to a Pennsylvania newspaper.

A neighborhood in which no church people lived might not be a very desirable section of town.

A city without church would receive a great deal of advertising of the wrong kind.

It would be selfish, and there would not be a single hospital or any welfare organization in the interest of humanity.

Half of the population would be afraid of the other half. The motto of such a city would be "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth," or "Do the other fellow before he does you." It would be a place where might makes right. If somebody suggested "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," the people who heard him would think he was crazy.

How would you like to live in a place like that?

Is it too much to say that those who have no time for church are doing all they can to bring about such conditions? This is what neglect amounts to.

Every civic blessing was brought about, is directed, and kept going by the church.

As a class member are you doing your share to make the church count for still more in your community?

FOURTH QUARTERLY CONFERENCE, KERNERSVILLE-SOUTH WINSTON CHARGE

The Fourth Quarterly Conference for the Kernersville-South Winston charge will be held in the Kernersville church Saturday, October 14, beginning at 2:30 p. m. It is the desire of the pastor that all the official members of the five churches be present, and we urge all others who can do so to attend the conference. The business will be, reports; election of alternate delegate; instructing delegate concerning a pastor for next year; miscellaneous matters.

C. B. WAY, *Pastor.*

Four boys were received into Church membership last Sunday at West End; others are expecting to join before conference.

MISSIONARY COLUMN

MRS. J. ELWOOD CARROLL, Editor
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A LETTER FROM CHINA

Dear Friends:

Three weeks after reaching Kalgan we passed over into the New Year. It seemed that we were ready for anything and began the work eagerly.

During the first few days of the year a long country trip seemed in place. We went to Hsi Ho Ying, visiting other churches en route. It was wonderful to be driving Green Glory again, and in an hour's time go from one church to the next. Such a distance used to take nearly a day by mule cart.

The territory around Hsi Ho Ying and Shui Cruan is now very dangerous on account of an unprecedented number of bandits. With their night raids they make life very uncertain for the village people.

In Lien Hua Shih (Lotus Pool) we have the nucleus of a church. They have a little chapel in the home of Mrs. Yu. One night bandits came to this village, killing and looting. The Christians were at Mrs. Yu's home praying. Although people were kidnapped from houses on both sides, and although Mrs. Yu's yard was more prosperous-looking than many others, yet no bandits even so much as knocked on the door.

Since March 1, we have made two other short country trips: one to An Chia Pu, and one to Shan Nan Shan. Rev. Mr. Soderbom went on the trip to An Chia Pu, as there were some to be baptized. We had a happy time going out there, filling Green Glory with evangelists and children. Lunch was taken from Kalgan, and after the regular morning service we all had tasty Chinese food together. Then dividing into teams, we held baptismal services in two villages nearby. Reuniting, we returned to Kalgan that evening, thankful that we were permitted to visit those friends and welcome new ones into the church.

The village school at Shan Nan Shan has been closed. Old Mr. Li wanted an evangelist to open up a special class for the children in the church. We took Mr. Kung up and took advantage of the occasion to summon the village people for a meeting. Mr. Li is still earnest for the Lord and supports this work himself.

One of the most important matters coming before the Mission this quarter was in regard to some special training for our evangelists before we enter Church Union. Many of them have little training, so we decided upon an Institute to be held in two sections. Thus, while one group studies, the other can care for the work. Already one group—those with less training—are with us. They are working earnestly, as a result of this study will help determine their standing in the new Annual Conference.

There will be special speakers also and we are hoping for a real revival. Although these last two years have somewhat deepened the spiritual experience of many, yet just now there are so many trials of daily occurrence, the church is in grave danger of being overcome.

In the country the people are suffering much from unsettled conditions and the increase of banditry. In many places they seldom have a night of rest without some disturbance. In the city, food stuffs are more expensive daily. Our evangelists received a substantial increase in salary from January 1, but even so, the high cost of living seems to be winning the race.

The pressure of constant rumors and threats, and the struggle to make ends meet, continue to "wear" upon our people. Powers of endurance are greatly needed by both Chinese and missionaries. Truly it is a time when the church at home should help us in prayer. Our God is able. Almost daily He is helping His children in a special way. Let us rejoice before Him.—Margaret and Horace Wiliams, in the Missionary Record, October.

BOOKS FOR THE SEMINARY

I have received a good report concerning the project in which the men of the North Carolina Conference and the women of the North Carolina Branch are cooperating; that is obtaining books for the Seminary. But the report comes from the men only, and, as someone has said, "the women's part of the campaign hasn't seemed to get up much steam." Do you like to take the dust from the car ahead of you on a country road? I do not. But that's what we seem to be doing, figuratively speaking.

I am asking that our Auxiliaries begin at once to send in money for books; not waiting until the Herald ceases to assist us or the winter comes with its bad roads.

We are asking each Auxiliary to give $5 or more toward this project. Give it as a "special." I am going to start the column of figures in the Herald. Please follow with your contributions as soon as possible. I am wondering who will be next.

MRS. GEO. R. BROWN,
Secretary of Education;
MRS. C. W. BATES,
Chairman of Districts.

P.S.—Since writing the above, word comes that a member of one of our Auxiliaries is giving a number of acceptable books. It may be that others can do the same. If you have such books, let us know what they are.

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Clothing and Other Gifts

Concord, Saxapahaw, one coat for a girl. This should have been reported two weeks ago.

Where you have canned fruits and vegetables and other produce ready for the Children's Home, please bring or send it if there is passing, or if convenient. If you cannot get it to us, then please hold it until after conference, gather it at some one place, and help us to so plan it as to make just as few trips as possible.

Please Note

We will have only two or three more copies of the Herald through which to write you about the Children's Home. After that we must get our messages to you in some other way. Pastors and Sunday school superintendents will please tell the people in their churches and Sunday schools that former Methodist Protestants are expected to support this Children's Home for one more conference year, and help them to plan for it. It will take a fine spirit of cooperation to do this without the Herald. But we will do this for the sake of these children here, and because of our love for the work.

The General Conference will meet next May, but we cannot change the plans of financing the Children's Homes in the middle of the year. So it is being planned that

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FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Glen Raven Charge, Rev. Joseph Coble, Pastor.—The Glen Raven revival meeting with Mr. J. R. Anderson of the Mt. Hermon charge conducting the services, came to a very satisfactory conclusion about two weeks ago. There were six conversions, and one new member was taken into the church. The women of Glen Raven are preparing to make the final payment on the furnace installed last year. The Christian Endeavor society has just completed a fall outfit for the child they support at the Children's Home. Our parsonage, which has needed a new roof for some time, has received a new covering of green asphalt shingles.

The Fairview church on this charge has just completed a two-week revival meeting, with Rev. B. O. Merritt of Graham in charge. This was a union meeting of Berea Christian church, New Salem (former M. E.) and our Methodist church, Fairview. Rev. L. L. Parrish, pastor of New Salem, led the singing.

The Haw River young people's organization is still going strong with regular meetings each week. They are planning to attend Homer Rodeheaver's recital next Monday night.

This charge is expecting to meet its financial obligations by conference. New officers in all three churches are being elected this week. Our last quarterly conference will be held Sunday, October 8, with Dr. J. E. Pritchard in charge. Mr. J. L. Stanley of the Fairview church is our delegate to conference.

Alamance Charge.—I feel that my charge has deserved more publicity this year than it has received from the reporters. This fact, I hope, will justify a brief report from the pastor.

With the exception of the time spent at the Uniting Conference, I have met all appointments, attended all Sunday schools, met with several women's auxiliaries, conducted a number of funerals, and held four protracted meetings. In the meantime I have given special attention to the sick, to the afflicted, and to the aged and infirm. While in Kansas City my appointments were filled by Rev. A. O. Lindley, who is a very fine product of our Center church. He is one prophet who is highly esteemed by his own people. I am deeply grateful to him for the services rendered.

For reasons which are not easily understood by me, my special meetings were not as successful as I had hoped. Any failure to reach the desired goal cannot be charged against the brethren who did the preaching for me. They were instant in season and out of season. They preached the gospel of repentance and regeneration; they exhorted the sinner to flee the wrath to come, and they plead with the backslider to return to the Father's house. When I name these preachers, my brethren will agree with me when I say no better preachers are to be found in our conference: Rev. Edwards Suits at Sapling Ridge, Rev. T. J. Whitehead at Center, his old home church; Rev. Oscar L. Easter at Bethel, and Rev. Aubert M. Smith at Rock Creek. Thank you, brethren, for services well rendered.

The following material improvements have been made: Rock Creek has installed beautiful electric lights and paid for them. Center has erected a vestibule to the church at a cost of several hundred dollars, and installed folding doors between the auditorium and the Sunday school rooms. These have been paid for. Bethel has erected a new chimney and painted the interior of the Sunday school rooms. The women of the Sapling Ridge church have bought and paid for a fine pulpit Bible. All of the churches contribute to the Children's Home.

We have enjoyed being associated with the fine people of this charge this year. They have been gracious to us, and they have dealt kindly with us. We are grateful to them, and our prayer is that a kind Heavenly Father will bless them above anything they can possibly think or ask.

GEO. R. BROWN, Pastor.

Bethany Church, Randolph Charge, Rev. H. L. Isley, Pastor.—Officers for the coming year were elected at the preaching service Sunday morning. The following were elected: Superintendent, Miss Swanna Baldwin; assistant superintendent, Wade Kinley; secretary and treasurer, Percy Julian; class leaders, D. T. Gaster and Swanna Baldwin; trustees, Wade Routh, John Julian, C. T. Redding, Wade Kinley, and Clarence Baldwin; ushers, Paul Sapp and Clarence Baldwin; stewards, Allene Julian, Bessie Baldwin, Frances Ellis, Frances Marion Pugh, and Doris Wood; secretary to the Children's Home, Allene Julian; church paper reporter, Doris Wood; cemetery committee, John Julian, Wade Routh, and J. T. Brown; pianist, Alese Julian; and choir leader, Paul Routh.

The fourth quarterly conference will meet at this church Sunday afternoon at 2:30. All official members are urged to attend.

DORIS WOOD, Reporter.

Palestine, Flat Rock Charge, J. A. Burgess, Pastor.—My last report failed to get in. Will say a few words about our revival meeting. Rev. Joel B. Trogdon was reported to be our pastor's helper, but owing to sickness he could not come. So Rev. J. P. Pegg, also a former pastor of ours, helped Mr. Burgess. The Eden M. E. church and Palestine M. P. church held a union revival; afternoon and night service at one church one day, the other church the next day, and continued one week . The atendance was good, the preaching real good, and everybody enjoyed hearing former Pastor Pegg.

Brother Pegg served his first year on Flat Rock charge. Our people learned to love him then, and it was a real pleasure to have him back, and the M. E.'s learned to love him also. Mrs. Pegg and the children visited with us a part of the week. We were glad to have the family, and welcome them back again.

Our pastor has filled all his appointments this quarter to date, and has only one more before conference.

The last quarterly conference will be held Saturday afternoon before the third Sunday in September. We do wish our pastor could go to this, our last annual conference, with every claim paid in full.

The annual Tucker reunion met at Palestine the fourth Sunday in September, with a large crowd and a most delicious dinner; and a good program made an enjoyable day. The attendance was estimated at 400 people. The next reunion will meet next year on the same date, at Colfax, N. C.

GRACE R. TUCKER, Reporter.

Baltimore Church, West Forsyth Charge.—We are nearing the close of another conference year. We trust that all our responsibilities will be met. Our pastor has been with us five years. We greatly appreciate all his efforts to make our church one of the best. He has been very loyal, bringing us, from time to time, very inspiring and uplifting messages.

Mr. Ferree delivered his last sermon before conference, Sunday morning. He read from the 5th chapter of Matthew. His subject was "Peace," taken from Matt. 5:9. In the Beatitudes we find a new source of comfort and a wonderful hope set forth to distressed and perplexed souls.

The fourth quarterly conference will be held the third Sunday at Stony Knoll at 2:30 o'clock.

The Woman's Auxiliary held its last meeting at the church Saturday, September 16, with 12 members present. The district meeting will be held at Maple Springs, October 12. We hope that every member can be present.

JOSEPHINE PHILLIPS, Reporter.

Davidson Charge, W. H. Neese, Pastor, October 3.—In a few words this writer will try to give a brief report of the meetings of the Lineberry Auxiliary for the past four months.

The June meeting was held with Miss Bruce Smith. Owing to sicknes in the homes of some of the members, the attendance was not so good, but a real interesting meeting was held. Miss Smith in her interesting way gave a brief report of one chapter of the study book. We were glad to have as visitors Mrs. J. C. Smith and Miss Mayme Lanier.

The Auxiliary met with Mrs. Van B. Wood for their July meeting. Not a full attendance of the members, but an interesting meeting. Mrs. W. C. Wood reviewed the second chapter of the study book which was enjoyed by all present.

The August meeting was with Mrs. Vernon Hall. At this time Mrs. Garvin Elliott gave an interesting report of the quarterly meeting of the Branch that was held at Thomasville. We were glad to have as visitors Miss Donnie Harrison of High Point and Miss Bonnie Rea Lanier of near Handy. At this meeting the Auxiliary voted to take the initiative in having Lineberry church painted on the inside. The Auxiliary bought the paint and the men paid for having it put on. The paint adds much to the looks of the inside of the church.

Not so many miles from Lineberry church there live two maiden ladies who are not able to attend church, so the Auxiliary members, with the pastor, met with these ladies for their September meeting. The writer was not privileged to be present, but from the reports she received from the meeting, it was indeed "good to be there." The usual program was carried out, with the Auxiliary singing a number of hymns dear to the hearts of these ladies. This meeting was held in the home of Miss Mary Ann and Miss Abigail Coggins. This, I believe, is one way we can carry on home mission work—take the Auxiliary, prayer meetings, etc., to those who cannot attend the regular church services. Two new members were added to our roll at this time—Mrs. Esther Morris and Mrs. Estella Harrison.

The October meeting will be with Mrs. D. E. Lanier.

Next Sunday night, October 8, at 7 p.m., the Lineberry Auxiliary will observe the fall thank-offering service.

1 am not the reporter for the Chapel Hill Auxiliary, but I just want to say they are holding their meetings each month and much interest is taken in the meetings.

Each Auxiliary has elected delegates to attend the Branch quarterly meeting in Winston-Salem October 10.

The people continue to remember us with good things for the table, not only our own members but members of other churches.

We were glad to have the following people from Mt. Pleasant, North Davidson charge, worship with us yesterday at Lineberry church, and to have them in our home for a short visit: Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Payne, Misses Annie and Evelyn Payne, and Artis Payne. It is always a pleasure to have former members visit us.

MRS. W. H. NEESE, Aux. Reporter.

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Gray's Chapel Church, Randolph Charge, H. L. Isley, Pastor.—As conference draws near, we are looking forward to having Mr. Isley with us another year. He and Mrs. Isley have gained the love and respect of all the members. If our church has failed in any way this year we hold our pastor blameless, for he has given his time and self unreservedly to his work.

The end of the year finds us with most of our claims paid. We hope to have them all paid by conference.

The fourth Sunday in September we had an all-day service, which was the beginning of our meeting and the 108th anniversary celebration of our church. Our pastor delivered a fine sermon at 11 o'clock. In the afternon he read a history of the church. Rev. A. O. Lindley and Miss Edith Guthrie each gave a splendid talk. It is estimated that something over 2,000 people were present to enjoy the day.

Rev. Charles Coble was the help during the week of the meeting. I am sure everyone who attended the services was helped. I have never heard better preaching. As our pastor put it, "He preached the gospel in its purity."

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On Friday night of the meeting the members gave Mr. and Mrs. Isley an old-fashioned pounding.

The Randolph County Ministerial association met at Gray's Chapel on Monday, October 2. The ladies of the church served luncheon to the members present.

We plan to have the election of church officers the second Sunday in October.

MRS. BRUCE PUGH, Reporter.

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New Salem, Randleman Charge, Rev. C. L. Spencer, Pastor.—As we haven't had a report since our revival meeting closed, we would like to say we had a good meeting, with large crowds attending the evening services.

Rev. W. L. Harkey of Lincolnton was the pulpit help. Everybody enjoyed his sermons very much. We enjoyed having him in our homes so much. We hope he will come our way again some time. There were several professions and reclamations, and four were added to the church membership.

Our pastor has done great work the two years he has served as pastor here. We are hoping that conference will see fit to return him to us.

Our finances are not quite up to date, but are in such shape that we are reasonably certain it will all be paid.

We would like to remember our sick. Mr. W. A. Brown is real sick at his home here. We hope for him a speedy recovery. We missed him at church yeterday so much.

Mrs. Floye Hinshaw is a patient at Randolph hospital, but we are glad to report she is getting along nicely, and is expecting to return home this week.

Since our last report, one of our members, Miss Mada Trogdon, has become the bride of Mr. Charles Oscar Hayes. We wish them much success through life.

MRS. R. F. WARD, Reporter.

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Stony Knoll Church, West Forsyth Charge.—Rev. G. B. Ferree filled his reguar appointment at Stony Knoll church, Sunday, October 1, bringing a splendid message on "The Peacemaker." The church officers were elected at this meeting for the ensuing year.

We are having a very good Sunday school at this church, although the attendance is not as large as we would like. Mr. Henry Cornelius is superintendent, and Mr. Walter Speer assistant.

The fourth quarterly conference of West Forsyth charge will be held at Stony Knoll church the third Sunday in this month at 2:30 o'clock.

ERNESTINE DOUB, Reporter.

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Shiloh, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor.—Our work here continues to move along toward the fast approaching annual conference. Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday and preached from the text, Luke 22:31-32. At the close of the service three new members were received; namely, Mrs. J. M. Shoaf from First Presbyterian church, Salisbury; Mrs. Letha Smith Berrier, from Jersey Baptist church; and Mr. Carl Everhart from the Pilgrim Reformed church. We welcome these to a place in our church.

Church officers were also elected, a list of whom will appear later; and on the third Sunday the installation service will be held. Also the church will hear the treasurer's report, with the contributions of each member given.

We remind all officers that Saturday, October 7, at Friendship, is the fourth quarterly conference, with preaching at 11 and dinner, followed by conference in the afternoon.

The Auxiliary presented its fall thank-offering Sunday night, and received an offering of $11. The Auxiliary will send cakes, etc., to the Children's Home, Saturday, October 7.

On Sunday morning, October 1, Mr. S. Tilden Moseley passed away at the age of 62 years. Funeral services were conducted from Shiloh church, of which he was a member, Tuesday at 11 o'clock, by Pastor Ridge and Rev. C. C. Wagoner, of Beulah Reformed church. A fuller account will probably appear later.

As we near the close of our conference year with the hopes of a very successful ending, we are wishing for every church great success, and ask you to continue to pray for us.

MRS. HOMER SINK, Ass't Reporter.

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Central Avenue Methodist Church, Charlotte, Rev. T. E. Strickland, Pastor.—During the last year the Central Avenue Methodist church has had a very prosperous year. We have had many successful services and held a two-week revival service conducted by Rev. Odell Brown of Duke university. There have been 35 additions to the church membership by profession of faith and transfer from other churches. The Sunday school has also been very successful in its work; it has grown in number and in spirit. The young people have been very active in the C. E. work of the Mecklenburg county and N. C. state unions. They are also a great benefit to the church in every way. The adult department has also been active in backing the young people and advising them in the spiritual way.

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We have just elected new officers for the coming year in the Sunday school. Mr. W. G. Tadlock has been elected superintendent, and he has already begun to do a good work. We are reorganizing our church school into the graded classes under the Methodist supervision. He has as his assistant, Mr. Clifton Gibson, and co-workers with him are Mr. Woodly Craig, secretary and treasurer, and Mr. Vincent Starnes, assistant secretary and treasurer. With this splendid set-up in our church school officers, I am sure that we will have a most successful year.

The Ladies' Auxiliary has also elected officers for the coming year, and have as their president, Mrs. Lewis Garmon; vice-president, Mrs. Charles Deweese; secretary, Mrs. Crow; and treasurer, Mrs. J. H. McCall. This is also a very active organ of the church, and they are doing a great work. They sponsored an "old maids' convention" given by the Brevard Street Methodist church in the hut of the church last week, and made a great success.

The Christian Endeavor societies have also elected new officers for their work during the coming year. The executive committees have met and planned the work, both spiritually and financially. Installation services were held last Sunday evening, conducted by our pastor, Rev. Mr. Strickland. He made a very inspirational talk and the new officers pledged themselves conscientiously to the work.

We trust that as we go into the Methodist Church, we may have a most successful program of church activities. We are praying for this new work and pledge our support to the uplifting of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

HELEN McCALL, Reporter.

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College Street, Littleton Charge, Rev. D. D. Broome, Pastor.—The Woman's Auxiliary met at the regular time for the monthly meeting, but due to the fact that so many of our members were absent, we did not discuss matters as they should have been. So we decided to have a called meeting the following Tuesday night, at Mrs. J. W. Warren's home. The meeting proved a success. More members were there, and also we had the pleasure of having Mrs. Silery, one of our former church members, with us. We discusssed several plans and have carried some of them through.

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On Thursday night, September 21, the Auxiliary sponsored a foot-measuring party at Mrs. Frank King's. The public was invited, with everyone paying a penny for each inch their foot was long. Games were played and refreshments served.

The Auxiliary also has a patch-sewing project on hand. Each member has the opportunity to see how many patches she can get on the pajamas while they are in her possession. Each one that sews a patch on puts some money and their name under the patch. When this is completed we are going to give our pastor the job of taking them off for us.

The Sunday school goes on very much the same. We have not had much increase recently. We have decided to send some money from the Sunday school to the Children's Home.

Our pastor has filled all of his appointments since my last report. The past third Sunday morning we observed Communion, and nearly all the congregation partook.

On Thursday morning, September 28, at 10:30, we had the honor of having our president, Dr. Pritchard, with us. He spoke on the subject of uniting together. He told of how other churches had united, and of many other things of great value to all of us Methodists.

Along with the pleasure of having our president with us, we also had a number of other ministers who were from other charges. Mr. Whitehead, of Henderson, was chairman of the meeting; Mr. Pegg, from the Granville charge; Mr. Cranford, of Vance; Mr. Howard, of Halifax; Mr. Wagner, of Creswell; Mr. H. S. B. Thompson, and several members from the Littleton charge. We hope that all will come back again in the near future. We enjoyed having them very much.

We are very sorry indeed to hear of Mrs. Tom Woods' death. She was a member of Weaver's Chapel church, and I am sure that Weaver's Chapel and its members will greatly miss her faithfulness. Our sympathy goes out to Mr. Wood and family in their great loss.

As conference draws nearer, we try but the harder to make this another year of worth-while things. I hope so much that the rest of the churches on this charge and others will take the same attitude.

We pray for the Lord's blessing upon us, and want the prayers of all that are interested in us and our work.

ANNIE PERKINSON, Reporter.

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Shiloh, Randolph Charge, Rev. H. L. Isley, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment fourth Sunday morning, bringing a good message as usual. Our people seem to be well pleased with the work of our pastor this year.

Our annual revival meeting was held the second week in August. Rev. Mr. Strickland of Charlotte was the pulpit help. He brought some very impressive messages. There were five new members added to our church.

We are glad to have Mr. G. L. Whitaker back again. He has been in hospital.

Plans are underway for wiring the church for electric lights.

The class of young married people met at the home of their teacher, Mrs. Grady Hemphill, Friday night. Games were enjoyed, after which the hostess served hot weiners and rolls.

We wish to thank the ladies of Tabernacle church for an invitation to their reception.

Let our church be well represented at the last quarterly conference this year, at Bethany, Sunday at 2:30 o'clock.

I believe we are required to do whatever we are called upon as best we can. Let us not shirk this coming year and cooperate and try to make our church a success.

MRS. EUGENE BROWN, Reporter.

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Spring Hill, North Davidson Charge, Rev. O. B. Williams, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday afternoon, bringing a very helpful and inspiring message.

We began our revival service September 17 and continued through the week. We were indeed glad to have with us Rev. J. T. Bowman, of Thomasville, as the helper. He brought to us many helpful and interesting messages. Our of 15 professions, nine united with the church.

Our Ladies' Aid society will meet with Mrs. Clyde Craven next Saturday evening at 7:30. We have had several new members recently, of which we are very proud. We would like to have several more to join.

DORIS HAYNES, Reporter.

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OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

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those who are now supporting the three Methodist Children's Homes in North Carolina will continue to support the same one they have been supporting for one more conference year. We should consider it a privilege and not a burden.

Let us get ready for it, and get a good running start on it by making the largest Thanksgiving offering this Home has ever received.

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A Nonagenarian Passes

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Early in life she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and united with Center church on the Alamance charge, which her father had helped to establish by giving the land for the church and cemetery. She lived in fellowship with several generations of people who passed through the portals of this historic church into the house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. She loved her church and was faithful and loyal to it to the day of her death. She was an affectionate wife and mother. She was a good neighbor, and all who knew her loved and respected her.

On June 22, 1939, she fell asleep in Jesus. Funeral services were held in her church, conducted by her pastor, on June 23, and her body laid to rest in the cemetery hard by. She lived to be 97 years, 11 months and 20 days old. She was one of the oldest, if not the oldest, citizen of Alamance county. This remarkable woman lives today in the lives of her eight children, 50 grandchildren, 62 great grandchildren, and three great, great grandchildren. One son, Oscar A., is an honored member of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and all of the other children are highly respected members of the church.

What a contribution this godly mother made to the church and to the state! It is not to be wondered at that a great crowd of her neighbors and friends attended her funeral, and mingled their tears with the tears of her children and of their offspring. We expect to meet her again some day.

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FALL MEETING HELD AT CRESWELL

The fall meeting of the Women's Auxiliaries was held in the Creswell church Sunday, September 17. The meeting opened at 11 o'clock a.m. Rev. W. M. Howard extended a welcome to all members and visitors.

Following the usual service procedure, Dr. C. E. Forlines preached a wonderful sermon.

At 12:30 dinner was served. We say "dinner," for by no stretch of the imagination could the bountiful spread be called a lunch. The Creswell people more than justified their reputation for friendliness and hospitality.

The afternoon session opened at 1:30. Miss Blanche Hardee, district chairman, presided. Mrs. C. N. Davenport extended a very warm welcome, to which Mrs. P. S. Bellamy, of the Enfield Auxiliary, in behalf of the visiting Auxiliaries, responded. Mrs. J. J. Williamss conducted the devotional. This was followed by a lovely solo by a member of the Creswell choir.

The meeting was then opened for the business session. Holister took the honors for the largest attendance. After the business discusions, Mrs. L. A. Williams of Eden Auxiliary reviewed the study book, "Homeland Harvest." Mrs. J. H. Cutchin of Whitakers spoke on the achievement and influence of the Auxiliaries.

After a special offering was taken for the Children's Home, Dr. Forlines spoke on the urgent need of scholarship funds and new books for the library of the Theological Seminary. Pledges were made for these worthy causes.

No definite invitation being given for the spring meeting, plans for meeting with the Littleton Auxiliary were discussed.

Benediction was spoken by Dr. Forlines.

We left Creswell feeling greatly benefited by having been there.

MRS. L. A. WILLIAMS.

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MY CREED

By Dr. Charles Medbury

To this day that is mine, my country's and my God's, I dedicate my all. My talents, every one, shall be held subject to the sight draft of the emergencies of others. I will enlarge my soul by cultivating love for those from whom I find myself recoiling. No man shall ever feel his color or his caste in my presence, for within my heart of hearts there shall be no consciousness of it.

The man who has fallen shall find in me a friend, the woman down, a helper. But more than this, those falling shall have my trust that they may stand again. The cry of every child shall find my heart whether cry of need or of aspiration. Not one of all the nation's "little ones" shall be despised. Cherishing every life of whatever land or race, and mindful of hidden struggles in all things, I will strive to help and to serve.

No word shall ever pass my lips that hurts another in things of face, form, station or estate. My own weaknesses, my foibles and my sins shall chasten speech and spirit and deny desecration to pervert them. The vandal hands of lust and hate and greed shall not be permitted to despoil.

And thus I resolve, not because I am good, but that I want to be; not because I am strong, but that I feel weakness; not that I feel above others, but with all my soul I long to be of humankind, both helped and helper. So do I set apart my culture. So do I receive but to give to others. So do I press humbly into the presence of the sacrificial Son of Man, crying out in eager consecration "Let me follow Thee, Master, wherever the world still needs ministry, wherever life is still to be given for many."

Help me, Thou whose manger cradle brought democracy to light, to meet in my own worth democracy's final test and to my own great day to be true.

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A MILE WITH ME

Oh, who will walk a mile with me
Along life's merry way?
A comrade blithe and full of glee
Who dares to laugh out loud and free,
And let his frolic fancy play
Like a happy child, through the flowers gay
That fill the field and fringe the way
Where he walks a mile with me.

And who will walk a mile with me
Along life's weary way?
A friend whose heart has eyes to see
The stars shine out o'er the darkening lea,
And the quiet rest at the end o' day—
A friend who knows and dares to say
The brave, sweet words that cheer the way
Where he walks a mile with me.

With such a comrade, such a friend,
I fain would walk till journeys end,
Through summer sunshine, winter rain,
And then?—Farewell, we shall meet again!

—Henry Van Dyke.

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I used to ask God if He would come and help me. Then I asked if I might come and help Him. Then I ended up by asking God to do His own work through me.—Hudson Taylor.

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West Market Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South. It is in this church the first session of the United Methodist Church of the Western North Carolina Conference is held October 20.

Grace Methodist Protestant Church. It is in this church the last session of the North Carolina Annual Conference, Methodist Protestant Church will be held, first session October 18.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Conference Committees

This week I am naming conference committees to perform the usual functions at the annual conference session. Inasmuch as the session is shortened this year it did not seem wise to appoint all the committees which we usually have. Also we are to have a common journal and there will not be room in it for all of the reports which the committees, if appointed, would prepare. Since the number of committees is smaller it became impossible to use anything like all of the members of the conference, either ministerial or lay delegates on the committees. And to be exact I do not yet have the names of all the lay delegates. All pastors have been written to who had not sent in the name but not all have yet responded. Of course the task of the committees this year is going to be different from former years. In the past many of these committees have launched a program for the new year. In some cases this time that will be done by the new conference. Well, here are the committees:

Credentials: The Secretaries.

The President's Message: Ministers, C. E. Ridge, George R. Brown, M. C. Henderson, E. A. Bingham. Laymembers, J. G. Rogers, Eli Bellamy, J. F. Evans, J. L. Amick.

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Our Last Chance

As I now understand it, it seems that this will be my last letter to our people as president of the Annual Conference. The agreement some time ago was not to print the HERALD next week and by the next week my office will have been abolished, so it seems to be now or never. In this letter I would like to urge all pastors and all charges to do the very best possible to bring up all finances in full. This will be our last chance as a separate denomination and it will be embarrassing to the conference not to be able to pay its bills. This week good reports have come in from several charges. First Church, Burlington, reports all interests paid in full. Of course this does not include HERALD Subscriptions. Other charges report that all interests will be paid.

Quarterly Conferences and Sunday Services

For the past week life has been such a whirl of quarterly conferences meetings with District Superintendents and Sunday services that it is impossible to report all of them in detail. But Friday night of last week I held the quarterly conference on the Richland charge, Rev. C. L. Grant, pastor. At the most of the churches the bulk of the finances was in hand. Brother Grant is a good worker and looks well after the interests of the charge. Saturday of last week I was with the Shiloh charge in all day services at Friendship church with preaching at eleven o'clock and the quarterly conference in the afternoon. Rev. C. E. Ridge, the pastor and his people have had a fine year with most of the finances in hand. Even though Brother Ridge has served the charge six years there was unanimous desire for him to return, however, he will be subject to the will of the conference. Sunday morning I was with Dr. George R. Brown at Center church on the Alamance charge and was at Sapling Ridge in the afternoon. At both of these places there was good attendance. Dr. Brown looks after the interests of the church and I think he will have a good report this year even though all finances perhaps will not be raised.

Sunday evening I was at Glen Raven church on the Glen Raven charge preaching first and holding the Q. C. afterwards. Rev. Joseph Coble, the pastor, has done good work here and this charge also will make a good report. Here too the verdict was unanimous for the return of the pastor. This week every day and night will be used for conferences, group meetings, board meetings and such things as are necessary but it is too late to announce them for this issue.

Boundary Charges

So far this year I have tried to hold the circuits of our conference together for another year in large measure because of the financial difficulties of mixing them up. But in some cases I shall not be able to see my plans carried out. But in all of these things we will do the best we can.

Pray for the Conference

I am now calling on all of our people to pray for the coming session of our conference for if ever there was a time when we needed wisdom it is now.

Appointments

Saturday, October 14, 2 p. m. Q. C. on North Davidson charge, Canaan church.

Wednesday, October 18, 10 a. m. Annual Conference in Grace Church, Greensboro.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

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There is only one way to get ready for immortality, and that is to love this life and live it as bravely and faithfully and cheerfully as we can.—*Henry Van Dyke.*

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A Message in Verse

"He is the builder of the roads, the breaker of the bars,
The one forever hurling back the curse—
The nail-torn Christus pressing towards the stars,
The hero of the battling universe."
—*Markham.*

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Pastor Aubert Smith reports that World Service and pastor's salary are paid in full by the Siler City Church, that Bonlee and Piney Grove churches on same charge are practically out, will pay everything in full; and that all claims will be paid by the church at Liberty. Splendid.

Our front page this week is recording the most momentus event that has occurred in North Carolina Methodism in all the decades of its progress. Grace Church will house the maker of the last motion ever to be made by a member of the Methodist Protestant conference in North Carolina. West Market Street Methodist Church will furnish place for the opening session of the united Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church. And shall we say that possibly there is to unite on the twentieth day of October in this Church a religious movement that shall serve the needs of man as long as time shall last? It may be so.

There will be just one more issue of the M. P. Herald. No paper next week, but on the week of the adjournment of the Conference will come the last copy from the press, and it will contain the important proceedings of this first annual conference of the Methodist Church in North Carolina. It will indeed be an historic number and all of our subscribers will doubtless want to file it away to be kept for their children to read that they may know what happened upon this eventful day. If you should want an extra copy, let us have your order at once otherwise we shall print just enough to supply our regular subscribers.

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The problems of the world may be reduced in statement to the problems of the individual life. One person can create the most difficult problems the world has ever known. The acts of just one life has thrown the human race for many a fall and has thereby "turned the hands of the clock back" for generations. This fact makes self-mastery the first duty of life.

In an address to the people of North Carolina through the public press, Senator J. W. Bailey among other things truly says:

"Commerce is not worth the cost of war and peaceful means of promoting it are more effectual than the means of force. I am not inclined to think that so-called international rights are worth the cost of war, and here too the methods of peace are more effectual. I believe that the involvement of this country in a war at this time, even if we should be successfull, would tend to bring this country to ruin and our people into poverty, and hundreds of thousands of homes into incurable sorrow. We should prepare our defenses in the highest degree. We must have a great navy, a great merchant marine and a well trained, efficient and modern military equipment. Some of us may not like this, but we are dealing with the world as it is, and we must remember that there are in the world nations that seem disposed to take whatever they can, whenever they can, wherever they can. Power to resist there must be. Our peace may not otherwise be preserved."

ENDORSEMENT OF THE HISTORY OF THE CONFERENCE

By Dr. Paul Neff Garber

I am happy to have the opportunity of recommending the book, *The History of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church*, by J. Elwood Carroll to all Methodists of North Carolina. This volume will give to the reader a picture of one of the most thrilling stories in North Carolina Methodism. It is the story of devout Methodists who in 1828 because of difference of opinion over polity organized the Methodist Protestant Church, stressing the principle of lay representation. In 1939 the descendants of those first Methodist Protestants of North Carolina have seen that principle adopted by the United Methodism.

The Methodist Protestant Church in North Carolina brings to the United Methodism not only a great heritage and loyal members but also institutions like High Point College and the Orphanage at High Point. Mr. Carroll's book not only tells of sacrifices made by the early Methodist Protestants but it also deals with the leaders of the present era. Dr. S. W. Taylor and Mr. J. Norman Wills served on the Unification Commission that prepared the Plan of Union. Dr. C. W. Bates was assistant secretary of the Uniting Conference while all North Carolina Methodism was honored by the election of Dr. George R. Brown to the Judicial Council of The

Methodist Church. This book shows that the Methodist Protestants of North Carolina have able administrators in men like Dr. J. E. Pritchard, Dr. S. W. Taylor, and Dr. A. G. Dixon. Scholarship and education are represented by Dr. C. E. Forlines, President G. I. Humphreys, Dean P. E. Lindley, Dr. P. S. Kennett, Dr. R. M. Andrews, Dr. N. M. Harrison and Dr. F. L. Gibbs. Of the many laymen of the church, J. Norman Wills and Mrs. W. C. Hammer are given special mention. The Methodist Protestants also make a great contribution to United Methodism in North Carolina through the many young preachers who have taken an active part in all phases of religious activity in the state. In this group are such leaders as J. W. Braxton, F. W. Paschall, J. C. Madison, A. M. Smith, T. J. Whitehead and J. C. Auman. The Methodist Protestants certainly give to United Methodism a young historian in J. Elwood Carroll.

I have known in a general way the history of the Methodist Protestant Church in North Carolina and have had the privilege of associating with many of the preachers and laymen. It was not, however, until I had read Mr. Carroll's manuscript that I had a complete picture of what Methodist Protestants have meant to our state and the contributions which they are destined to make in our United Methodism. This book should be read by all North Carolina Methodists. It is a contribution to our Methodist literature.

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COL. L. L. POLK—"FATHER OF STATE COLLEGE"

By David A. Lockmiller

As early as 1872, if not earlier, Col. L. L. Polk, North Carolina's first Commissioner of Agriculture and founder of *The Progressive Farmer,* was publicly urging the establishment of an agricultural college. In the fall of 1872, at the opening of the first agricultural fair in Raleigh, he made an address in which he urged the people to establish an agricultural college somewhere in the State "with its branch schools in every county as feeders to the main school."

Col. Polk, more than any other man, organized and led the farmers of North Carolina in their demand for a college which would comply with the broad terms of the Morrill Act. Through the editorial columns of *The Progressive Farmer* he continued week after week the fight for a "farmers' college" which he had begun by word of mouth. He served notice on all concerned that he would "continue this subject and follow it up until justice is done the people, or they know why it is not done." . . .

All during the 1880's, through speeches, correspondence, and the columns of *The Progressive Farmer,* he continued to arouse and organize the farmers and farm clubs of the State in support of such a plan. He was not unmindful of the efforts being made by the Watauga Club in behalf of industrial education, but his aims were larger—he wanted a college in which agriculture would not rank beneath "woodwork, mining, and metallurgy" in the curriculum. He demanded a college which would receive substantial support from the State treasury, and he argued that the annual income of $7,500 from the Land-Script Fund should be transferred from the State University to maintain the proposed college in accordance with the true spirit of the Land-Grant Act.

Cherry Street Methodist Church, Kernersville

Rev. C. B. Way, *Pastor*

In 1886, a legislature largely composed of farmers had been elected by the people. Many of these men were Polk's friends. . . . He called an official mass meeting of all organized farmers' clubs of the State in Raleigh, January 26, 1887. It was probably the largest gathering of farmers ever held in North Carolina up to that time . . . and demanded that a "college of agriculture and mechanic arts" be established in accordance with the Morrill Act; that the income from the Land-Script Fund be paid to the college. . . .

Thus did "The North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts" come into being, not as an industrial school, but as a land-grant college. Hundreds had worked for one cause or the other, but the chief credit for success belongs to Col. L. L. Polk. In 1892 William J. Peele, organizer of the Watauga Club and a staunch friend of the college before and after its establishment, wrote of Polk as follows: "In 1884, 1885, 1886, and 1887, he was the most powerful factor in the establishment of an agricultural and mechanical college." Years later Josephus Daniels wrote of Polk's service in securing the A. and M. College in these words: "I was secretary of the Watauga Club for a time and this club was very active in its efforts, but it could not have enlisted the necessary support and aroused the enthusiasm that resulted in success until Col. Polk organized the farmers into militant support. It was this organization of farmers led by Col. Polk that put it over."—(From *The Progressive Farmer* for October, 1939, by permission of the editor and author.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By **O. L. EASTER**

THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, October 15

Lesson Text: Matthew 4:1-11.

Golden Text: "For we have . . . one that hath been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Hebrews 4:15.

There is much made of the idea of Christ as the divine Companion or friend to man in that He became flesh and dwelt among them. Perhaps one of the chosiest statements of Christ in all the gospels was that one in which He declared to His followers that "I call you not servants but friends" which was to say that between them and Him there was to be a close tie of fellowship and understanding. His whole life was simply lived to accomplish this fellowship of man with God through the incarnation. Many wise maneauvers were made on God's part to wisely bring about this true companionship of Christ with mankind. There was the levelling fact of being born as a little babe in the arms of a human mother, there was the fact of His slow and natural growth in wisdom and statue, there again was the fact of His lack in the world's goods which put Him in fellowship with the world's majorities. (Lincoln once said that God must have loved the common people for He made so many of them, thus in taking the humble home of a hard-working carpenter as His place of entrance into this world He made Himself brother to this great body of common folk). Of all the various moves on the part of God towards this end this one in which He allowed the Spirit to drive Christ into the wilderness to be tempted of Satan was without doubt the most productive. In being tempted like as we He truly became a comrade; in being triumphant over temptation He becomes our Saviour. For temptation is the one inescapable experience of man and upon its outcome rests the moral destiny of all souls. Thus to be our High Priest in Heaven and our Companion on earth Christ of necessity had to submit Himself to the fact of temptation.

Temptation of itself is not evil. It is an inevitable product of free will that war afforded to man when God decided to make him a moral being.

James, in fact, admonishes us to "count it all joy when ye fall into manifold temptation." He says this in response to the fact that to be able to be tempted is to be a moral creature made in the image of God able to choose good or evil. To choose good is the process by which mortal men can develop into the sons of God; to choose evil is to become a sinner fallen from the first estate. Therefore for God to allow man to be free moral agents He must concede to them the power to choose; between two opposing elements, good and evil, and this automatically brings about our fact of temptation. Man's plight has come about by the way he has met temptation and not in being tempted. Man became "lost" simply by yielding to the temptation of choosing sin and he has been subsequently "found" or saved by Christ in that He met our same temptations but was able to come through them victorious in choosing the good. It is as Shakespeare observed "One thing to be tempted and another thing to fall." The life of Christ was a typical human life, which shows what every human life may be in its essential essence, when completely given up to God and entirely obedient to His divine will. That is the hope of our humanity—a hope that alone can be realized by surrending these wills that are ours unto the Christ who through temptation throes was able to surrender His to God.

"Thou seemest human and divine,
The highest, holiest manhood, thou:
Our wills are ours, we know not how;
Our wills are ours, to make them thine."
Tennyson, In Memoriam.

Since we share the various temptations that were Christ's our great need and privilege is to likewise share His victory over these temptations. Every weapon that He used against Satan is available to the Christian today. Christ as a man has forever proved to sinful men that "there hath no temptation taken you, but such as man can bear." First we note the weapon of prayer and fasting—communion with God our Father. After forty days of fellowship with God Jesus was equal to the wiles of Satan. What had Satan to offer as over against the promises and resources of the Lord God. Christians usually succomb to the Devil's approaches when through lack of prayer they have forgotten the rich treasures of God. It was this that Christ feared for His disciples there in the garden and He warned them to be busy at praying in that dangerous hour that when temptation should come they might not "enter into it." A second weapon of defense that Christ used was the word of God. Therein is to be found the answer to all of the deceptions of sins suggestions. When Satan promises bread, kingdoms, glory if men will fall down and worship him by sinning, into man's hand should go the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, to thrust home a deadly blow to the "Father of lies" by stating that the soul that sinneth thus shall die. Satan would hide the evil from our eyes: he points at the rainbow and veils the storm behind it, and thus are we tempted, thus do we fall if we use not the word of God to show us the truth. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto good works." (2 Timothy 3:16, 17). The other means of victory was that of divine worship which was the process of putting Satan "behind" and god on His throne in front. When a human heart fully surrenders itself to worship only God then, as with Jesus here, Satan will leave him and the angels of God will be his ministers.

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The men whom I have seen succeed best in life have always been cheerful and hopeful men, who went about their business with a smile on their faces, and took the changes and chances of this mortal life like men, facing rough and smooth alike as it came.—*Charles Kingsley.*

THE END OF A WAY

By Los. L. Wren

Yes, we are coming to the end of a way, or rather, we are coming to where three ways merge into one greater way. One of these ways has been known as the Methodist Protestant way, a great highway over which thousands have come. This way, this highway of faith and hope and courage has ever pointed upward, onward to a better church life. The Christian men and women who began walking this way first are all gone. Many of them their names forgotten and hardly a trace of their memory left but we know they lived and prayed and worked, and that this highway of holiness afforded them a church home, and the world is better today because they walked in this way and contributed their mite to the church life of their community through this medium of service. This way has not always been smooth and easy of travel. Many times it has been rough and steep and difficult to climb, but with faith and hope and courage the travellers pressed onward and upward until they reached and kept the heights. Those of us who live today, and are coming to witness the merging of this Methodist Protestant way with the other two branches of Methodism into a greater highway of church opportunity and service, should take time to meditate upon what this way has meant to us and all who have come under the benign influence of the Methodist Protestant church. We owe a debt of gratitude to the mothers and fathers of our church who made it possible for us today to have had such a fine highway of holiness in which to live and serve and walk toward the Eternal City.

A thousand memories come flooding upon us as we meditate upon this way. We go back to childhood's happy hours, back to the old home church where first we found the Lord. The old home church may have been a stately edifice of brick and stone with stained glass windows but to most of us it was a brush arbor or a quaint old house with little architectural beauty to make it attractive, but to us today it is the old home church. We recall so vividly the day we joined the church. What memories cluster about that dear old place. There were other boys and girls, perchance there were men and women, joining that day. What an experience for us. It all comes back today so vividly. The yesterday of the old home church. It was here that we heard the preacher of his day. He may not have been very learned, so far as Seminary training goes, he may never have been to a college, or even to high school, but he had a message that was full of Christian fire and pathos and his hearers caught the spirit of this humble man of God and the old church house rang with glad shouts of rejoicing Christians. The old church house may be gone and the faces we knew in the long ago may be fading from our minds but memory still lives and weaves about the dear old place some of the sweetest thoughts in our meditations.

Yes, we are witnessing the end or the merging of the old way. But we are coming to the end rejoicing. Rejoicing that it has been our happy privilege to have known so many fine Christian characters as we have journeyed along this highway. I am thinking now of the many noble women and men whom I have known, and with some of whom I have had the opportunity to work and walk together along this way. I shall never forget that fine group of Christian men who have been my pastors. They will ever hold a warm place in my heart. They are among the finest characters I have known and have added so much to my Christian experience. I shall never be able to tell them in this life just what they have meant to me. And as I remember our church papers and the unselfish service of their editors we can but say, "Well done good and faithful servants." And to that noble group of men and women who have been the officials of our church through more than a century of service we give unstinted praise. And then there is that most unselfish group of all, our missionaries, who have braved the hardships and dangers in foreign lands that they might carry the glad tidings of the gospel to peoples who have never known about our way, to them we build in memory's temple our most sacred shrine. Yes, we rejoice in the history of such a church with such a membership.

And I am rejoicing, too, as we come to the end of this way that we are merging into a greater highway of Christian endeavor and service. Here we shall meet new friends, make new acquaintances and grow into a larger family of Christian believers. This new church directed by the Master and supported by millions of loyal Methodists should challenge every one to do his best. Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say, rejoice.

BROTHER, CAN YOU SPARE A BOOK?

Some of you preachers have heard my appeals for books for the Seminary. And some of you have heeded. Something like a hundred books have come into my hands, or have been reported to me. Others have gone direct to Dr. Forlines. So I have no way of checking on the total.

I am making this last appeal before Conference: Won't you please look over the books in your library. Pick out one or more books—the more the better—make a list of them. Bring the list to Conference and give it to Dr. Forlines, who, I am told, will be there. If it should happen that he cannot come, give the list to me. But be sure to sign your name to it.

C. W. Bates, *Secretary.*

MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON METHODIST CO-OPERATION

The final meeting of the Commission on Methodist Cooperation will be held in the office of the *North Carolina Christian Advocate*, at 5 p. m., October 18, for the purpose of drafting our report for the meeting of the Conference Historical Society.

All members of the Commission from the three Methodisms will take notice and be present, if possible.

M. T. Plyler, *Chairman.*
C. W. Bates, *Secretary.*

NOTICE !

The Minister's Wives Luncheon will be held at Grace Church on Wednesday, October 18 at 12:30 o'clock, price 40c. All who will attend please notify Mrs. R. C. Stubbins, 808 Brown Street, Greensboro, N. C. for reservations, not later than Monday, October 16, 1939.

Mrs. E. G. Cowan, *Secretary.*

THE EFFECT OF WAR ON THE REFUGEE PROBLEM

By GUY EMERY SHIPLER

President, Associate Press

The incalculable results of the lightning strokes of the European war stagger the imagination. But in the immediate foreground there are some clear details which ought to be observed by all people of good-will. While it may bring ultimate changes for the better in their status, the refugees from Germany are in the present hour perhaps the most to be pitied of any of war's victims. They are caught everywhere as by an inexorable fate. In the torrent of troubled waters they seem likely to be overwhelmed.

Their hope may well be placed in the response of the many fortunate people who are not involved in the war and yet who feel that they should do something to help when civilization is being subjected to the most terrible attack in history.

Not many questions concerning the exact status of the refugee can be answered authoritatively at the moment. How many are there now outside of Germany? Can they remain where they are for the present? How many will be interned simply because they are Germans living in lands now at war with their homeland? Will Hitler's invitation to many expelled professional persons to return and aid Germany win the war find a response? Will the number of refugees go on increasing now that so many frontiers are sealed by war? What about the refugees now in America on visitor's visas? Where can they go when their leave to visit our land expires?

To most of such questions the only honest answer is—we don't know yet. However there are, as has been intimated, some known facts which are in themselves ample basis for continued work on behalf of the refugees. We do know that eleven thousand, three hundred Christians arriving from Germany had by October 1939, registered with the American Committee for Christian Refugees in New York. We do know that they are pleading for help, thronging the offices daily. Some require immediate necessities of life. Many have temporary means of existence and only need help in finding a new home and means of livelihood. We do know that in Holland, Switzerland, Belgium, England and France our cooperating agencies are still trying to serve the refugees. We do know that in Shanghai, China, as well as in other far-off places there are growing communities of refugees looking desperately for aid. Shall they look to America in vain?

Whether or not more refugees can come to our shores these who are here constitute an opportunity for friendly service which ought strongly to appeal to Americans who would like to do something about the menace of Hitlerism. Here are people who have been his direct victims. Many of them need not have left home had they been willing to submit to his ideas and his orders. At the risk of life itself they have opposed him. What more fitting thing than that they should now find comfort and help at the hands of those whose opposition to Hitlerism has cost them nothing? And what better time than the Thanksgiving season for the practical expression of our gratitude for our own liberty and peace through a generous gesture of friendship toward them. It is hoped that a widespread response will be made to the appeal of the American Christian Committee whose ability to extend help depends necessarily upon the financial support of the American Christian public.

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HERALDS OF DESTINY

"Heralds of Destiny," adventure stories of civilization building and humanitarianism taken from the annals, past and present, of the Baptist and Methodist churches, are being presented weekly over Radio Station WMFR in High Point, North Carolina, at 5:00 o'clock on Sunday afternoons.

An eyewitness account of the recent bombing of Chungking, the sacrifice an old slave made in order to teach his people, the heroic courage of America's first foreign missionary, and the inspired determination that carried a Revolutionary era preacher on a quarter of a million mile journey on horseback provide the material for a few of the stories.

They are all true stories. Some of them happened almost two centuries ago. Others are still unfinished today. Jointly presented by the Methodist Million Unit Fellowship Movement and the Northern Baptist Convention, the "Heralds of Destiny" series is a dramatization of the most stirring episodes from the history of both churches.

In it is depicted the adventure and romance of building civilization on the world's frontiers and of taking comfort and aid to America's own benighted and underprivileged. While the episodes deal particularly with the heroes of the Baptist and Methodist churches, "Heralds of Destiny" stories are typical of the experiences of missionaries of any denomination.

The series, presented by the radio station on a sustaining basis, was inaugurated in 1937 by the Methodist church agency. This year, the Northern Baptist Convention accepted the invitation to join in the sponsorship, thus adding a wealth of material to the store from which material is drawn and increasing twofold the interest in the series.

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MINISTER'S WIVES INVITED

A very cordial invitation is extended to all former Methodist Protestant minister's wives, to attend the luncheon in the dining hall of Greensboro College, Saturday, October 21 at 1 o'clock. The price of the luncheon is 50c per person.

This will be a purely get-together meeting.

Those who are expecting to come, please have their reservation in the hands of Mrs. S. M. Needham, 1305 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C., not later than Tuesday, October 17.

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NOTICE !

The Conference Faculty of the former M. P. Church will meet on Tuesday, October 17, 2:00 p. m., at Grace Church, Greensboro. All men having business with the Faculty will please appear before them at that time.

S. W. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*
H. FREO SURRATT, *Secretary.*

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The first and best victory is to conquer self; to be conquered by self is, of all things, the most shameful and vile. —*Plato.*

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

WHAT SHALL WE DO WHEN TROUBLE COMES?

By Rev. Raymond W. White, D.D.

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, October 9—Flee to God. Psalm 46:1-3.

Tuesday, October 10—Resort to Prayer. Jas. 5:13-16.

Wednesday, October 11—Trust in the Good Shepherd. Psalm 23.

Thursday, October 12—Accept Christ's Invitation. Matt. 11:28-31.

Friday, October 13—Take It to Jesus. Mark 6:29-31.

Saturday, October 14—Seek God's Will. Luke 22:39-44.

The Text: John 14:1; I Peter 5:6-11.

To the Leader

This topic is designed to help young people get a basic point of view of life that will enable them to handle trouble victoriously. Young people need to discuss this subject. They are acquainted with hardship, disappointment, loss, pain, handicaps, and the like as well as their elders. They need to get the Christian's point of view of turning trouble into triumph. They need to discover the secret of making stepping stones out of stumbling stones. This topic affords a great opportunity for showing that practical Christianity calms the troubled breast and strengthens the troubled heart. You will find much help in the first chapter of E. Stanley Jones' book on "Christ and Human Suffering." No doubt the pastor has this splendid volume in his library and will be glad to loan it to you. Be sure to point out that the sustaining power of God's spirit is the secret of triumph over trouble.

Questions for the Open Forum

1. What is the source of most of our troubles?
2. How should a Christian face trouble?
3. What does the Christian need in time of trouble?
4. Can a Christian triumph over every trouble? Explain.
5. What are some of the troubles that trouble youth?
6. What can be done about these troubles?
7. Is trouble a stone to be rejected or accepted and used? Explain.
8. What are some evidences that the Godless do not triumph over troubles?
9. What is the value of mastering circumstances?
10. As a Christian, what would you suggest to a troubled heart?
11. What proof can you give that your suggestion works?
12. In what ways was Jesus' life an example for a troubled heart?

The Poet

But as his joys are double,
So is his trouble.
He hath two winters, other things but one:
Both frosts and thought do nip,
And bite his lip;
And he of all things fears two deaths alone.
Yet even the greatest griefs
May be reliefs,
Could he but take them right, and in their ways.
Happy is he whose heart
Hath found the art
To turn his double pains to double praise.
—George Herbert.

Little Gems

We may sometimes have to "go through fire and water," but it is that God may bring us out "into a wealthy place."—Selected.

Prosperity is a great teacher; adversity is a greater. Possession pampers the mind; privation trains and strengthens it—Hazlitt.

It is not in the pursuit of pleasures, but in the facing of tasks and difficulties that man develops strength.—The Congregationalist.

In moments of our greatest need and our utter helplessness, often come the most marvelous manifestations of God's love and care. —Murch.

Topic Hints

Universal Baptism: Trouble is a universal baptism. It comes to all ages; it comes in unexpected and inexplicable ways. Trouble comes to the just and unjust. God knowing that trouble is a universal baptism has filled His great Book with tender comforts; He has pointed out the way for His children to use trouble as a means of spiritual growth. Troubles come to the Christian to be mastered and not shunned. God explains the method and supplies the penitent with wisdom and strength. It is certain that every man will face more or less trouble; every man should be certain that he can face his trouble triumphantly.

God's Written Word: When trouble comes, one should read the Word of God. He, who has read and studied the Bible before trouble comes, will be better prepared to refer to it when trouble comes. In this Book, one becomes acquainted with men who faced trouble and learns how they won victory or suffered defeat. There he meets the Jesus, the Master of every circumstance in life. On these sacred pages, he discovers the conditions which he must fulfill in the hour of trial. Here he finds the instructions of the Son of God and the assurance of victory for the faithful.

God's People: The lives of great men who have triumphed over trouble remind the troubled that they can likewise be triumphant. The departed have left us a record of their victories when the world thought they were defeated. The living faithful stand ready to share with the earnest inquirer their experiences under similar circumstances. Reading the literature of yesterday's victors and hearing the testimony of today's warriors gives strength to the weary wrestler in his hour of conflict. Association with God's people prepares one to master his troubles.

Divine Intercourse: Prayer provides power. The Creator knows every possible circumstance in which His creation may be involved. As a loving Father, the Creator has provided wisdom and grace sufficient for His children's mastery. He sets a Canaan over against every wilderness. Out of difficulties He can blossom miracles. "Is any among you afflicted? let him pray." James 5:13. When circumstances are beyond human power and skill, let us remember that our extremity is God's opportunity. Satan may build a hedge about us, but he cannot roof us in and prevent our looking up.

Use Your Tools: A good craftsman knows how to use his tools and uses them. In time of trouble, the Christian uses his spiritual tools and builds a more stately mansion. He makes his stand with the presence of mind that summons to his assistance the spiritual resources accumulated through the past. He

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IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Wright

Mrs. Martha Jane Wright, daughter of John and Nancy Redding Burrow, was born in Randolph county, February 5, 1861. Her childhood and early girlhood were spent in the southeastern part of the county, and near Fair Grove Christian church. At the age of 18 years she moved, with her parents, to Cedar Falls. While living there she was united in marriage with Mr. Robert E. Little. The year 1881 marks this happy event in her life. Seven years later, while they were living in Randleman, Mr. Little died. This union was blessed with four children, three of whom died in infancy. Robert O. Little, of Thomasville, survives.

In 1894 our deceased sister was united in marriage with Rev. Jackson H. Wright. His decease occurred in 1907, in their home just south of Asheboro. One year later Mrs. Wright moved to Asheboro, where she remained until her death, September 14, 1939. In the Wright family there were born the following three children, all of whom survive: Mrs. R. H. Ingram, Asheboro; Mrs. F. C. Burney, High Point; and J. Willard Wright, Hickory. A step-daughter, Mrs. John H. Brown, Asheboro; two brothers, J. M. and Frank Burrow; and a sister, Mrs. Fletcher King, of Troy, also survive.

The religious life of our departed sister began in her early years. She united with Cedar Falls Methodist Protestant church, and on taking up her residence in Asheboro she transferred her membership to the Asheboro Methodist Protestant church, where she remained a faithful member for 27 years.

During the past several years Mrs. Wright has been in declining health and infirm from years. She has not, therefore, been able to attend church. But she has always retained the spirit of the church, and yielded herself in heart and life to its purpose. She was a good woman, a devoted wife, an affectionate mother, and an obliging neighbor. And now she is not; God took her.

The funeral service was held in Charlotte Methodist church. The writer was assisted in the service by Rev. C. L. Grant and Rev. D. V. Pike. The body was laid to rest beneath a covering of flowers in the church cemetery. May the God of all comfort sustain and keep those who feel most keenly the breaking of this earthly tie.

S. W. TAYLOR.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Cedar Fals S. S., Richland	$10.00
Grace church S. S., Greensboro	9.00
Glen Raven C. E. Soc., clothing child	10.00
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Bethesda, Halifax, for three quarters	11.00
Fair Grove S. S., Seagrove-Love Joy	5.00
Charlotte S. S., Richland, July to Oct.	18.69
Girls' class, Hewlett, N. Y., for shoes	3.00
Glen Raven S. S.	3.36
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N. C. Branch, Women's Work, by the Treasurer	100.40
First church S. S., Thomasville	24.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Armfield III, Asheboro, clothing child	15.00
Spring Hill, North Davidson	6.62
Porter S. S.	5.00
Siler City S. S.	5.00
Union Chapel S. S., Mocksville	2.50
Matthews Chapel S. S., Greensville	2.30
New Hope S. S., Mecklenburg, Sept. and Oct.	3.00
Mebane S. S., Sept. and Oct.	11.86
Whitakers S. S.	5.00
Harmony Grove S. S., West Forsyth	2.70
First church S. S., Winston-Salem	7.00
Lebanon S. S., Spring Church	1.00
Mill Grove S. S., Midland	3.36
Pine Grove S. S., Kernersville	3.75
Love's Grove S.S., Friendship-Love's G.	10.64
Graham S. S.	9.17

We thank you for helping with the above good report. Conference meets Wednesday of next week, October 18. Please have all money you wish to go into our report to conference in our hands by Tuesday, October 17. That is as late as we can count it in for this year.

Clothing and Other Gifts

Some groups of ladies have sent us, or brought us, cakes for school lunches. We are very grateful for this good help. These are: Davis Street church, Burlington, Welch Memorial, High Point, and Shiloh on Shiloh. This will be helpful through the winter, if our good ladies will continue it as in other years.

Harvest-Home Offerings

We are sure you are planning for your fall offerings of canned goods and produce, and we thank you. Please hold this until after conference, and then tell us where and how to get it. Thank you.

Pastors Please Note

We will specially need a Children's Home Secretary in each local church, on every charge, for next conference year. Former Methodist Protestants are called upon to support this Home during the next year. We have to reach the people without the Herald. Please see that we have at conference the name and correct address of your Children's Home secretaries. We are not asking that new ones be appointed. We prefer the old ones if your present ones are active. What we want is the name of one for each church, with the correct address.

Thanksgiving

When conference is over, Thanksgiving will be just ahead. Please be praying, thinking, and planning for a splendid Thanksgiving offering for the Children's Home. Plans will be given you for the campaign. We thank you.

Yours in His service,
A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

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uses the Word of God he has learned how to use. He prays as he has learned to pray. He calls to mind familiar experiences under similar circumstances which have resulted in victories. The time of trouble is not a time for worry and fear. It's a time to use the tools which one has collected through the years.

Christian Confidence: When trouble comes, one should trust God. Confidence in God is consolation; faith in God is fortitude; reliance on God is radiance; trust in God triumph. The little things in life are big in God's great love; the big cares are little in His great power. If one trusts God and does his part, victory is as certain as day following the night. Trusting God in trouble is yielding to His refining process. "There is no ripened fruit without the sun; no gold without the fiery furnace; no real greatness without rigorous discipline," said a wise one. Enduring trouble, however, is not enough. The mastery of trouble is the making of character. "What we do in the crisis always depends upon whether we see the difficulties in the life of God, or God in the shadow of the difficulties."—G. Campbell Morgan.

Mastering Trouble: The only way to manage trouble is to master it. Use it as a means of building Christian character. Trouble may be used as a means of discipline. Noblest characters have been the product of sanctified tribulation. Trouble may be the means by which God speaks to His people. Often God washes our eyes with tears that we may more clearly recognize His providence and His presence. The furnace of affliction is one of God's meeting places with His people. He never meets with His children without blessing them. "God is our refuge." Here is escape. But "God is our strength." Strength for what? Strength for endeavor. Escape in God and endeavor for God lead to the mastery of trouble.

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N. C. Branch Women's Work.
Sept. 30, 1939

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Amount previously reported		$528.68
Haw River Circuit	$ 2.00	
Asheboro	25.00	
Pine Bluff	1.00	
Lincolnton	3.00	
Calvary	10.00	
Mrs. A. E. White, Flat Rock, Vance	1.00	
Miss Mary V. White, Flat Rock, Vance	1.00	
Shiloh, Shiloh	5.00	
Chestnut Ridge, Orange	5.00	
Grace, Greensboro	10.00	
Mt. Pleasant, M. P.	10.00	
Bellmont, M. H.	5.00	
Lawndale, Cleveland	1.50	
Spring Church Circuit	2.00	
Worthville	.42	
Spencer	2.00	
Hebron, Orange	2.00	
Receipts for September		85.92
Total amount collected		$614.60

MRS. COY L. EKARNS, Treas.,
N. C. Branch Women's Work.
September 30, 1939

SEMINARY BOOK FUND

Contributions

Rev. R. M. Andrews	$ 1.00
Mr. George Penny	10.00
Grace Church Auxiliary	10.00
Union Grove, Union Grove	3.00
Mrs. Geo. R. Brown, Liberty, N. C.	5.00
Total receipts for Book Fund	$29.00

MRS. COY L. KEARNS, Treas.,
N. C. Branch Women's Work.

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Tale bearers are just as bad as tale makers.—Sheridan.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Union Grove and Zion Charges.—We feel that the Lord has richly blessed us on these charges this year. The attendance at the preaching services has been good for the membership. The meetings have been a great success. We have taken twenty-four members into the Union Grove Church and forty-one into the churches on Zion Charge. Rev. Glenn Madison helped in the meeting at Friendship Church and Rev. C. E. Ridge at Union Grove. These two men are among our best preachers and revivalists. We are well pleased with their work. The pastor did his own preaching at the other three churches.

Three churches on the Zion Charge will pay all claims in full. I am hoping the fourth will pay all claims. Union Grove is some behind with finances, but hurriedly coming to the front. We think Union Grove will make the honor roll on every thing except World Service and Herald subscription. They have already paid more on World Service than was accepted last year. Early in the year the members helped to build the pastor a barn, repair the garage, and dig a basement. This summer the Duke Power Company put their electric power line to the parsonage. As pastor and family we appreciate these improvements. We also appreciate the fine cooperation and work done by the good people on this charge.

E. A. BINGHAM, Pastor.

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Asheville, Merrimon Avenue Methodist Church.—The fact that there has been no report from this charge does not mean that nothing has been going on. Our reporter has been sick and her physician advised her to get off from every task possible. She being a teacher in our city schools did not feel that she could give up her livelihood, decided to give up as much of her work as possible. So in order that you may know that we are living and making progress, I am sending a few items that I am sure will be of interest to the friends of our Asheville church. You will note the name at the heading for which we have received a number of congratulations. Thank you!

Our attendance is holding up well. We have added ten to the membership this year, have the names of five other splendid people to unite with us the third Sunday, and there is a prospect of others.

We have a Church Loyalty Campaign on in our city now that we feel will help all the churches. We have already noticed an increase in attendance. We are hoping for better things.

Our Young People's Choir is doing fine work as is the Woman's Auxiliary. The Sunday school has held its own notwithstanding many scares that have kept the children away. The leaders in all departments have been faithful and we are hoping for a good report at Conference.

Our finances are coming up nicely, while the salary was cut two hundred dollars before Conference last year, there is a movement on foot now to increase it two hundred dollars over this year. With the paying of some debts left over from last year, an increase in the collections for World Service, with all Conference claims practically in sight we are hopeful of a splendid report.

When we consider all the set backs this church has had one way or another, it is encouraging how a faithful few have held on in spite of the discouragements. We are hoping that they may be rewarded in the days to come by seeing an answer to their prayers by people coming this way and an enlargement in the membership that will be an attraction when the time comes for the merging of this with the Methodist church on the next block. Neither church seems to be ready for this yet. Of course this is the logical thing to do, but it is rather a delicate situation and will have to be handled with care by making both churches as strong for it as possible.

This has been a very pleasant year in many respects. Asheville is a great place to live. There are so many advantages here. So many conventions and conferences, then we are so close to Lake Junaluska.

We have had a number of friends come to see us this summer that we have enjoyed so much. Among them two visits from Bishop Straughan and one each from Bishop Broomfield and Dr. F. L. Gibbs. We are glad you all came, friends. Sorry to have missed several on account of being away on our westward trip and helping in several meetings. One hundred and seventeen out of town visitors during the year.

We are hoping and praying that the Spirit of Christ may guide in all the affairs of the Conference uniting in Greensboro this month. There is much to be done. May the same spirit that has been manifested in the meetings heretofore held be seen in the meetings just ahead.

In the Quarterly Conference last night, it was found that our delegate-elect will not be able to attend Conference, and Brother H. L. Hanner was elected to take her place. On motion of Dr. J. S. Williams and seconded by Dr. R. B. Wilson, the Quarterly Conference voted unanimously to increase the salary for next year two hundred dollars. Our Rally Day service yesterday was a success in every way.

Sincerely,
N. G. BETHEA.

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Love Joy Church, Seagrove-Love Joy Charge, Rev. J. H. Trolinger, Pastor. — As Conference draws near we look back over the year to see that it has been a very prosperous one for our church. We feel that our good pastor and wife have really been a blessing to the church as a whole during the past year. We are looking forward to having them another year.

Our annual camp meeting began September 24 and lasted through October 3. Our pastor brought three fine messages the first Sunday. Our helper, Rev. C. G. Isley of Albemarle, arrived Monday and remained with us throughout the revival. We were glad to have Mr. Isley's mother with us also. We enjoyed their stay on the camp grounds with us, and hope they will come again. We had good attendance at each service and every message was heart-searching and uplifting. We feel that the entire church was revived. There were a number of conversions and reclamations. We welcomed eight new members into the church.

There were more people camping on the grounds this year than has been in the past several years. There were sixty-six camping during the revival.

Sunday, October 8, was our last regular preaching day before Conference. There were a good number present and our pastor delivered a splendid message. Communion was observed at the close of the service. There was also the installation of the official board for the coming year.

The organizations of our church are very active, including the Ladies' Auxiliary and Sunday school. We have had an average attendance of ninety-one in Sunday school during the past year.

The financial program of the church has moved along splendidly this year. We could not ask for better cooperation. Our pastor's salary has been paid in full. The Annual Conference claims have all been paid and a good show made on the General Conference claims.

So we close our year's work, giving God the credit for what has been accomplished in the past and with a greater determination to make next year a better one.

MRS. CLARA RUSSELL.

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Liberty Hill, Anderson Charge, Rev. T. M. Johnson, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointments Sunday, bringing a very helpful and inspiring message. His lesson text was taken from the 12th chapter of Galations the 25th verse.

Mr. E. S. Pepper of Fairview Church has been elected delegates from Anderson charge to go to Conference this year.

The Rally Day program was observed Sunday night with a splendid program. It was so beautiful to see the small children with their smiling faces under the lights speaking. It always reminds me when I see children speaking and singing for the Lord that they are being trained up in the way they should go and when they are old they will not depart from it. A special song was given by the Brannon sisters.

As Sunday was the last preaching service before Conference meets, several important matters had to be taken care of so that the year's report would be complete. Always the last preaching day Joash Day is observed. $86.25 was paid in Sunday for pastor's salary. The Joash Box used.

The World Service assessments are paid in full since Rally Day program completed the four special days we observe in raising the World Service funds. Young People's Day, Easter, Children's Day and Rally Day are the four special days we set aside to raise these funds for World Service. We have paid $20.00 given from these programs. Also all Conference claims have been paid.

Our church has sent $56.00 to the Children's Home besides some offering that the individual classes sent that has not been added.

The officers of our Sunday school were elected the first Sunday. Mr. J. P. Waddell, superintendent; John D. McClimon, secretary; Miss Doris Poole, pianist; and Nick Smith, singing clerk. All classes elected teachers and officers and a number of new members added to most all classes. Most all the former officers of the church were re-elected Sunday. The church clerk, class leaders, trustees, stewards, ushers, and church paper reporters. We ask the prayers of all Christians for each officer and member of our church that all may cooperate and work harder than ever for the Lord and the upbuilding of our church.

The Senior Christian Endeavor Society met and elected officers, Miss Lillian Compton, president and William Jones, superintendent.

The Junior C. E. Society elected Miss Kate Poole as president.

The Ladies' Aid Society met and elected Mrs. R. T. Bennette as their president and Mrs. Claude Brannon as secretary.

The Willing Worker Class met at the home of Mrs. Bee Cooper's October 3 for their class meeting. New officers were elected. Mrs. R. T. Bennette, Mrs. W. T. Jackson and Miss Murle Westmoreland were put in as leaders.

We were indeed glad to have Mr. Stout and son, also Mr. Pittman of Greenville to come and worship with us Sunday morning.

Sorry to know Miss Esther Compton is still ill at this writing.

Rev. T. M. Johnson was Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Poole and spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Compton.

We were indeed glad to have Mr. Perry Smith back since he has been away on account of an appendectomy.

MRS. JOHN D. McCLIMON.

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Bethel Church, Randolph Charge, Rev. H. L. Isley, Pastor.—Our last Quarterly Conference met Sunday, October 8, at Bethany Church. A good number of the official members were present and unusually good reports given. All the churches on the charge have done well, financially this year. Bethel has had all claims paid for some time except few dollars on the pastor's salary, which we think will be paid before Conference meets.

All churches on the charge voted for the return of our pastor, and we're surely hoping he'll get back. I never heard a better report than he gave at Quarterly Conference. His only interest this year seems to be to the good of the church. And we feel that his wife is also greatly interested in his work. She seldom missed a Sunday at the church where his engagements are.

We are going to Conference with great wishes for their return.

MRS. C. P. ANDERSON, Reporter.

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Concord, Ann Street Methodist Church, Rev. E. O. Peeler, Pastor.—A very beautiful service was held in our church Sunday morning. It being the first Sunday the Holy Communion was observed and we always feel that it is such a sweet sacred service. Sunday our pastor changed the program and before the Lord's Supper was administered he let the congregation have an old fashion testimony meeting and of course all Methodists enjoy a meeting like that. Then the doors of the church were opened but no one joined Sunday. Three of our little children with their parents came to be baptized. Little Dickey Ray Cline, Little Lora Ann and Conrad Whitley. We were happy to greet some visitors at this service. On next Sunday morning, October 8, we will have the report of the nominating committee and election of officers for the year, and in the afternoon the Fourth Quarterly Conference will meet. Our stewards think everything will be ready for our pastor to have a good report for conference. Our Ladies' Aid will meet tonight and the new officers will be elected at this meeting.

Mrs. S. C. Cass is improving after an operation. She is in the Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte.

Miss Nita Blackwelder is improving. She can be up a little now.

Mrs. Lee Bost is very ill at this time. Mrs. Bost has been in a wheel chair for years but now she is confined to her bed.

Mrs. Earl Helderman has been real sick but is able to be up now.

Wayne Davis is confined to his home with scarlet fever.

BERTHA EARNHARDT, Reporter.

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Christ Methodist Church, Henderson, Rev. T. J. Whitehead, Pastor.—At a recent meeting of the Fourth Quarterly Conference Mr. J. B. Hicks was elected delegate to the final Methodist Protestant Conference of North Carolina which will convene at Grace Methodist church in Greensboro, October 18-23. Mr. R. W. Dixon was elected as alternate.

The Girls' Mission Club held its September meeting with Miss Lucille Finch. Miss Minerva Falkner presided and Miss Anne Dell Floyd led the devotionals.

China was the subject for the afternoon led by Mrs. Clyde L. Finch. India will be discussed later. Miss Mary Gene Falkner will be the leader.

The club assisted at a meeting at the Vance County Home recently.

The girls are very busy with their school work but find time to do many deeds of kindness.

The officers of the Men's Bible Class for the coming year are: President, Mr. J. M. Baity; Vice-President, Mr. George Davis; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. W. R. Trogdon; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. R. W. Dixon; Teachers: Messrs. J. B. Hicks and S. R. Harris; Sick Committee, Messrs. C. O. Falkner, C. M. Hight and T. R. Nichols; Look-Out Committee, Messrs. H. O. Falkner, E. C. Kittrell and I. M. Grissom.

The Auxiliary met September 25 with Mrs. Emily Pirie Reavis with a large attendance. During the business session, presided over by Mrs. L. R. Gooch. Mrs. Clyde L. Finch was elected to represent the Board of Missions and Miss Elizabeth Fox the Board of Christian Education.

Miss Elizabeth Fox continued the review of the mission book "Women and the Day" which was very much enjoyed. We hope to have the pleasure of meeting with Mrs. Reavis again.

Sunday, October 1 was Promotion Day for the young people of the Sunday school and Pay-Up Day for the church. We are grateful for the services of these faithful teachers who are training the young boys and girls for usefulness in the church, community and the world.

The Philathea Class was entertained by Miss Elizabeth Fox September 9 with Mesdames R. W. Dixon and Glenn Satterwhite as associate hostesses.

Mrs. J. L. Mundy presided over the business session at which time a contribution was voted for a scholarship fund for a seminary student. Miss Agnes Reese Harris gave a splendid report of the National Baraca and Philathea convention held in Richmond, Va.

The Philathea Class had the October meeting in the home of Mrs. Clyde L. Finch with Mrs. C. M. Hight and Mrs. Starkey assistant hostesses. All who attended report a most enjoyable evening.

Young People's Fellowship meetings are held each Sunday evening at the First Methodist church at 6 p. m.

We regret to note during September the death of Mrs. S. A. Greenway, the mothers of Mr. Garland Greenway, Dr. Rawls, an uncle of Mrs. J. L. Munday in Suffolk, Va., and Mrs. J. F. Coghill, niece of Mrs. E. C. Kittrell. We extend to these bereaved friends our heart-felt sympathy.

Miss Anna Tompkins has returned to her home in Columbia, S. C., after a visit to her mother, Mrs. J. R. Tompkins, and grandfather, G. B. Harris.

Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Whitehead had as their weekend guests recently Mrs. Whitehead's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Amick of Burlington.

Mrs. J. L. Joyce and little son, Johnnie, have returned to their home at Mount Olive after a visit to Mrs. Joyce's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Powell.

Rev. Mr. Whitehead's Sunday morning subject was: "The Shepherd Psalm." The evening sermon was: "The Life and Work of Frances Elizabeth Willard."

Just about ten days until the Annual Conference and we are sincerely wishing that Rev. and Mrs. Whitehead may be returned to us.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNIE C. LASHLEY.

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Hawkins Chapel Church, Littleton Charge, D. D. Broome, Pastor.—Fourth Sunday evening before service the Christian Endeavor met.

Second Sunday morning Brother Broome read for his scripture St. Matthews 5:1-16. Text: "Ye are the light." Mrs. Willie Grey Mitchell and Miss Lillian Hawkins rendered us a beautiful duet, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Baldy Greene.

Officers for the coming year are as follows: Stewards, Curtis Porter, Clarence Hawkins, Tommie Hawkins, Virgia Hawkins, and Alice Mae Glasgow; Trustees: Zeb Hawkins, Roger Hawkins, Clifton Hawkins, Philip Hawkins and Jessie Pittard; Ushers: Hubert Hawkins and Willis Hawkins; Class Leaders: C. F. Hawkins and Edward Hawkins; Secretary-Treasurer: Paul Hawkins; Sunday school Superintendent: Miss Margaret Pittard; Assistant: Baldy Greene; Pianist: Mrs. Baldy Greene; Assistant: Grace Pittard; Church Reporter: Mrs. Claude Hawkins.

Christian Endeavor met Sunday evening at 7:30. We will meet every Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock except fourth evening, will meet before preaching service.

We were glad to have Misses Alice Mae Whiley and Mae Shearin from Weavers to worship with us Sunday and many more visitors.

Son of Mrs. C. M. Hawkins, Mr. Raymond Hawkins of Richmond, Va., was united in marriage to Miss Thelma Buster of Richmond, Sunday at 11:30 o'clock. We wish for them a long and happy life.

We sure missed Mrs. M. J. Morris Sunday from preaching service, and learning her reason for not being present brought sorrow to our hearts.

Mr. M. J. Morris is in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital very ill at present, also sorrow to learn Mr. Wilson Hawkins is in the hospital too. Mrs. F. A. Greene is gradually growing weaker; she has been ill since May 10. Glad to say Mr. Andrew Pittard is some better. We hope for them all a speedy recovery.

Second Sunday in September Mr. and Mrs. Broome were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Georgie Thompson. Last Sunday they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Baldy Greene.

Conference is almost at hand and much work to be done yet . But are hoping to reach the top. We hope to have Mr. Broome back. It seems everybody loves both Mr. and Mrs. Broome.

MRS. CLAUDE HAWKINS, Reporter.

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Worthville Church, Rev. C. L. Spencer, Pastor.—As I write this, my last report to the Methodist Protestant Herald, it brings a feeling of sadness over me. I have enjoyed reading the M. P. Herald and will greatly miss it.

Our pastor preached an interesting sermon yesterday using the 6th verse of the 14th chapter of St. John as his text, the subject being "The Way Home." The Lord's Supper was observed at this hour and a goodly number partook. As this was the last sermon for this year, the church officers were elected and installed: class leaders, Mr. F. E. Allred and Mrs. C. O. Byrd; trustees, C. F. Allred, W. L. Kirkman, J. A. Feree, N. E. Nelson, and Ralph Jennings; stewards, N. E. Nelson, McRoy Allred, Mrs. W. H. Trogdon, Marie Williamson, Lillian Ferree and Wendell Allred. Our Sunday school superintendent will be elected by the Sunday school soon.

Our church and Sunday school work has been moving along nicely; all our claims have been paid with the exception of the last month on pastor's salary, and we hope to get that in before conference. We appreciate the work that Mr. and Mrs. Spencer have done in our church, and we are expecting them to be returned another year.

MRS. C. O. BYRD, Reporter.

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Central Church, Asheboro.—The series of evangelistic services at the local church were concluded on Sunday evening, September 30. Dr. E. K. McLarty of Concord, was guest speaker at each service which was largely attended. Dr. McLarty was cordially received by the townspeople and the community is enriched by the minister's messages.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference convened Thursday evening with Dr. Taylor in the chair, and the announcement was that all claims for the year had been paid in full, which is two weeks earlier than usual.

Dr. Taylor is completing five years of devoted service at Central church and requests that he be assigned to another charge at the ensuing conference in Greensboro.

Excerpts from Dr. Taylor's yearly report on Thursday evening are listed. In the five years 162 members have been received into the church. Transfers were given 41, 11 members lost by death, and 10 were removed from the church roster, leaving the present membership at 503. The total amount raised during the five years is $36,431.

The parsonage debt has been paid and at present there is no debt on either the church or parsonage.

There are numerous expressions of appreciation expressed for the services of the Taylor family during their sojourn in the city.

Other reports at the conference were that 424 were enrolled in the Sunday school and that $1,091.50 was raised during the fiscal year. The treasurer's report, not including funds raised by the Auxiliary and the Sunday school, totaled $3,929.02.

W. L. Ward was elected delegate to the conference of the United Church to be held on October 18, and Mrs. J. S. Lewis was named alternate. The same persons are to serve as delegates to the Methodist Protestant Conference in Greensboro on October 18.

The monthly meeting of the Auxiliary was held Monday afternoon in the church social room, with Miss Lollie Jones, president, presiding.

On Sunday, October 8, the following babies were dedicated to God at an impressive baptismal service at 2:30 p. m.: Forest Eric Deaton, Mary Clyde Chisholm, Vivian Ann Stutts, Neil Hampton Henley, Sara Louise Lowdermilk, Thomas Stanley Redding, Arsula Ann Craven, children of Central church members, and Robert Dorsey Davis, Jr., only grandchild of Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Taylor, of High Point.

Mrs. W. G. Trexler and Mrs. J. D. Ross, Jr. were added by letter Sunday to the Central church roll. Mrs. Trexler comes from Salisbury and Mrs. Ross from Grace church, Greensboro.

Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Pritchard of High Point were visitors in Asheboro Friday.

Dr. Taylor presided at the Quarterly Conference at the Chapel Hill Methodist church in Davidson County Saturday afternoon, at the request of Dr. Pritchard, president of the N. C. Conference. Rev. W. M. Neese is pastor of the Chapel Hill church.

The Woman's Bible class of Central church, meeting Friday evening with Mrs. John Huneycutt, elected Mrs. R. D. Lowdermilk president. Other hostesses were Mrs. John Swaim and Mrs. J. S. Lewis. Teachers of the class are Mrs. S. W. Presnell, Mrs. C. F. Smith, Mrs. Swaim, Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Huneycutt.

The last services for the conference year will be Sunday, October 15, and the newly-elected officers will be installed at the morning worship service. The minister has selected as topics for discussion at the worship hour, "The Blessings of Responsibility" and "Put Your Best Into Your Christian Living."

Tom Houts has been employed for another year to serve as pastor's assistant and director of religious education. Houts will also direct the church music and the senior choir will soon select new vestments. Among the other officers are James Lowdermilk, church treasurer; L. F. Ross, general superintendent of the Sunday school; Carman Parks, scout leader; W. F. Redding, Jr., secretary-treasurer of the Sunday school; C. E. Bulla, superintendent of the adult and young people's department of the Sunday school; W. C. Hendrick, chairman of ushers; and Mrs. John Taylor will continue as agent for the church paper.

Mrs. W. R. Lowdermilk, of Greenville, S.C., was overnight guest Sunday, September 30, of Mrs. S. F. Lowdermilk on South Cox extension. The late Rev. W. R. Lowdermilk was a former pastor of the Asheboro Methodist (Protestant) church.

Dr. and Mrs. Taylor have recently completed a modern home on federal highway No. 64, four miles west of Asheboro, near the Charlotte Methodist church. (When the minister retires, the Charlotte community will have most desirable neighbors!)

Mr. and Mrs. Lester E. Rich and son, Van Elmer Rich, have recently moved into their new home on South Cox street.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Presnell are now living in their modern brick home on East Kivett street, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bulla are completing a brick home on highway 64 near the Charlotte church.

CLETA RICH.

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Rockingham Charge, R. L. Vickery, Pastor.—This report brings us close to the end of another conference year. It has been a very successful year in the history of our church. Forty-six new members have been added to the church. There has been a large number of professions also.

Our spring and fall revival meetings were a great success. The fall meeting which was held the last week of September was one of the best we've had.

The spiritual and financial condition of the Sunday school is very good. The average attendance is about 120. We elected the official members for 1940 last Sunday.

The Ladies' Aid society held a chicken supper last Friday night at the pastor's home. The ladies made around $13 on the supper. We wish to commend them for their fine work this year.

We held home-coming day at our church the first Sunday in October. There was a large attendance. There was a table filled with excellent food. I think everyone enjoyed themselves very much. We hope to have home-coming next year.

Let's all resolve to make the conference year 1940 one of the best yet. Remember our church when you pray.

MRS. EUGENE BULLARD. Reporter.

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Bess Chapel Church, Lincolnton-Bess Chapel Charge, Rev. W. L. Harkey, Pastor, October 9.—Sunday, October 8, was our last preaching service for this conference year. Our beloved and efficient pastor delivered to a large congregation another of his inspiring messages. We were also favored with a beautiful solo by Rev. Furman Wright, a young Methodist minister in our community. At the close of the sermon Communion service was observed.

We have been having a good Sunday school with 106 present last Sunday out of a total of 120 members.

Our Ladies' Auxiliary has been doing good work. We have helped to finance a great many needs in our church. We are expecting to complete our Sunday school rooms by the end of this year. Our monthly meetings are always enjoyable. The programs are especially interesting, the attendance good, and the refreshments delicious. This month we meet with Mrs. A. A. Beam and Mrs. Kenneth Beam at the home of Mrs. A. A. Beam.

We are glad to say that we have had a very good year. The Lord has blessed us materially and spiritually. Our revival services were held the second week in August, with Rev. Spencer from the Randleman charge as pulpit help. Many were spiritually revived and several converted. We enjoyed every one of Mr. Spencer's sermons; they were very uplifting and we will always remember his good work and pleasant visit with us. We are also indeed grateful for the kind services rendered by our own pastor this year. He is liked by all, and we hope that the unanimous vote from our church will bring him back to us next year.

We are happy to report that our pastor's salary and all our other financial pledges have been met in full.

We have several members that are sick at this time. They are missed and we pray that they will soon be back to worship with us, if it is the Lord's will.

REPORTER.

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Ann Street Methodist Church, Concord, Rev. E. O. Peeler, Pastor, October 9.—Our Ladies' Aid society met at the church last Monday night with a good attendance. The officers were elected for the next conference year. Mrs. Fred Sides will be our president again, and she really is a good one. We were all very happy when our treasurer reported that all bills were paid and we still have a small amount in the treasury. Our new officers for the church have been elected and will be installed at the morning service next Sunday. There were lots of changes made in the officers for next year, and we just pray that we will all cooperate so well that the new officers will be proud of their new jobs in the church.

Our fourth quarterly conference was held Sunday afternoon, and we are sorry to say, with a small attendance. We don't know why, but it seems hard to get a crowd together on Sunday afternoon even at the church. Our pastor had a very beautiful report; we just wish every member of the church could have heard it. Our Sunday school superintendent made a good report and our Ladies' Aid and Missionary Auxiliary report was real good. Our church treasurer made a good report, but we hope for it to be still better before our pastor goes to conference. Mrs. J. L. Sides will be our delegate and Mr. Tom Rabon is our alternate.

Our hearts were made sad when little C. D. Sides, Jr., was struck by a car and suffered bruises and a broken leg. But we are happy to hear that he is getting along fine now in the Cabarrus hospital.

BERTHA EARNHARDT, Reporter.

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Fairview Church, Anderson Charge, Dr. T. M. Johnson, Pastor.—On Thursday evening, October 5, 1939, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Nalley and Mrs. H. M. Phillips were host and hostesses to the members of the Ladies' Aid society, their husbands and several friends, at a fish supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nalley. Our pastor, Dr. T. M. Johnson, acted as master of ceremonies. The Nalley home, which is a very appropriate one for such an occasion like this, was beautifully decorated throughout with varied colored fall flowers, which made it a very pretty setting for this annual event.

At 7:30 o'clock plates consisting of fish, pickles, slaw, potato chips and bread with coffee were served to approximately 75 guests and it is needless to say that all present enjoyed this delightful repast.

When supper was finished, and after the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," Dr. Johnson introduced the president of the society, Mrs. E. S. Pepper, who in her own manner thanked Mr. and Mrs. Nalley for their genial hospitality. Rev. Mr. Bell, pastor of the M. E. churches in the community, was introduced next and gave some very timely remarks on "Fellowship."

We were very fortunate to have with us on this occasion the presiding elder of the M. E. churches in the Anderson district, Rev. Leo Gillespie, who also gave us a short talk. His remarks were timely and well fitted and enjoyed by all present. Following this the group sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Gillespie.

Expressing the sentiment of all present, I will say that this was a very enjoyable affair and we take this means of expressing to our host and hostesses our sincere thanks for such a delightful time spent together.

MRS. A. F. MAW.

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Bethesda, North Davidson, Rev. O. B. Williams, Pastor.—Our church is moving along nicely, although we haven't had a report in some time. We feel like we have had a good year. There are still greater things to do. We are indeed grateful for what has been accomplished. We have held all programs that our church requires. Our revival meeting was a great success wtih Rev. J. P. Pegg, one of our former pastors, as pulpit help. We were indeed glad to have him with us again.

Officers for the coming year have been elected and installed.

Our pastor, Rev. O. B. Williams, has been with us for every appointment this year. We have enjoyed having him and his wife with us and feel like a great deal has been accomplished. Although we are expecting him back and as Sunday was the last service for the conference year, a rising vote of thanks was given by the entire congregation. This was also a vote for their return.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is sponsoring a chicken pie supper Saturday night, October 21, at the home of Mrs. D. D. Brinkley.

MRS. J. O. EVERHART, Reporter.

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Community Church, Thomasville, J. Clyde Auman, Pastor.—The churches in Thomasville have recently brought to a close the third annual Go-to-Church week with very satisfactory results. In fact, as far as Community church goes, the attendance was the largest that the church has experienced in the three years. Twenty-two churches, including the colored churches, cooperated. A part of the movement back to church was a religious census of the town. Our pastors are suspicious that by far the largest percentage of the people do not attend church anywhere.

Due to the Go-to-Church week services going into the first Sunday, our Rally Day services were not held until the second Sunday.

Mrs. G. H. Hobbs, Mrs. T. L. Einstein, and Miss Sybil Bost were the committee. They presented the "High Way and the Low Way," by Frank W. Stephenson. It was one of the best plays that has been presented at Community in recent years. Its message was very evident and I think had a deep impression on the audience.

On Wednesday night of last week we held our fourth quarterly conference. While the board of stewards reported a considerable amount of money to be raised before conference, the board expressed the hope that the total budget would be raised. The writer was asked to be returned for another year.

Thursday night of this week we are to have our annual church meeting, when the church officers for the new year are to be elected, and definite plans are to be made for the every-member canvass to take place next Sunday afternoon.

Mr. N. D. Clemons, a member of Community church, after a rather brief illness, died on September 4 after an operation at the High Point City Memorial hospital.

J. CLYDE AUMAN, Pastor.

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Mt. Pleasant Church, J. W. Braxton, Pastor.—At their fourth meeting, held at Mt. Pleasant church October 1, the quarterly conefrence voted unanimously for the return of the pastor for another year.

Officers for the coming year have been elected and were installed in an impressive service Sunday morning, October 1. Few changes were made in the list of the past year except that, in accordance with a recent church decision, a church treasurer was elected to take over the combined tasks of the former steward treasurer and trustee treasurer. Norman Alexander, former steward treasurer, was selected for this new work.

More than 25 members of the Cradle Roll, primary, junior, and intermediate departments of the Sunday school were promoted

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at the annual promotion day held the first Sunday in October. At this time Superintendent W. A. Stafford announced an average attendance of nearly 200 for the past year. Two new members were received into the church this month.

The church auxiliary is working out plans for extending the water line from the parsonage to the church this fall. Miss Callene Phillips is chairman of the committee in charge of this work.

S. A. Alexander, one of the outstanding members of this church, was warmly welcomed back to the services Sunday morning, October 8, after an illness of several months. "Cap'n" John Curtis, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, is improving now under the expert care of Mrs. C. C. Curtis.

About 30 members and guests of the Young People's society took part in a weiner roast on the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stafford Thursday evening, September 28. The social committee, consisting of Odell Brown and Misse Eloise Causey and Thelma Clapp, carried out a successful program of entertainment and recreation during the evening. Several of the members also took part in croquet games on the lawn.

REPORTER.

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Midway Church, Rev. Paul Hamilton, Pastor, October 8.—This marks a red letter week for our church. All church officials, class teachers and class officers have been elected and will be installed Sunday, October 15.

The progress of the church in the last year has been excellent, and I feel sure this will be great encouragement to the incoming officers. Here's hoping each member will strive more than ever to increase the membership roll and the activity of the church even more than that of the past.

The Ladies' class had their regular monthly meeting Wednesday night. New officials elected were: president, Miss Christine Bridges; vice-president, Miss Christine Suits; secretary, Mrs. George Orr, and treasurer, Mrs. Bill Hiatt. It is hoped that more of the women will attend the meetings in the future. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Daisy Hiatt, November 7 at 7:30.

It was with the greatest of interest that the many friends of Allan Pinnix learned of his very recent marriage. Mr. Pinnix, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Pinnix, was united in marriage with Miss Veronica Louise Somers, of Washington, D. C., in a simple but very impressive church ceremony Sunday, October 8. The minister officiating was Dr. John R. Edwards of the Union Methodist Episcopal church of Washington. The nuptial vows were spoken in the presence of only a few very close friends and relatives. Immediately after the ceremony the wedding party was entertained at a small reception given by the bride's mother, Mrs. Mary Somers, at her home, 4105 Wisconsin Ave. N. W.

Mrs. Pinnix is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Somers of Washington, and the late Lawrence Somers of Akron, Ohio. The bridegroom, a young member of our church, holds a position with the government in Washington. To the young couple will go our best wishes for a very happy, long married life.

Rev. Mr. Hamilton, our minister, was a Sunday night dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. York. Our pastor enjoys the meals he takes with his members immensely. He feels this is one direct way he can come in close contact with his members.

MRS. HENRY SUITS, Reporter.

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Davidson Charge, W. H. Neese, Pastor, October 10.—This perhaps is the last report I will ever write for the Methodist Protestant Herald, and before I make my report I want to say that for many years I have enjoyed reading this dear paper; it has meant much to me, and I shall miss it when it ceases to come into our home. But I hope the day will never come when my church paper (be it Methodist Protestant Herald, the Christian Advocate, or whatever name it may be called by) fails to come into our home.

Those who have made our church paper possible through all these years deserve much praise for their untiring labors.

Now for my final report of Lineberry Auxiliary for the year just closing.

On Saturday, October 7, at 2 p.m., the Lineberry Auxiliary met with Mrs. D. E. Lanier with all members present but two. The program was in charge of Mrs. W. H. Neese and was as follows: song, "Blessed Assurance," prayer by Mrs. W. H. Neese, solo by Miss Pollie Brown Wood, poem by Mrs. J. P. Elliott, meditation by Mesdames Van B. Wood, J. C. Taylor and Garvin Elliott, scripture readings by Mrs. Marshall Skeen and Mrs. Vernon Hall, solo by Mrs. W. C. Wood, prayer by Mrs. B. K. Taylor. The president, Miss Bruce Smith, had charge of the business session. The usual business was transacted. The Auxiliary voted to pay $5 on pastor's salary. The hostess, assisted by her daughter, Miss Bonnie Rea Lanier and Miss Pollie Brown Wood, served delicious refreshments. The November meeting will be with Mrs. Claud Elliott.

The Lineberry fall thank-offering service was observed Sunday night, October 8, at 7:30 p.m. The following program was rendered with the thank-offering secretary, Mrs. W. H. Neese, in charge: two songs by the choir; solo, "An Evening Prayer," by Miss Lorraine Metters; responsive readings by the congregation; solo, "Others," by Miss Pollie Brown Wood; reading, Mrs. Vernon Hall; song by the choir; a story, "Little Ann of Lost Gap," told very impressively by Miss Bruce Smith; solo, "Give of Your Best," by Mrs. W. C. Wood; remarks by the pastor; offering, solo by choir; closing prayer by Mrs. Van B. Wood.

The newly installed electric lights were in the church for the first time, and added much to the service. The parsonage family is also enjoying electric lights.

The Chapel Hill Auxiliary will hold its October meeting Saturday night, October 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the parsonage. At this time they will observe their fall thank-offering service.

The following are the last appointments for Davidson charge before conference: Chapel Hill Sunday at 11 a.m., Liberty at 2:30 p.m., and Lineberry at 7 p.m.

MRS. W. H. NEESE, Aux. Reporter.

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Level Cross, Randleman Charge, Rev. C. L. Spencer, Pastor.—Our revival meeting began September 3 and lasted through the 15. Rev. J. W. Groce of High Point being the help. Brother Groce gave us a series of very helpful sermons. While he preached to the sinners some, more of his time was spent with the reviving of church members. We believe many were revived and much good done. We were glad to have with us during the revival, in regular attendance, friends from Worthville, Mt. Lebanon and New Salem Methodist churches and also Center Friends. We welcomed their singing and personal work and feel that all were wonderfully blessed in the name of the Lord. Four new members were added to the church.

Our pastor has brought us two helpful sermons since the meeting. Officers for the coming year have been elected and installed. We are looking forward to a good year trusting that many have pledged themselves to tithe not only of their money but also their time and talent.

The Sunday school report shows an increase with a total attendance of 90. We know there is room for more and hope to report a larger attendance from time to time.

We will have one more appointment before Conference, Sunday afternoon, September 15. We trust Brother Spencer will be back with us.

MRS. A. B. MARLEY, Reporter.

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WHITTLINGS

The worst eye trouble is the "I" trouble.

The sure sign of the little man is the bighead.

Better be known for your "knows" than by your nose.

Most anarchists are made before they are nine years old.

The modern church prefers a live wire to an inflated tire.

Oftentimes a cheerful "hello" is the best dispeller of tearful woe.

Six-syllabled words are often the exhaust of a one-cylinder man.

Man's love for "wet goods" is matched by woman's love for dry goods.

The newest thing in some churches would be a sermon on the old gospel.

Too many parents are sticklers for obedience—in other people's children.

Nature gives every man two cheeks but never meant for any man to be all cheek.

Life's greatest tragedy is a man with a 10x12 intellect and a 2x4 soul.—Dr. L. K. Akers in N. C. Christian Advocate.

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Garner-Wood

On September 7 at the Denton parsonage, in the presence of a number of relatives and friends, Miss Mozelle Garner of Canaan Methodist church and Mr. Carl Wood of High Point were happily united in marriage. Geo. L. Curry, the bride's pastor, heard the vows. The parsonage was beautifully decorated with home-grown flowers. Mrs. Wood, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Z. L. Garner, received her education at Denton high school and High Point college. Since finishing school she has occupied a number of important positions, among them she was employed by a bank of Thomasville, N. C., and also by a bank of Rocky Mount, N. C. Mr. Wood is a sucessful furniture merchant of High Point, N. C. Immediately after the marriage ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Wood departed for an extended trip to New York and other northern cities. They are now at home in High Point. To these young people most sincere good wishes and congratulations are extended.

GEO. L. CURRY.

Sexton-Lomax

On September 20 in the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lomax, the parents of the bridegroom, which home is located on the High Rock road near Denton, N. C., Mr. Blanton B. Lomax and Miss Pauline Sexton were happily married in the presence of a number of relatives and friends. Mrs. Baxter Carter of Denton, N. C., rendered a number of instrumental selections appropriate for the ocasion. Miss Margaret Staley of Asheboro, N. C., rendered a beautiful vocal solo. Mrs. Lomax is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. H. P. Sexton and his late wife.

After finishing the work of the Denton high school, Mrs. Lomax has made her home in Denton and Asheboro. Mr. Lomax is one of the successful young business men of Denton.

The wedding parlor was most beautifully decorated with choice flowers and candles. Immediately after the wedding vows were heard the happy young couple took their departure for Natural Bridge, Va., and other points of interest. They are now at home in Denton, N. C.

The writer, the pastor, who heard the vows wishes for these fine young people a long and happy life filled with abundant blessings.

GEO. L. CURRY.

Lancaster-Vickery

Rev. Thurmon H. Vickery of Spartanburg, S. C., and Miss Eugenia Elizabeth Lancaster of Asheville, N. C., and Pauline, S. C., were united in matrimony at the Cross Anchor Methodist church, Cross Anchor, S. C.

Rev. C. G. Isley, pastor of Main Street Methodist church, of Albemarle, N. C., officiated. Miss Miriam Lancaster, cousin of the bride, was maid of honor. Rev. George M. Carver, of the Western N. C. Conference and close friend of the groom, was best man. Only a very few close friends were present.

The bride was educated at Asheville State Teachers' college where she made an enviable record, holding several outstanding and important offices among the governing student body. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McLaurin Lancaster of Pauline, S. C. Mrs. Vickery is a member of the Methodist church and takes an active part in the young people's work. She has many friends in North and South Carolina who will be interested in her marriage.

The groom is a member of the Methodist Protestant North Carolina Conference and pastor of Cross Anchor charge at Cross Anchor, South Carolina. He received his high school education at the Millingport school in Stanly county, attended High Point college and Wofford college in South Carolina. He is the son of Rev. R. L. Vickery, who is the pastor of the Methodist Protestant church in Rockingham, N. C., formerly pastor of Friendship-Love's Grove charge. The groom has many friends and is one of the leading young preachers of the Methodist conference. They will make their home in the parsonage at Cross Anchor, S. C.

Their many friends wish them a long and happy married life.

C. G. ISLEY.

"LIFE HAS TAUGHT ME"

By Bishop George A. Miller

In the give and take of experience I have learned—

1. To remember that my task is first of all God's work and that He is more interested in it than I am.
2. To keep silent about my own opinions and deal with facts and reasons rather than what "I think."
3. To hold steady under strain. Nothing is as bad as it looks.
4. To hear both sides before I decide major matters. Every man has something to teach me.
5. To leave important decisions until the following morning. God may take a hand if I hold off a little.
6. To treat every man as my equal. Those who feel inferior will respond with new values and my "betters" are also timid.
7. To believe that every man means to play fair. Better be imposed upon occasionally than suspicious all the time.
8. To give to my associates, not orders, but responsibilities with credit for results attained.
9. That no case is hopeless. Every failure deserves three trials under varying conditions. It may be a matter of finding his place.
10. Having done all things to decide, and having decided not to change without good reason.

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Youth is not a time of life; it is a state of mind. It is not a matter of ripe cheeks, red lips and supple knees; it is a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor; it is a freshness of the deep springs of life. Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years; people grow old only by deserting their ideals. Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair—these are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust. You are as young as your self-confidence; as old as your fear; as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your hope; as old as your despair.—Church Visitor, Dallas, Wis.

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Valedictory

With this issue the Methodist Protestant Herald bids its farewell and bows itself from the the state of action. For forty-five years the M. P. Herald and its predecessor "Our Church Record" has made its weekly visits into the homes of members of the Methodist Protestant Church. The influence of these weekly visits upon these homes cannot be evaluated. Only those who know the state of our denomnational strength and activity in this conference prior to the publication of this conference organ and the present situation can really appreciate how wide, varied and deep has been that influence.

There is always a tinge of sadness in saying farewell to an old friend, and the friend departing may feel most deeply this sadness. The present editor having known the services rendered by this church paper since its beginning might say much in its favor, and because of this express with deep emotion his regrets for its suspension. But space would not permit him to do this properly. We believe the proper action is taken since in the Methodist Church no provision is made for adequate support of the Herald. In the successor paper, the *North Carolina Christian Advocate,* will please you and give you full and accurate accounts of the progress of our Church in the two conferences in this state. We believe the union of Methodism has made a way for greater progress in Kingdom service and that when we shall have become accustomed to the different technique of service and enter more largely into the fellowship of the workers in this united Church, we shall be happy in our new relation. We pray for the wisdom and grace to do this.

For the past three years the present editor has tried to edit this paper under most difficult circumstances; the first year he was President of the North Carolina Conference and editor, the second year, he was Director of the Fellowship Crusade and editor, the third year he was pastor of a Church and editor; it has been a severe tax upon his time and energy to carry on these important activities in our Church. We must say that we shall be greatly relieved to lay down this burden now, and we do it with the consciousness that we tried to give it the best service there was in us under the circumstances.

Today we say, the Methodist Protestant Herald is dead, long live the Herald. May it continue to speak from the archives in the Wrenn Memorial Library, and out of the memories of its readers long after these pages are worn dim by the passing of the years.

And so with these lines of St. Vincent Millay we say farewell:

"Upon this marble bust that is not I,
Lay the round, formal wreath that is not fame;
But in the forum of my silenced cry
Root ye the living tree whose sap is flame.
I, that was fierce and valiant, am no more—
Save as a dream that wanders wide and late,
Safe as a wind that rattles the stout door,
Troubling the ashes in the sheltered grate.
The stone will perish; I shall be twice dust.
Only my standard on a taken hill
Can cheat the mildew and the red-brown rust
And make immortal my adventurous will.
Even now the silk is tugging at the staff;
Take up the song—forget the epitaph."

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Conference Action

In this my last letter to the Herald it is difficult to know just where to begin and where to end. In the matter of appointments I am leaving that to the editor except to say that in the main they remain as they were made by our final session. The changes by the new conference are as follows: Dr. S. W. Taylor goes to the District Superintendency of the High Point District rather than to First Church at Winston-Salem. Rev. Robert Shaw goes to the Creston charge in the Elkin district instead of Mecklenburg. Rev. W. H. Neese was changed from Davidson (South) to Crabtree charge in the Waynesville district. Rev. Leroy Spencer, formerly of the M. E. South Church will serve Brown Summit and Shady Grove in connection with the former M. E. South church at Whitsett. As for my own appointment, it was largely of my own choosing. No criticism whatsoever can be directed against either Bishop Straughn, Bishop Purcell or any member of the cabinet. I was treated with every consideration but on account of my health I had to ask for some kind of work which would give me more rest and relaxation. In the appointment I received I feel that I will be in the midst of my friends who can bear with me for awhile until I can build back what I have lost in the strenuous work of the past year.

Some Boundary Changes

Either by our own conference or by the new conference a good many changes in boundaries were made, some of which I will mention. The two churches at Weaverville are merged and the churches on our Weaverville circuit as well as those on our former Democrat circuit are absorbed into the surrounding circuits. Pensacola station was put with the Burnsville charge. Burke's Chapel and Shiloh churches were detached from the Connelly Springs charge and were placed on other circuits near them. Shady Grove on what was our Connelly Springs circuit was made a station temporarily and Rev. Herman Yokely will continue to serve it. Greer's Chapel was detached from Shiloh charge and attached to Spencer-China Grove. Mt. Zion and Mt. Pleasant churches on our Mt. Zion charge were attached to the former M. E. South Randolph circuit which charge now becomes the Randolph-Mt. Vernon charge to distinguish it from our Randolph charge which becomes Randolph-Gray's Chapel. Cid church was placed with First Church at Denton. Porter and Pine Bluff stations were absorbed into our Albemarle (Main St.) charge. Mill Grove station becomes a part of a new charge known as Midland. The boundaries of our Friendship-Love's Grove charge, our Mecklenburg charge and our Mocksville charge were considerably changed but I do not have all of the facts before me and cannot speak with accuracy. These changes were made in order to make it easier for a pastor to render better service. The two churches at Cedar Falls are merged and in return for our loss at Cedar Falls, West Bend church just out of Asheboro was placed on our Richland charge. The two churches at Liberty are merged as was also done at Gibsonville. In our own conference Union Ridge church was detached from the Forsyth charge and attached to North Davidson. The new conference changed the name of our Davidson charge to South Davidson.

Some Good Gains

It was very gratifying to us all to know that in the matter of membership for the past year there was a gain of 623. Our conference raised for world service $7,426 more than for the previous year. The gain in special missionary offerings over the previous year was $2,806 while the gain in Sunday school enrollment amounted to 3,124. In view of the many adjustments which we faced it does seem that this is rather remarkable. It proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that the Methodist Protestant church was neither dead nor dying.

Another Conference to Attend

On November 8 it will be my duty to go to Fayetteville to help in organizing the new North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church which conference will cover the eastern half of the state. Our pastors assigned to charges within the present boundaries of the North Carolina conference together with the lay delegates will go to Fayetteville and will go through with the same procedure that others went through in the united conference at Greensboro. Let all pastors and all charges remember that the appointments made in our final conference at Greensboro are subject to change at Fayetteville. Some of our ministers and several of our lay delegates from the Western half of the state went home after our session at Grace church and could not be found at the United Session. Let no one so act at the time of the conference in Fayetteville.

Sorry The Herald Is Going

One of the most painful things to us all in the merging of the conference is to give up the Herald. For forty-five years it has been a weekly visitor in the home of some of us. Many of us read it as soon as we learned to read. It has been a great blessing to us all. And now as it soon will be merged with the *Christian Advocate* we say, Blessings be upon the memory of its founder, that great man, Dr. J. F. McCulloch and upon its present editor, Dr. Andrews, who has carried on so splendidly for the past three years. Dr. McCulloch never had adequate support for his fine services. The first year that its present editor had charge he did it as a part of the work as President of the conference. During the past year his compensation was meager in comparison with the work which has to be done yet he has been faithful to the end.

"So Long Until Tomorrow"

And now as we approach the end of our activities as a separate conference, let me thank every one who has shown kindness in any way or who has made the work easier. While the work of president this year has been a terrible strain on the physical man yet it has been rich in its opportunities. And so we say, Thank You and God Bless You.

J. E. Pritchard.

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Message in Verse

THE HILLS AHEAD

"The hills ahead look hard and steep and high,
And often we behold them with a sigh;
But as we near them level grows the road,
We find on every slope with every load
The climb is not so steep, the top so far,
The hills ahead look harder than they are."

—*Selected.*

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We appeal to all pastors and leaders of churches which have not yet paid the subsidy allotted to that charge to please send it in at once. We are closing the year several hundred dollars in the red. Or if your church or charge has already paid its allotment for Herald subsidy and you can do it, send us your gift toward reducing the indebtedness. Brother J. D. Ross, Asheboro, wrote several letters at the suggestion of the Herald Committee, for which we thank him, and these have brought in several dollars. Any subscription sent to us now will be turned over to the *Christian Advocate,* but subsidy and gifts to the Herald on its debt may be applied on said indebtedness.

Many of our people have attended one or more session of the uniting conference here. It has been a wonderful conference. The unanimity of views and dispatch with which the business was disposed of is fine. Elsewhere we are publishing the list of appointments of the former Methodist Protestant pastors; we would be glad to publish the entire plan of appointments, but it would take too much of our space to do this.

Two new districts were set off, making eleven instead of nine presiding elder's districts and Rev. S. W. Taylor was made presiding elder or as we now say, District Superintendent of the High Point District.

The apportionment for World Service which was laid upon our North Carolina Conference for 1939 is to be the same laid upon these churches for 1940. It is to be raised and sent in to our Conference Treasurer Allen to be forwarded to Treasurer Staley for the expenses of the General Church. Our allotment for the expenses of the General Conference was put with the same item for the Methodist Church, as was also the allotment for High Point College.

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"The History of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church," by J. Elwood Carroll, is off the press and ready for distribution. If you cannot get a copy from your local pastor for fifty cents, order direct from the author. The price postpaid is sixty cents with order.

On the Sideline

Having been in the midst of conference activities for so many years it was a real pleasure to sit on the sidelines and watch the game. There are lots of things one sees with greater clarity watching from the sidelines than in the midst of play.

One thing most noticeable was the way the business of the conference was dispatched. Bishop Purcell is a very fine presiding officer, always considerate of others, but careful that the work of the conference go forward. Rarely was the report of a committee discussed; there appears to be a feeling that when a committee has assembled its data that it knows more about the details considered therein than a member from the floor. A very reasonable assumption. A "soap box artist" would have but little opportunity in this body to display his skill to harrangue the brethren. Quite a joy to some of us on the sideline.

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In the election of delegates to the General and Jurisdictional conferences it seemed that we were back home; a large number who did not know for whom to vote picked a personal friend and held to him "like grim death," while the majority voters elected their man. The method of electing delegates to these conferences requires the lay delegates to elect the lay delegates, and the clerical to elect the clerical without nominations, it takes more time and "saves the face" sometimes, but does not present those desiring to elect their candidate from doing quite a bit of log rolling."

The absence of the conference roll call and the reading of the minutes of the previous day in the open session was quite noticeable to us. It saves considerable time which can be given to more important matters.

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THANKS

I want to express in this very inadequate way my grateful thanks for the beautiful traveling bag the brethren—and perhaps some of the sisters—gave me, through Dr. Brown, on the day after our Conference closed. Because it came late and privately I had no way of saying thank you to those who had part in the gift. I may have reached a few in what I said at the united session on Saturday afternoon. If you did have any part in it, I do want to express my very deep appreciation for this parting gift. As long as I live, whenever I am called on to make a journey, it will be a constant reminder of your kindness.

C. W. Bates.

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Two of our ministers, Brothers Bates and Pritchard, were elected delegates to the Jurisdictional conference which will meet very soon after the adjournment of the General Conference next April.

THE STORY OF THE 112TH SESSION OF THE N. C. CONFERENCE

This final session of the North Carolina Conference of the M. P. Church was held in Grace Methodist Protestant Church, Greensboro, October 18 and closing October 20.

At 10 a. m. President J. E. Pritchard called the conference to order, conducting a brief devotional service, after which the roll of the preachers and lay delegates was called; this was followed by calling of the roll of the honored dead. The name of Rev. George F. Milloway was transferred to this roll by a vote of the conference. Bishop Jas. H. Straughn was present throughout the conference and sat with the Stationing Committee, also acted as counsellor in all other affairs of the conference.

The conference sermon was preached by Rev. E. O. Peeler, of Ann Street Methodist Church, Concord; his subject, ''St. Paul's Central Theme,'' was based on the text, ''I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and Him crucified.''

Bishop Clare Purcell and his cabinet were then welcomed as visitors and were introduced to the conference. During their stay President Pritchard read his annual report which showed great activity both in planning for the merging of the conference and in carrying on the regular work of the annual conference. To give a few high lights, several churches and parsonages had been repaired and redecorated; four churches dedicated and the results of the Appreciation Year were gratifying. Bishops Straughn and Purcell each made appropriate remarks.

The afternoon session was opened by a brief song service conducted by Rev. E. Lester Ballard with Rev. W. M. Howard at the organ. Bishop Straughn then gave a report on Methodist Unification as he had witnessed it in the conferences already held under his supervision; stating that it was really surprising there had been so little friction in working out this tremendous problem.

Many officers of the conference were then re-elected. Mr. W. L. Ward was chosen to act as the laymember of the Stationing Committee acting with President Pritchard and Bishop Straughn. All committee members whose terms expired at this time and who in the judgment of the conference should continue were also re-elected.

The submission of the pastor's reports brought to an end the session of the first day. The roll call indicated a large attendance of pastors and delegates.

The evening session was a union meeting with the members of the other two conferences. At this time a most interesting address was made by Rev. J. E. Carroll, on the Methodist Protestant Church; Dr. S. B. Turrentine spoke on the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Dr. Parsons on the Methodist Episcopal Church. These addresses were of necessity brief. The history of the N. C. Annual Conference of the M. P. Church by Rev. J. E. Carroll was placed on sale for the first time earlier in the day. The book sells for fifty cents a copy and is of much interest to all former members of the Methodist Protestant Church.

The devotional service Thursday morning was conducted by Bishop Straughn, who also conducted all the other devotional services during the conference. At this time he emphasized the purpose of the Church as being to reveal Jesus as the Son of God, the Saviour of the world, and to show that God is our Father. Dr. G. R. Brown was called to the chair and presided for the remainder of this session. Dr. G. I. Humphries transferred his membership from the Maryland Conference to the North Carolina Conference and was welcomed by a rising vote, expressing also appreciation of his services already rendered as President of High Point College.

J. Leo Pittard and Sulon Ferree were elected to elders orders and recommended for ordination and membership in the Methodist Church, to become effective after ordination in the united Church Sunday night.

Dr. A. G. Dixon made a fine report of his family of 120 members at the Children's Home and plead for the support of all former Methodist Protestants in North Carolina as the union of Methodism becomes effective.

His report was followed by a splendid report by President G. I. Humphries of High Point College, showing reduced indebtedness and increased student enrollment; he prophesied a bright future for the college. He asked for the continued appointment by this conference of Drs. P. E. Lindley and P. S. Kennett and Rev. N. M. Harrison to their present positions at High Point College. Dr. Humphreys then presented Dr. F. W. Stephenson, who after a brief valedictory to the conference, introduced Dr. W. F. Quillian, General Secretary of the Board of Education of the former M. E. Church, South. Dr. Quillian in a brief address spoke of the vital need for Christianity to become the heart of education, and appealed for the support of all Church-supported educational institutions.

The following ministers were given the superannuate relationship, D. R. Williams, L. S. Helms and T. M. Johnson. The tributes paid these men were full of feeling and of sincere appreciation of their services to the Kingdom.

Mrs. R. M. Aendrews, President of Woman's Work, reported on the various activities of this work; making an appeal for the continued support of the Thank Offering services, and urged the pastors and laymen to help towards securing one thousand volumes from North Carolina for Westminster Theological Seminary. She reported World Service disbursements for the past year of $7,536.82 and N. C. interests $3,456.02; making a total disbursement from November 1, 1938 to October 1, 1939 of $10,992.83. Receipts for World Service for past year 10% more than for the previous year, an 11% increase during past six month over the like period of previous year.

The Plyler brothers, editors of the *N. C. Christian Advocate* presented the conference with several copies of the *Advocate* and invited all members of the Conference to visit and inspect the *Advocate* building across the street. The *Advocate* is to be sent free to every pastor with the understanding that he be the agent for the paper on his pastoral charge, and the *Advocate* is to finish out all unexpired subscriptions to the METHODIST PROTESTANT HERALD.

Dr. W. P. King, editor of the *Nashville Christian Advocate* was presented to the conference, and spoke of the *Nashville Advocate* in a most charming manner, he most likely will be sending several copies of his paper to new subscribers in this conference.

The Brotherhood of the M. E. Church, South, and later of the united Church was brought to the attention of the conference by Rev. H. G. Allen, the president of the organization. L. E. Mabry solicited members in this organization and was later made a member of the executive committee.

Dr. C. E. Forlines, president of Westminster Theological Seminary, was presented to the conference on Friday morning and stated that although he was required by a rule or law of the Uniting Conference to transfer his membership to the Maryland annual conference, he was still at heart a member of this conference. Later in the day he spoke on the work of the Seminary, asking that no document bearing on the history of the M. P. Church be destroyed; but that these be sent to the Seminary library. He also appealed for books for the library, especially for conference records, journals, Methodist Protestant Heralds, etc. Drs. P. E. Lindley and G. W. Hadaway were among the former Methodist Protestants appearing on evening union programs. Special committee appointed; to collaborate with like committees of the two former churches on plans for the distribution of the Superannuate funds, G. R. Brown, R. C. Stubbins, and J. D. Williams; the Ad Interim Committee, J. E. Pritchard, S. W. Taylor, R. M. Andrews, J. N. Wills, G. R. Brown, Mrs. R. M. Andrews, T. J. Whitehead, W. L. Ward, and F. R. Stout. This committee will act for the annual conference in closing up any or all unfinished business of the conference.

The churches of Greensboro proved themselves to be most gracious hostesses to the conference. Grace Church served most acceptable meals at very reasonable rates. We understand that Grace ladies gave up their booth at the Greensboro Fair where they usually serve meals and make several times more than the meals to the conference netted them, that they might accommodate the visitors. That was indeed a most commendable act.

Friday Night

This was the time when the three conferences were actually united. The meeting was held in West Market Church, which was packed, every seat taken long before the time for the meeting to begin; members of the conference, both clerical and lay were admitted by ticket. The ritual of the uniting service at Kansas City was the basis of the order of the service used here. The responses by the congregation were hearty and the Hallelujah Chorus was well sung by the church choir. Dr. C. W. Bates was chosen associate secretary and Dr. Pritchard assisted in the uniting service. There were present at this time 488 clerical and 393 lay members of the conference.

In forming new committees in the United Conference several of our members were placed on one or more committees; among them were P. E. Lindley, J. D. Williams, A. J. Koonce, J. E. Carroll, S. W. Taylor, R. M. Andrews, J. C. Auman, Mrs. R. M. Andrews, N. G. Bethea, Mrs. W. C. Hammer, J. W. Braxton, Mrs. A. H. Ragan, J. E. Pritchard, W. L. Ward, J. C. Madison, and C. W. Bates.

President Pritchard served with the Bishop and his district elders in making up the plan of appointments.

Along with the head of the Women's Work of the two other denominations, Mrs. R. M. Andrews spoke briefly of the work of our women in the former M. P. Conference.

Delegates Chosen to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences

Drs. Bates and Pritchard were elected delegates to the Jurisdictional conference and W. L. Ward was the lay delegate to this conference from the former M. P. Conference. The lay alternates are A. J. Koonce, J. Norman Wills and Mrs. R. M. Andrews; Dr. G. I. Humphreys is the clerical alternate.

Sunday

Promptly at 8:30 Sunday morning the organ prelude called the congregation to silence and the beautiful ritual of the Holy Communion was conducted by Bishop Purcell. Hundreds of people came down the aisles and knelt at the altar to receive the emblems of the broken body of our Lord. It was a solemn service and one which doubtless will be remembered by the participants all their lives.

Bishop Jas. H. Straughn was the preacher at 11 a. m. Not only was every seat taken in the auditorium and Sunday school annex but chairs were placed in every available space and scores of people stood throughout the service.

The memorial service was held in the afternoon. It was also largely attended. The memoir of Brother G. F. Milloway was read by his pastor, Rev. A. D. Shelton. At the night service J. Leo Pittard and Sulon G. Ferree were ordained to the order of elder.

Monday the conference began its final session at 9 a. m. Very many and most important acts were passed which our space prevents us from recording. One very unusual thing is the decision to hold the conference in the future between the Sundays; to begin on Tuesday and to close on Friday. We believe this a wise change. The pastors heard their appointments a few minutes after 12 noon and Bishop Purcell lead the congregation in singing the Doxology, Bishop Straughn pronounced the Apostolic benediction and the people joined him in repeating the Mizpeh benediction and the Western Conference of the Methodist Church was history.

Where Our Preachers Go

G. L. Reynolds, Alamance; Burlington, F. W. Paschall; Ft. Place, R. E. L. Moser; Chatham, Chas. Sharpe; Glen Raven, J. F. Coble; Graham, H. F. Surratt; Mebane, C. L. Spencer; Mt. Hermon, R. L. Hethcox; Orange, C. P. Morris; Saxapahaw, M. C. Henderson; Siler City, A. M. Smith. All these brethren will be in the Durham District in the North Carolina Conference: Sulon Ferree goes to Creswell, Elizabeth City district; R. L. Vickery, to Rockingham, Fayetteville district; J. P. Pegg, Granville Circuit; T. J. Whitehead, Henderson; and J. D. Cranford, Vance, all in the Raleigh district. D. I. Garner, Enfield; W. M. Howard, Halifax; Littleton, D. D. Broome; Spring Church, J. E. Garlington, all these are in the Rocky Mount district. Forest Wagoner goes to Greensville charge in the Petersburg district of the Virginia Conference.

The following changes were made in the Western N. C. Conference: J. E. Pritchard goes to Winston; C. E. Coble to supply State Street, Lexington; G. R. Brown to Liberty; J. W. Braxton to Asheboro; J. R. Anderson to Randleman; W. H. Neese to Crabtree; O. C. Loy to Tabernacle-Julian; J. M. Morgan to Fallston; Robert Short to Creston; E. A. Lamb to be associate superintendent of the High Point Children's Home; all other pastors remain where they were.

There were several boundaries changed, in some cases, only the name was changed, while in others, churches were added to or taken from the group.

GROUP MINISTRY

The phrase "group ministry," coined by Superintendent A. H. Rapking of the Department of Town and Country Work is, we believe, destined for long mileage, for it seems to meet a real need.

Now that the stumps have been fairly well cleared out of the highway and the farmers have learned to travel in many directions and for different purposes, it is becoming clear that even the rural preacher can no longer live unto himself alone. He is, as a writer in "The Postor's Journal" says, not called so much to do solo flying as to serve as a member of a team.

Church planning for an entire territory is gradually taking the place of overemphasis upon individual neighborhoods, and in some cases ministerial appointments are being made with the group ministry idea in mind. Some district superintendents are undertaking to organize all their work on the group basis. In actual operation it means that several pastors, working together, will be able to supplement each other's efforts to the benefit of all concerned.

When a rural pastor glories in young people's work and is successful at it, why limit his beneficent help to the one church to which he is assigned when fifteen-cents worth of gasoline will carry him quickly to any one of a half dozen other churches where perhaps the young people's program is languishing because the pastors do not have quite the magic touch with the younger generation? Possibly this man who is so expert with youth is weak in finance, or in some other part of his program, and, in exchange for the energy and help which he gives to the young people's program, he will receive a more than equal return in the assistance which will come to him in other phases of his work.

There are those who are particularly effective in pastoral calling, in evangelism, in daily vacation school work, in music, in summer camp activities, in publicity, in the handling of motion pictures, and in other fields. The group ministry actually makes these specialized abilities available to the entire group of churches.

Then there are the activities and events which must, for their very success, be planned for a territory larger than the neighborhood. In some cases it has been demonstrated that more people will drive ten or fifteen miles to a suitable spot for a genuinely inspiring vesper service than will travel the few hundred feet necessary to attend a depleted Sunday evening gathering in their own church. Musical events, too, can be arranged more satisfactorily when the musical resources of an entire group of churches can be called into play. And summer camp work, 4-H club activities, scout programs, farm picnics, and other enterprises are more successful when a group of communities join in promoting them.

Nor should we overlook the stimulation of ideas and the encouragement of heart which comes from joint planning and the cooperation of mind with mind. The discouraged pastor can forget his discouragement because his brethren will actually help him carry his load of responsibility.

An alluring aspect of the group ministry arrangement is that it involves a minimum of organization. Instead it takes pastors and churches as they are and leads them out into fields of greater usefulness, without committing them to agreements and arrangements which would be hard to secure and which have sometimes proved to be dwarfing in the effect.

The group ministry plan is on its way. We lay no claim to any special prophetic instinct, but we are decidedly of the opinion that this idea has a great future.

RELIGION IN PRINT

By Paul Simpson McElroy

Democratic, freedom-loving Americans deplore the control of the press and the admittedly one-sided propaganda that prevails in the Fascist countries of the world today. We, in America, pride ourselves that no governmental "Ministry of Propaganda" censors our news or permits only a biased, one-sided report of events to be circulated. We rejoice that we have a full report of what is going on in the world, and not just a report of what a few politicians choose to let us know.

In our pride, we should not overlook the fact that the printed word, although literally true, is generally interpreted according to some underlying principle. For instance, if our information regarding labor conditions has come from a capitalistic-owned newspaper that favors the employers' point of view, we shall likely find ourselves opposed to labor's action. On the other hand, if we have been reading exclusively the labor journals that are written by labor leaders, we shall undoubtedly become sympathetic with labor.

That same subtle influence may largely govern our decisions or attitudes in all other major news issues. Therefore, it behooves us to make certain of the source of our information—unless we choose to become bigots and read only admittedly prejudiced news.

In even more subtle ways, the press often seeks to control public opinion. As one example of the way in which the news we read is colored or prejudiced by the controlling interest of stock-brokers, let me quote from a statement taken from the *Congressional Record* (February 9, 1917); it illustrates the extent to which the news we Americans feel is unadulterated may be printed under a system of propaganda as vicious as is that which we condemn in the dictators abroad. The statement, inserted in the *Record* by Representative Oscar Callaway under unanimous consent, reads:

> In March, 1915, the J. P. Morgan interests, the steel, shipbuilding, and powder interests, and their subsidiary

> organizations, got together 12 men high up in the newspaper world and employed them to select the most influential newspapers in the United States and sufficient number of them to control generally the policy of the daily press of the United States.
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> These 12 men worked the problem out by selecting 179 newspapers, and then began, by an elimination process, to retain only those necessary for the purpose of controlling the general policy of the daily press throughout the country. They found it was only necessary to purchase the control of 25 of the greatest papers. The 25 papers were agreed upon; emissaries were sent to purchase the policy, national and international, of these papers; an agreement was reached; the policy of the papers was bought, to be paid for by the month; an editor was furnished for each paper to properly supervise and edit information regarding the questions of preparedness, militarism, financial policies, and other things of national and international nature considered vital to the interests of the purchasers.
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> This contract is in existence at the present time, and it accounts for the news columns of the daily press of the country being filled with all sorts of preparedness arguments and misrepresentations as to the present condition of the U. S. Army and Navy, and the possibility and probability of the United States being attacked by foreign foes.
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> This policy also included the suppression of everything in opposition to the wishes of the interests served. . . . .

The purpose of quoting this has not been to condemn the press, but simply to point out that we must bear in mind in this country, as we read, that our news, too, may be subject to propaganda of the most insidious sort, written for the deliberate purpose of serving the private interests of a selfish group.

In the light of these conditions, it is highly desirable that all those who seek to gain a Christian view of current affairs should read a religious publication. Whatever one's tastes may be in regard to the news, one must concede that the religious presses of the country have as their objective: to present as unbiased and reliable news as possible, then to interpret those facts in the light of Christian standards. That service is virtually religion in print.

Surely in these days, whether one is a member of a church or not, it is not unreasonable to expect every open-minded, truth-seeking person to subscribe to at least one religious periodical—one publication that can be depended on to be free of partisan prejudices and interests!—*Zion's Herald.*

Do not worry, eat three square meals a day, say your prayers, be courteous to your creditors, keep your digestion good, steer clear of biliousness, exercise, go slow and go easy. Maybe there are other things that your special case requires to make you happy, but, my friend, these I reckon will give you a good lift.—*Abraham Lincoln.*

ANNUAL CONFERENCE HONOR ROLL
(Pastor's Salary and Conference Claims)

Anderson, Fairview, Liberty Hill.
Asheboro—Central.
Asheville—Merrimon Avenue.
Burlington—Davis Street.
Charlotte—Central Avenue.
Cleveland—Kistler's Union, Oak Grove, Mt. Moriah, Lawndale, Mt. Pleasant.
Concord—Ann Street.
Denton—Central, Canaan.
Enfield.
Forsyth—Maple Springs.
Glen Raven—Glen Raven, Haw River, Fairview.
Greensboro—Calvary.
Graham.
Guilford—Hickory Grove, Mitchell's Grove, Fairfield.
Haw River—Friendship.
High Point—First.
High Point—Lebanon.
Liberty.
Mecklenburg—New Hope, Stallings.
Midway.
Mt. Pleasant—Mt. Pleasant, Pleasant Union.
Orange—Efland, Chestnut Ridge, Hebron, Union Grove.
Pleasant Grove.
Reidsville.
Richland—Browers Chapel.
Randolph—Bethany, Bethel, Gray's Chapel, Shiloh.
Saxapahaw—Saxapahaw.
Siler City—Hope, Piney Grove, Siler City.
Shiloh—Friendship, Shiloh.
Thomasville—Community.
Thomasville—First.
Union Grove.
Vance—Spring Valley.
Whitakers.

APPRECIATION YEAR HONOR ROLL
(World Service in Full)

Asheboro—Central.
Charlotte—Central Avenue.
High Point—Lebanon.
North Davidson.
Pine Bluff.
Pleasant Grove.
Randolph.
Reidsville—Lindsey Street.
Siler City.
Thomasville—First.

I do not have any record of individual churches, churches on circuits. Doubtless many of these are entitled to a place in this list. I regret their omission.

SECRETARY.

If you have built castles in the air your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them.—*Thoreau.*

METHODIST PROTESTANT
CHILDREN'S HOME

The Children's Home Family 1939 As We Go Into Methodist Union

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHILDREN'S HOME

Superintendent's Report, October 19, 1939

Dear Fellow Workers:

Through the providence of God we have been able to complete the 29th year of service for dependent children in His name through the agency of the Children's Home. It has been another successful year, and we bring to you a reasonably good report.

The Children

We have 120 children, 60 boys and 60 girls, and we have had to turn down many more applicants than we have been able to take. The turn-over of our Home is only about six or eight per year, at the most, so we must study very closely the conditions and background of each individual applicant and then, according to our very best judgment, select the few from where the need is keenest. So many things have to enter into the considerations in selecting the few children we can take each year that it is not easy to decide between applicants. But all the judgment we have goes into the decisions.

The children for the most part have been well. At any rate there has been no serious illness. And in whatever physical ills there have been, the doctors, dentists, and hospital authorities have been exceedingly kind. And all doctors and dentists have rendered the needed service without charge.

High School Graduates and College Students

During our stay at the Children's Home 27 of our young people have graduated from the Jamestown High School, and three from college. We have nine now in college, one in training and one in a business school. There are seven in the present senior class at high school who have the prospect of graduating next May. High Point College gives them their tuition because they were reared in the Home. It costs each one about $125 per year to go to college, counting books and other fees. The boys for the most part work out their finances during the summer, and friends and relatives help them a bit. Friends and relatives help the girls, and we have undertaken to get for them the necessary help without taking from the current funds. We feel that one of the best pieces of work we are doing is in aiding these brighter and more ambitious youngsters to get a better training for life.

Other orphanages are doing the same thing for their high school graduates. We do not know their plans for financing them, but they cannot be more simple than ours.

The Hand of Death

On July 30 of this year one member of our board of trustees, Mr. G. J. Cherry of Charleston, S. C., was called home. We shall miss him in our counsels. Flowers were sent to the funeral, and a paper expressing our appreciation of him and our regrets at his going have been sent to his family.

School, Social and Religious Life

Every care is taken to give our children a normal life under wholesome environments with educational, social, and religious privileges, looking to the development of Christ-like character.

They attend the nearest public school, in which there are over 800 pupils, and thus have the same educational advantages as do the other children in Guilford county.

Girls in the Home over 16 years of age are permitted to receive callers, under proper conditions, just as are your daughters in your homes. Our own boys call, and so do boys from the outside. They also have their social contacts through both school and church.

We strive to make it a Christian home in every sense. The children go to the First Methodist church in High Point to Sunday school and to the morning worship. They hold their own C. E. meetings each Sunday evening, and are usually addressed by the Superintendent or some invited speaker. All of them who are old enough are members of the church. We believe that every child has a right to a healthy, happy life in a Christian home. Through institutions like the Children's Home the church is taking the little ones out of broken homes and endeavoring to make up to them what they had lost. No more beautiful work than that is being done for the Master on earth; that of taking His little ones out of the midst of poverty and distress and training them for Him.

Cost of Running the Home

Why estimate a work like this in dollars and cents? And yet our constituents have a right to expect us to be economical, so an effort is made to keep all expenses at a minimum. We buy at factory and wholesale prices whenever possible, and salaries are small. At present prices it costs about $220 per year to keep a child, and that covers all expenses, salaries, food, clothing, fuel, lights, school expenses—all.

Our budget for the next year is to be made up far more largely than ever of freewill offerings. How well the children are cared for, then, depends upon the liberality of God's faithful ones in making freewill offerings for the support of the Home. Ten cents per meal will feed a child, and 60 cents per day will keep a child. These freewill offerings are made by individuals, Sunday schools and in Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings.

Financing the Home for Another Year

A committee of 15, representing the three Methodist child-caring institutions in North Carolina, worked faithfully over the development of a plan for financing the three institutions, and in their judgment, brought forth the best plan that could be worked out for financing these homes during this first year in Methodist union.

We hope that our people will accept the plan in good faith, and that the Home and its children may not suffer in this transition period. Adjustments have to be made and it takes time to make them. It behooves each of us, and also all our people, to buckle on the armor, and do a bit better for the Children's Home during the next 12 months than we have been doing.

In some way the Home must be financed for one more year largely by us, and in the doing of it we will not have the Herald which has been our chief channel of communication with our people, and which has given the constant inspiration of the weekly reports. Of course we will use the N. C. Christian Advocate to the best possible advantage, as may be permitted us, but if we reach many of our former Methodist Protestant people in that way you pastors will have to get busy and get them to subscribe for the Advocate.

It is liberal and gracious on the part of the other two Methodist children's homes in North Carolina to be willing to underwrite this home to the extent of $6,000 for next year, if needed. This they are doing without introducing any new plans whereby more money would be raised. We had hoped that the committee of 15 would ask all the Methodists in North Carolina to make a freewill offering at Thanksgiving for orphanage work and this we believe would have taken care of the situation without taking from one Home to supply another.

Financing the Home for the next year is not going to be easy, but none of us are asking for easy jobs. Somehow we will do it, and in order to do it we must find a way to get the wholehearted cooperation of all our former supporters for the year. With our trust in God, and looking to you for a fine spirit of cooperation, the Home will be financed for the benefit of dependent children and to the glory of our God.

Looking to the Future

We are glad for our branch of Methodism to be able to carry into a United Methodism a Children's Home which is caring for from 110 to 120 children regularly, and we feel confident that the spirit which brought about a United Methodism will carry the Home on through the years to the glory of God and for the uplifting of His helpless little ones. So, paraphrasing and quoting another, "The future of the Children's Home is as bright as are the promises of God." Without doubt God led us to build it, and He has helped us to finance it without assessment upon anybody, except for the $2,000 which came to us annually through the World Service budget. All other gifts for the support of the Children's Home have been love gifts—gifts which people gave because they wanted to give.

Not only so, but for nearly 30 years it has been the rallying point of our conference. Its future is in the hands of our heavenly Father, and He will take care of it.

Helping Ourselves

We run a farm on which is produced all the vegtables, hay and grain possible. Also a dairy barn and poultry yards in which are produced all the milk and butter, and chickens and eggs, we use, except for a few chickens given us each fall by some of the country circuits. All our pork and bacon, and quite a bit of beef is produced on the place. Two men and the older boys do the work on the farm.

The home life is very much like that of a private family. The meals must be cooked, the dishes washed, the beds made, the rooms swept and dusted, the milking done and the butter churned, the laundry done, and all the other tasks performed such as those in any ordinary home. The children are divided into groups for this work under supervisors, and even the smallest children have some tasks to perform each day. Our large campus is also kept in order by the children.

This has been the most difficult year for farming we have had during our stay at the Home. The spring was dry, making it difficult to plant; the summer was wet, making it almost impossible to cultivate, so the Johnson grass almost got us. We have been renting quite a bit of land, and because of the recent death of Mr. Orville Williard, who has been exceedingly kind to us, and because of the changes that may come as a result, we cannot tell how much longer we will be able to rent that land. And whenever the time comes when our farming is limited to the acreage belonging to the Home, the yield of produce will be greatly decreased.

The yield from the farm this year was as follows: 3,983 lbs. of pork, 844 lbs. of beef, 320 chickens for our tables, 2,072 dozens of eggs, 17,517 gallons of milk, 223 bushels of Irish potatoes, 350 bushels of sweet potatoes, 65 bushels of cane seed, 125 truck loads of hay, 1,130 bunches of fodder, 50 tons of ensilage, 143 gallons of molasses. This was an estimate of $500 worth of vegetables from our gardens, and a cash item of $123.85 for petty sales, makes a total for the year, at most reasonable prices, of $8,773.45.

Livestock

We have about the usual lot of livestock on the farm, including 15 good cows, 22 hogs for killing, and 300 hens for laying.

Thanksgiving and Christmas

We are laying our plans for a large offering at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Mr. J. G. Rogers of Burlington is heading up the campaign this year, and we are sure his plans will be fine. We solicit the hearty coopera-

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MISSIONARY COLUMN

MRS. J. ELWOOD CARROLL, Editor
222 N. Edgeworth St.
Greensboro, N. C.

NOTICE ABOUT SEMINARY BOOK FUND

Dear Mrs. B. . . . . :

Am sending $. . . . . to Mrs. Coy L. Kearns, Denton, N. C., for books for the Seminary, from Woman's Auxiliary of . . . . church.

Yours truly,

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Please keep reports in the above form coming to us.

MRS. GEORGE R. BROWN,
MRS. C. W. BATES.

REPORT OF TREASURER, N. C. BRANCH OF WOMEN'S WORK

Second Quarter Ending September 30, 1939

RECEIPTS

		6 Months
Bank Bal. June 30, 1939 . . $	78.90	
Funds received for:		
College	112.90	740.75
World Service	608.77	1,931.73
N. C. Budget	776.80	1,001.43
Minnis Fund	235.42	614.60
Thank-offering	102.57	102.57
Seminary Book Fund . .	29.00	29.00
Total Receipts	$1,944.36	$4,420.08

DISBURSEMENTS:

McCulloch & Swain (150 reprints of Branch Meeting, High Point) . . . . . .$	5.63
Mrs. J. T. Bowman, Cor. Sec. (expenses for 2nd quarter)	4.26
High Point College	112.90
Mrs. J. H. Allred, Student Loan Fund	155.35
Rev. Homer Casto, Bethel Home	155.35
Dr. A. G. Dixon, Children's Home	388.43
H. C. Staley, Treas. World Service:	
Undesignated	488.77
Memorial Memberships .	25.00
Life Memberships	60.00
Support of child, Pine Ridge	20.00
Scholarship in India . . .	15.00
Minnis Fund	235.42
Thank-offering	102.57
Total Disbursements .	$1,768.68

RECAPITULATION

Total Receipts (second quarter) . . .	$1,944.36
Total Disbursements	1,768.68
Cash in bank . . . .$	175.68

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. COY L. KEARNS, Treasurer,
N. C. Branch Women's Work.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

OUR LAST MESSAGE THROUGH THE HERALD

We rejoice in Methodist Union, but all movements of this kind bring some sadness. One of the sad things just now is that this is the very last issue of the Methodist Protestant Herald. The Herald with its line of great editors has wrought well. We older ones will never forget the Herald.

We are thankful to the annual conference for giving us such splendid helpers in the persons of Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Lamb. They will move in shortly and will relieve us greatly. We welcome their coming.

For the Children's Home We Plead

1. Remember that we cannot publish the list of weekly contributions this year, so you will have to remember to send your regular contributions without this reminder. We will send receipts, and will try to work out some plan of reporting to you through your pastors and Sunday school superintendents.

2. Pray for the Home, its workers and its children, that God will lead His faithful ones to give the Home the best support it has ever had in any one year.

3. Make the most liberal response you have ever made to the Thanksgiving and Christmas appeal. That appeal will be made this year by Mr. J. G. Rogers of Burlington, and his committeemen throughout the conference. Mr. Rogers was elected by the trustees of the Home to lead in this campaign this year. His plans will be in your hands soon. The plans are good, but they will not work themselves. He is depending upon you, some one or ones in each local church to work the plans. You will please heed the request to send all Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings to Mr. Rogers, and all regular offerings to me.

4. Please get your church or Sunday school to set a monthly goal for the Children's Home and raise it regularly. If you have never set a monthly goal before, be sure to do it this time, and make it as large as possible. And if you set a goal last year, increase it this time unless it strained your forces to raise it last year. The very conditions call for your best efforts for the Children's Home this year. Don't forget us.

Harvest Home Offerings

You will soon be gathering your regular fall offerings of canned goods and farm produce for the Home. Please gather them into convenient places, and have your pastor notify us when the charge is ready and where to come for the produce. Your careful observance of this will save us time and expense. You will do it, I know. With your canned goods we hope to get grain or other farm produce of any kind, such as would be useful to you. Also clothing, new or used, for children from 5 to 18 years of age. And some chickens will be helpful if you can spare them.

Christmas

Our children, like yours, are already looking forward to Christmas. Your gifts to them personally, or to be distributed to them around the Christmas tree, will be happily received. Common sense, useful gifts bring to our children just as much joy as do others.

Wanted—A Farmer

Mr. J. A. Dixon, who has been our farmer here for some 15 years, plans to leave about the first of the year. Some one must be found to take his place.

We need a Christian man and woman to live in the boys' dormitory. The man to run the farm and manage the boys, and his wife to be matron in the dormitory and manage the boys. It must be a couple who are peculiarly fitted to work with boys, a man and a woman with a superabundance of patience, and with faith in God and faith in boys. A man and a woman who love boys, even the most homely boys, yes, even the bad boys. It is not an easy place to fill, and both the man and his wife must be adapted to just that kind of work, or they will fail miserably. We hope to secure the right persons. If you care to apply, please do not come to see us at first. Write us and tell us about yourselves, and give us references, and we can later arrange for a conference if one is needed. Pray that the right persons may be found.

Farewell and Hail

Farewell to the Herald and its weekly visits, and with its good cheer and sunshine as it came into our home. Hail to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, which is now our conference paper. It has already been coming and will continue to come, and we will soon learn to love it as we loved the Herald. God bless every one of you and give you a good year.

Faithfully yours in His blessed service,
A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

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TO SECRETARIES OF BENEVOLENCES

With the Thanksgiving season fast approaching, we appeal to you to begin at once with plans for a bountiful Thanksgiving offering for our Children's Home at High Point, N. C.

We are indeed grateful that conference returned Dr. and Mrs. Dixon to superintend the Home, for with these kind, loving Christians watching over the 120 boys and girls placed in their keeping, we know these children are getting the very best training for right living. It is a real Home; each boy and girl feels that Fatherly and Motherly love for each has his own place in their great big hearts.

It is an inspiration to visit this Home and observe that happy family; there are certain given duties of each child, even to the youngest member of the household.

As the duties of Dr. Dixon now require some assistance, the conference sent Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Lamb to be the assistant superintendents. They, too, are consecrated Christians and love young folk so they will fit in nobly with the Home management.

The Children's Home continues just as formerly for another year, so it is still our responsibility, and we, the "Methodist Protestants," are the only ones to support that Home now, just as if there was no union of Methodists.

It behooves us to rally our forces and do our best for those 60 boys and 60 girls in our care.

Please get your committee working at once to give out the envelopes and dime cards for the special offerings. Wherever possible, please have a Thanksgiving program for a large crowd to make their offering; but whatever is done, please ask every one to give one day's wage, as in the former years. There is so much for which to be thankful; countless blessings which are ours. Maybe we can prove our gratitude in our offerings to the Children's Home again this Thanksgiving.

"I will magnify him with thanksgiving." Ps. 69:30. May we, the Secretaries of Benevolences, be very much in earnest about keeping the needs of our Children's Home ever before our people.

We appreciate deeply your loyalty in the past, and know you will continue in the same fine spirit of service.

Yours sincerely,
MRS. J. M. STONE,
Secretary of Benevolences, N. C. Branch.

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HELP OUR HOME MAKE THE QUOTA—AND WIN THE BONUS

Exciting news has been received from the Company, in the announcement of a 10% Bonus Offer. This generous extra payment can be secured IF we send in a specified quantity of the listed coupons between September 1, 1939, and December 31, 1939. The quota set for us, in order to qualify for this Bonus, is

30,000 Coupons From
Octagon Soap Products,
Ballard's Obelisk Flour,
Rumford Baking Powder,
Luzianne Coffee and Tea.

We can reach this special goal, for the limited period, if all our friends will make special efforts to collect MORE coupons from all these products. Please broadcast this real news to all in your group who have helped before and to the others who could help through this simple Coupon Plan.

Now we have three very fine offers to help us make this last period of the 1939 campaign the most successful of all:

1. Through this 10% Bonus Offer.

2. Through the Extra Value Certificates to be attached to Octagon Toilet Soap, Ballard's Obelisk Flour, Rumford Baking Powder, and Luzianne Coffee and Tea. The Certificates do not expire until December 31, 1939, so urge your members to send all the coupons possible.

3. Through the Double Value Offer on coupons from that amazing new laundry soap—Octagon Granulated Soap.

Your effort to help us in the past, through sending in these coupons, is greatly appreciated. Surely we can count now on your redoubled efforts, so that we may receive full value from these offers. Two months to go—let us make the most of them.

Remember — the coupons from all these products are wanted: Octagon Soap Products, Kirkman Soap Products, Rumford Baking Powder, Knox Gelatine—Knox Jell, Kellogg's Shredded Whole Wheat Biscuit, Kellogg's Whole Wheat Krumbles.

Yours for success,
MRS. A. G. DIXON.

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I know God is wise in all; wonderful in what we conceive, but far more in what we comprehend not.—Sir Thomas Browne.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Seagrove, Seagrove-Love Joy Charge.—Our pastor, Rev. J. H. Trolinger, filled his regular appointment last Sunday at 11 a.m. This was the last appointment for this conference year. The official board was reelected. We are expecting conference to send Brother and Sister Trolinger back to us, for we feel their work among us has just begun. We think all claims will be paid in full by conference.

Our Sunday school is moving on at about the usual gait with good attendance.

The young people of the Christian Endeavor society enjoyed a social in the basement of our church Friday night. Refreshments were served by Mrs. L. A. King and Mrs. James Greene. Mrs. Noah Williams and Mrs. A. C. Harris had charge of the entertainment.

A business meeting was held and devotional conducted by our pastor.

Our Ladies' Auxiliary will meet Friday night at the home of Mrs. D. J. Johnson. A program is being prepared by Mrs. J. M. Greene, Mrs. S. G. Richardson, and Mrs. D. J. Johnson.

We are getting up a name quilt, also planning to sell Christmas cards to add some to our treasury.

I regret very much to think of this paper being discontinued, for it has been coming to our home a long time. My mother has one of the first copies printed. It contains an obituary of my baby brother. However, all things have to come to an end, and I hope all former Methodist Protestants will take the Advocate or whatever our church paper may be.

MRS. NOAH WILLIAMS.

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Moriah, Rev. J. Leo Pittard, Pastor.—This is the last report from "Yours Truly," we are to have a new reporter next year. Miss Kate Kirkman is to serve in this capacity. I must say "the folks" in our church have cooperated with me readily in helping to have news every month for the Herald, for which I am most grateful.

We are going to miss the Herald. I have enjoyed it immensely and have read most copies from cover to cover, and I am grateful, too, for the Christian men and women that have made this paper available for me from childhood on through the years, and I am sure I speak for every member of Moriah also.

Our pastor gave us a most inspiring message on October 8, although he was pressed for time. His topic was "The Fear of the Lord."

We had the election of officers for the coming year on October 8, and I feel that each is capable of his or her office. They are as follows:

Trustees—Mr. Sample Glass, Mr. J. D. Underwood, Mr. C. C. Sharpe, Mr. C. E. Moser, Mr. J. L. Lewis, and Mr. A. V. Kirkman. Stewards—Mrs. W. Macon Moser, Mrs. Joe Doughton, Mr. S. A. Moser, Mr. Sample Glass, and Mr. J. D. Underwood. Church Treasurer—Mr. J. D. Underwood. Class Leaders—Mr. George Glenn, Mr. Branch Moser. Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. W. A. Sherrill; assistant, Mr. David Grey; secretary-treasurer, Miss Ruth Moser; associate, Mr. David Grey. Reporter—Miss Kate Kirkman. Pianist, Mrs. W. A. Sherrill; assistants, Miss Dee Moser, Miss Polly Underwood, and Mrs. H. L. Holton. Ushers—Mr. Jackie Moser and Mr. Roy Lee.

If you don't believe we have a live wire Ladies' Auxiliary you should have heard the report at the quarterly conference on October 8. The ladies have taken six elderly ladies at the Home for the Aged to play Pollyanna to, also an elderly minister, and are clothing a child at the Children's Home. They are not only paying their share to the mission board, but are doing a lot of mission work here at home. They gave a pageant, "The Lighted Highway," the first Sunday night in October. The rain poured, but it didn't dampen the spirit of these women. They really put over that pageant for their thank-offering program. They had much to be thankful for, so went the pageant (and don't we all, in this trying day of world turmoil).

Mrs. W. Macon Moser and Mrs. George Glenn were delegates to the missionary societies convention at the First Methodist church in Winston-Salem on October 10. I had the privilege of being a visitor and I'm sure they will have a very interesting report at the next auxiliary meeting.

The Senior Bible class met with Miss Ruth Moser on October 4 at 8 p.m. They elected new officers and quite a bit of business was transacted, after which Miss Moser served a delicious drink with cookies.

We are about through painting the Sunday school rooms. Being the teacher of the beginners for the past few years, it has long been a dream of mine and also of our pastor to have the beginners' room redecorated and made suitable for the children. The Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Greensboro so generously donated two nice tables and our Senior Bible class bought 20 small chairs. Our beginners' room is going to be lovely to look at, and we are grateful indeed for these donations.

A little bird told me we should expect Mr. and Mrs. Pittard back next year. (They are Margaret and Leo to us.) But if we are not so fortunate we wish them the best in every way.

Our Ladies' Auxiliary had the pleasure of attending a reception at the Tabernacle hut on September 29 from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m., given by the Women's Auxiliary of Tabernacle church. We had a grand time, and we feel this was a lovely thing to do so that all Methodist women in this section could get better acquainted.

On October 1st at 11 o'clock we were very fortunate in having Mr. J. Norman Wills speak to us. This was the 50th anniversary of Mr. Wills' becoming the boy superintendent of our Sunday school. He brought us a most inspiring message. He told us how he became the superintendent, and something of its growth under his leadership. Truly, Mr. Wills to me is a living example of what a Christian should be. We just hope he can continue to come back every anniversary for many, many years. We salute you, Mr. Wills, for your years in the Master's service. May we be able to send out more boys just like you.

We are to have Dr. C. E. Forlines, president of Westminster Theological Seminary, to speak to us at 11 o'clock Sunday, October 22. We want everybody to come to hear him. We are sure this will be most interesting.

MRS. WILBUR A. SHERRILL, Reporter.

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West Thomasville, O. C. Loy, Pastor.—We have not had a report for a long time, although our church has been very active. We celebrated go-to-church week beginning September 24. Our pastor did the preaching and brought some wonderful messages.

Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, at which time the church officers were elected. After the business session our pastor preached a very inspiring sermon, his last one before conference. We hope that the conference sees fit to send him back. If not, may God's richest blessings go with him and his family.

Our Auxiliary has been doing some splendid work. At a recent meeting the Auxiliary was named the Addie Loy Circle, and Mrs. Loy was made a life member by the membership. Tuesday several members attended the branch meeting held at the First Methodist church, Winston-Salem. They reported an interesting meeting there.

The ladies are planning to hold their fall thank-offering service Sunday evening at 7:30. They plan to use "If I Be His Disciple." Also they plan to use "Little Ann of Lost Gap" and "The Old Rugged Cross" as was suggested at the branch meeting.

The fourth quarterly conference of State Street charge was held October 10 at 7:30. The reports were very good, but not as good as we would like for them to have been.

Our Christian Endeavor and Fellowship club meets every Sunday evening, and has very interesting programs and leaders. Several especially good speakers have been heard.

As this report comes out our pastors will be in conference. With all the Methodist churches meeting, much work will be undertaken. May God's richest blessings rest upon the conference and all it undertakes to do.

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College Street, Littleton Charge, Rev. D. D. Broome, Pastor.—As the conference year has come to a close, we have many things to be thankful for, and there are lots of things that we would have liked to do that we didn't get done.

We are thankful that we paid our pastor's salary in full, paid the annual conference claims, the delegates' expense, and some other debts that were important. But we still know that there were some other things that we would like very much to have gotten through as we did these.

But there is one thought that lingers with us that somewhat saddens our hearts. This is the one fact of voting to discontinue our church and unite with the other Methodist church in town. This we hope of course is for the best, because with both churches in one we hope to be able to do more.

It has been decided, though, that we would have services on the first Sunday night in

November as usual, and the Sunday school to continue until after conference is over.

The October Auxiliary meeting met at the parsonage with Mr. and Mrs. Broome. After the meeting was over we members were invited over to Mrs. Mat. Ramson's to a reception that was given by the Methodist circles to Miss Elnora Phillips, a recent bride. Miss Phillips (Mrs. Kerr) is the daughter of Rev. Mr. Phillips, pastor of the M. E. church in town.

The pajamas contest has proved to be very successful. Miss Annie Perkinson raised $6.27 on her behalf, Mrs. J. W. Warren about $5 or more, and Mrs. Gerda Morris $2.40, etc.

The Sunday school has sent another dollar to the Children's Home.

The called meeting was held on October 16 which was Monday night before conference on Wednesday. There was a large attendance and many wishes for our pastor to come back again. We are so much in hopes that conference will favor us by sending him back to be with us another year.

Friends will be glad to know that Mr. M. J. Morris is getting along very well; he is in Roanoke Rapids Hospital and has undergone a very serious operation. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

ANNIE PERKINSON, Reporter.

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Davis Street Methodist Church, Burlington, Dr. Fred W. Paschal, Pastor.—Our church has recently closed a most wonderful revival meeting of 12 days. Our pastor did the preaching, bringing to us many inspiring messages. Rev. John Permar, pastor of the Friends church in Graham, had charge of the choir. At many of the services the altar was filled with new converts and rededications.

We were very happy to welcome into our church 23 new members, 17 on confession of faith, six by church letters. At the close of the morning service on Sunday, the 8th, there was a membership meeting at which time we heard report from the nominating committee. New officers and teachers for the church and Sunday school were elected as a whole, as read by committee. The following Sunday there was a brief installation service for the newly-elected officers.

We are glad to report that our church budget is paid in full for the year.

Church and Sunday school attendance has been fine, and all circles progressing nicely.

Miss Eva Wiseman is back with us, and at present is directing both the senior and young people's choirs.

REPORTER.

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Shiloh, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor.—This will be our last report to the M. P. Herald. However, we believe that whatever paper may be decided upon will be one that will help to keep the bit of personal touch among our people that we receive through church reports.

This report brings you the usual report that Shiloh church has again paid all claims and has asked for the return of our pastor. However, if it is not seen to be best for his return, we are hoping that whatever is done will be in accordance with God's will.

Our pastor preached on the subject, "The Lord's Highway," with text from Isaiah 35:8. As is usual, he preached a wonderful sermon with a deepening of the spiritual life. At the close of the service the treasurer made his annual report, telling of the amount each individual had contributed this conference year. Out of a membership of about 350, there were 30 who made no financial contribution.

In our Auxiliary the secretary of benevolences is asking for special work to be done for the Children's Home at High Point. We are glad to report that the Builders class of our Sunday school has agreed to take one room and furnish what is needed in the line of bedding, curtains, shades, etc. We appreciate this step very much and are anxious that others may realize the need of definite support and rally to the act of special effort and work.

The girls' intermediate class has also expressed the desire to buy something for the rooms of the girls their size and age—from 12 to 16 years of age. We can't do too much for the Children's Home. What are you willing to do for the 116 orphans there looking to you for support?

Since our last report we have lost two more members by death. We reported the death of Mr. Tilden Moseley who died October 1. On Tuesday morning, October 10, Mr. Jacob Pickett died at the age of 83 years. On Sunday, October 15, Mr. Charlie Moseley, brother of Mr. Tilden Moseley, died in the hospital following complications after an operation for ruptured appendix the day after his brother was buried. This just reminds us of the uncertainty of life and warns us of our need for preparedness not only to live but to die.

With this closing report we again wish for all churches and people the greatest degree of success in accomplishments for Kingdom's building and also asking God's blessings upon the conference which will have been held when you read this.

MRS. HOMER SINK.

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Fountain Place, Burlington, Rev. R. E. L. Moser, Pastor, Oct. 10.—Fountain Place held its annual revival the second week in September. Rev. D. I. Garner of Mebane helped and did some splendid preaching. The attendance was only fair, but those who attended heard helpful and heart-searching messages. On Sunday morning a decision service was held at the close of Sunday school and the meeting closed with the morning preaching service, at which time Linley Gibbs, Jr., and Sara Burton Nicholson joined the church.

The Auxiliary held its regular monthly meeting for October in the home of Mrs. A. V. Amick. In the absence of the president, due to illness, Mrs. J. W. Sharpe, vice-president, presided. At this meeting plans were discussed for a Harvest Festival to be held in November. The fall thank-offering will be held soon after conference. The Auxiliary is collecting used clothing for Pine Ridge and old Christmas cards for China. The program was made up of reports of Pine Ridge news found in the Missionary Record.

At a recent election of the Senior Christian Endeavor society officers, Mr. Ed York was made president. This organization has good attendance and the interest is increasing. The meeting hour has been changed from 6:30 p.m. to 5 o'clock for the winter months. The Junior Christian Endeavor society meets at the same hour. The attendance is good and the children enjoy leading their own programs. Following the program the superintendent tells a Bible story. Each story is one of a series which was begun some time ago. Beginning with the Creation story the group has progressed to the time of Jacob. It's the hope of the superintendent that the children will gain a clearer knowledge of the Bible from these connected stories. On Thursday of this week the Juniors are to have a social at the home of their superintendent, Mrs. A. V. Amick.

The work of the Sunday school goes on. A plan is now on foot to organize a new class for the Junior. This will give the boys and girls separate classes. In September a Sunday school picnic was held and all who attended enjoyed it.

The sympathy of the church goes out to our pastor, Rev. R. E. L. Moser, in the loss of his father.

We regret to report the continued illness of one of our most faithful members, Mr. R. G. Hornaday. Mr. and Mrs. Hornaday were such regular attendants that they are greatly missed.

The fourth quarterly conference was held last Sunday morning after the preaching service. This conference instructed the delegate to bring back our pastor if possible. It's been a pleasure to work with Mr. Moser for the last three years and we hope he can be with us again. Church and Sunday school officers were elected last Sunday and the installation service will be held next Sunday.

In closing, I want to express my appreciation of the Herald, which has so ably served the North Carolina Conference for so many years. May we all pray that the many problems facing the coming annual conference may be solved as God directs.

MRS. A. V. AMICK, Reporter.

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Denton-Canaan.—A few weeks ago at the Western Pastors' Federation, when at the roll call for pastors to report the standing of their charges, I reported that there was yet some deficit in the finances on my charge, but that I could be counted "all paid," for I was confident that every dollar would be forthcoming. To some this might have sounded like counting too far in advance. But not so. At an adjourned session of the fourth quarterly conference on Monday night of this week, every dollar for every claim was produced and it was found that there is a nice balance in the treasury to make payments on the beginning of another year. We have had a good year, possibly the best for a great number of years. Had good revivals, a good increase, and finances all paid. This is no reflection upon or comparison to former pastors and workers. Had it not been for the untiring efforts of other days, we could not have enjoyed the good things of this day.

We had a good day last Sunday at Denton. Took in two members, and other things were good in proportion. We were glad to have Brother and Mrs. J. G. Rogers of Burlington to worship with us. The Rogers family once was a part of this church and did good work while here. This pastor is happy to recall that he was once pastor to the Rogers family in Burlington. They were then among our most loyal members. Come again, dear Rogers friends.

This is possibly my last report to the dear old Herald. God bless you, Herald. You have done a great work. This great paper will forever be remembered in the minds of those of us who have for so long been reminded through these sacred columns of our wrongs and then of better things. Those who have carried on through this paper have done a great work. May the Lord be praised for their great usefulness.

Forever in love with the Herald and all Methodist Protestant interests. But may we go into the new church with happy hearts and with courage determined to fit into our place and do even a greater work for our God and His Kingdom.

GEO. L. CURRY.

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Rehoboth, Creswell Charge. — Some time since I made a report, owing to my brother's sickness and death. I was in Charleston, S. C. until October 1, when I returned home. I will miss his letters, will miss his visits, but such is life, God's will, not mine be done. Brother Wagoner prepared a very nice obituary from the facts sent him, but it had no ending, and was wondering why, one reading could not tell who wrote it, Sunday we were all from services were at Brother C. V. White, he said he did not know why it was not all published. He, as pastor, had a few more lines and his name. I hope my Herald will be sent to my home address, as before. I received some extra copies at Charleston, but have not received any paper in two weeks. I read my brother's paper all summer, but mine were all at home. This mistake can be corrected, I hope soon to have my paper here. I just can't do without my church paper.

Mrs. Cherry and I were glad to have a call from Brother and Sister Dixon while they were in Charleston. I hope to look at their faces, it is a peep in the past. God spare them many years.

Brother Wagoner preached his last sermon at Rehoboth Sunday in the M. P. Church. I do hope he can return to us, everyone likes him. We had a good congregation and an excellent service.

Mrs. L. L. Everett, one of our old members, could not be with us. She is too feeble. Brother C. V. White was present, communion services were observed. We hope to be able to attend services at Creswell Sunday. Very sorry I was not here to hear Dr. Forlines. Those who attended from Rehoboth greatly enjoyed it.

REPORTER.

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Lindsey Street, Reidsville.—At the close of our first year together as pastor and people, we are happy to report progress. Not all has been accomplished that the most interested and active of the members would like to have seen done, but the progress which has been made is encouraging.

One of the most promising phases of the church life is the presence and interest of so large a proportion of young people. Following the organization of them into a church choir by Mrs. George R. Brown and Mrs. M. T. Smith prior to last Annual Conference, this group has been meeting regularly in rehearsals and singing during the morning and evening services. Mrs. J. H. Allen has served as our faithful pianist. Besides being in the Sunday school, these promising young people are organized in a Christian Endeavor Society, over which Mrs. Nellie Best has recently consented to assume supervision. The adult membership is justly proud of this great asset.

Financially, the church has done exceedingly well. The Appreciation Year quota of $500 was raised, despite the adverse undercurrent in some quarters that it could not be done. This set local and Annual Conference finances back considerably, as it did in other churches, but the stewards and indomitable treasurer, Mr. Charles J. Roberts, have been working faithfully to "clean the slate" of all claims and indebtedness before Conference convenes. And they usually do what they set out to do.

As we see it, we have been fortunate in that the death angel has visited our ranks only once, but that was loss enough to equal several members of much less interest. Mrs. Sallie Kernodle had been a devout and faithful member of the church for many years, in fact, since its beginning. Though in later years she was confined to her home, her interest did not flag nor her loyalty waver. Another loss sustained was in the translation of one, who, though not a member in name, was more faithful than a number of others, whose names occupy space in the church register. We refer to Mrs. J. D. McCollum. Her work, however, is continued in the faithfulness and devotion of her daughters, Lola and Effie, and her son, Luther, in whom is revealed the likeness of the sainted mother.

It has been our happy privilege to receive into church fellowship sixteen new members, half of whom came by confession of faith in Christ. These ranged in age from mature adults to a boy of ten. The First Quarterly Conference set as a goal twelve, but this was exceeded by four.

Church officials for the next Conference year have been elected, among whom are Dr. J. S. Moore, succeeding himself as Sunday school superintendent, and Miss Lola McCollum, succeeding Mr. Charles J. Roberts as church treasurer. Mr. D. L. Carroll was elected delegate to conference with Mr. E. L. Somers, alternate. Because of a serious accident in his wood-working shop, Brother Carroll could not serve, and business affairs prevented Brother Somers from serving, hence the Fourth Quarterly Conference elected Mrs. Bertha McCollum as a capable substitute.

So much more could be written, but space will not permit. We have spent one of the happiest years of our ministry among these good people, and if it is the will of the Lord and of the Stationing Committee, we shall return for another year.

E. LESTER BALLARD, Pastor.

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Midway Church, Paul Hamilton, Pastor.— As this church year draws to a close I feel that we have more than been blessed by the Lord. To start us right we were given a splendid and able minister. Throughout the year Mr. Hamilton has delivered excellent, soul-stirring sermons. He helped us so much to see just where we stood and what we needed. To be more explicit he revived us and put us to work. We certainly would enjoy his return, but if it be otherwise our deepest wishes and most sincere prayers go with him wherever he may be sent.

The reaction of the members toward their financial duties is something to be proud. Our church is very small, but the spirit of it is large. We not only attained the required amount toward our church budget, but we passed the mark by a few dollar. Our preacher's salary was paid in full several days ago. But let us not be satisfied with our progress to the point that we pause, but work much harder next year.

We are indeed pleased over the purchase of a bulletin board and a church register. Both items will add greatly to the interest of the church.

The Woman's Auxiliary is scheduled to meet at the home of Mrs. Morgan Tuesday afternoon, October 17. Mrs. Ball will preside at this time.

REPORTER.

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Union Chapel Church, Mocksville Charge, Rev. K. G. Holt, Pastor.—Rev. Mr. Holt filled his regular appointment at Union Chapel the second Sunday night. This was Mr. Holt's last sermon to us for this year but we are looking forward to having him with us another year.

Officers of our church were elected the fourth Sunday for the next year. Some of the officers are as follows: Superintendent, Mr. W. B. Bailey; Class leader, Mr. R. L. Baker; Stewart, Mr. W. G. Boger, Mr. N. A. Boger, Mr. O. T. Boger, Mr. C. L. Beaver, Miss Lois O'Neil, Miss Ruby Boger, Mr. Clay Allen; Church reporter, Miss Ruth Boger; Secretary, Miss Vada Grey Boger; Care of Sacrement, Mrs. N. A. Boger. The church trustees and all other officers were elected but the reporter is unable to give definitely who filled these offices.

We are now enjoying electric lights at Union Chapel. The young people plan to organize some kind of an organization in order to burn some of this power.

RUTH BOGER, Reporter.

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Hawkins Chapel Church, Littleton Charge, D. D. Broome, Pastor.—We have not been in the practice of reporting this often. But this is our last opportunity to say anything in regard to our M. P. Herald, a paper some of us esteem highly.

We are indeed glad to learn that our pastor, D. D. Broome, is back with us. Glad to have him and his family in Sunday school Sunday with us. The small children sang a song. Mrs. Baldy Greene, the pianist, told them she would have them to sing each Sunday.

Sunday evening before preaching our Christian Endeavor met. Miss Margaret Pittard had charge of the program. Mr. Willis Hawkins has charge of it the first Sunday afternoon.

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Rev. and Mrs. Broome were the dinner guests of Mrs. Bertie Hawkins Sunday.

Sorry to note Mr. Andrew Pittard, an uncle of Rev. Leo Pittard, is in Duke hospital at Durham, N. C. Hope he will soon be able to return home.

Best wishes to the Herald and all its readers, and may we as a united group as we go into the new Methodism, never forget Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

MRS. CLAUDE HAWKINS, Reporter.

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Liberty, Dr. Geo. R. Brown, Oct. 24.—We are glad to welcome Dr. Brown as our pastor. We regret to lose Mr. Aubert Smith and we shall always remember his faithfulness. His good sermons, his kindly manner, and all his sincerity.

Circle No. 1 of the Woman's Auxiliary met with Mrs. Wade Hardin for the October meeting. The president, Mrs. J. E. Cox, presided. Mrs. Clarence Highfill was program leader. Those taking part on the program were: Mesdames Mamie Smith, R. W. Ward, J. E. Cox, Wade Hardin, F. A. Shepard, Mrs. B. J. Gregson, and Miss Bertine Shepard. "China Institutions" was the subject, which was very interesting.

Mrs. Hardin's home was lovely with gladioli. Pollyanna gifts were exchanged. A delicious salad course was served. Mrs. F. A. Shepard will entertain the Circle at the November meeting.

Now we must say farewell to our Methodist Protestant Herald. My father and mother have been subscribers for about 35 years or more. It has been a great blessing to us. Now they are sending love through this last issue to all our former pastors and all other ministers and friends. It is sad to say good bye. May the Lord guide and direct.

"Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

BERTINE SHEPARD, Reporter.

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Weavers Chapel Church, Littleton Charge, Rev. D. D. Broome, Pastor.—Since our last report, our pastor has filled his regular appointments. Sunday, October 15, was our last preaching service for this conference year. Our pastor delivered to a large congregation a helpful and inspiring message. We were very glad to have a number of visitors. Hope they will come again real soon.

We regret to report the death of Mrs. Tom Wood, who was a member of our church. Mrs. Wood was a faithful member until she was disable to attend church. She will be greatly missed in both church and Ladies' Auxiliary. The Ladies' Auxiliary gave a beautiful wreath of flowers. Mrs. Wood is survived by her husband, Mr. Tom Wood, and seven children: Mrs. Joe Smith, Mrs. Tom Harris, Herman, Joe, Van, Wilbur, and J. L. Wood. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery. The family has our deepest sympathy.

The last Quarterly Conference was held at Littleton Church, October 16. A good number of members from each church on the charge were present. The Littleton Church reported that their pastor's salary and all claims were paid in full. We are sorry our church was behind with the finances but we are looking forward to a more prosperous year.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is very active. Our October meeting was with Mrs. Jack Ellis. Seventeen members and several visitors were present. Our monthly meetings are always enjoyable. The program especially interesting, good attendance and delicious refreshments. The society voted to pay $10 on the pastor's salary. In November we will meet with Mrs. Lena Walker.

We feel that Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Broome have been a blessing to the church as a whole during the past year. We trust they will be with us for another year.

BETTIE MAE KING, Reporter.

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Mrs. Dehilah Williams Ray

Mrs. Dehilah Williams Ray, wife of Mr. John Ray, Hillsboro, N. C., passed away suddenly September 29, 1939 at 7:30 p. m. She was subject to the attack, but her passing was a shock to her loved ones and friend. She was the oldest member in membership of Union Grove, Orange Charge, loved and was loyal to her church. She was of jovial disposition and kind-hearted and was dearly loved by ones who knew her. A devoted wife and mother. Besides her invalid husband, she leaves four sons, Messrs. Arthur, Winston-Salem; Cliff, Hillsboro; Clyde, Durham, and Clarence Ray, Elon College; two daughters, Mrs. Brown Gordan and Mrs. Flora Thompson, Hillsboro; two brothers, Rev. J. D. Williams, High Point, and Mr. C. R. Williams, Canboro, N. C., and a large number of nephews, nieces, and friends to mourn her passing.

"And though we cannot clasp her hand,
    Nor look upon her face,
Nor listen to her voice again,
    Nor watch her ways of grace,
Still we can keep her memory bright,
    And walk the way she trod,
And know she waits until we come
    Up to the house of God.
Let us be thankful through our tears
    That she was ours so long,
And try to lift our tones of grief
    To accord with her heaven song."

A FRIEND.

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Andy L. Plunkett

Though a little late I wish to express appreciation of such a life and character as that of Brother Andy L. Plunkett, of the Moriah community near Greensboro. Such a character as his enriches the life of any who come in contact with him. Quiet, seemingly easy-going, yet going always in the direction of right, living much, talking less yet enough to be understood and to make an impression, kind, courteous, hospitable.

My first acquaintance, my older brother and I spent a night in the home soon after he and his no-less hospitable wife were married, directed there by our mother, who knew we would be welcome. The free and easy hospitability induced in the minds of departing guests a thought of pleasantness, which thought lingers even until now as a pleasing memory.

During my pastorate in Greensboro Brother Plunkett gave testimony to the cause of temperance by stating that when the liquor saloons were closed in that city there was a noticable difference in the conduct of people, some people, traveling the highway by his home four miles out, though he personally did not approve of the method used in putting the saloons out—substituting the dispensary for the saloons.

Years later as pastor of Moriah church I had opportunity for a more mature acquaintance and a closer friendship. He was of that class of perons we sometimes compliment by saying, "He was the same every time you saw him,"—a man of firmness, of conviction, of stability. He was loyal—loyal to the church and to the cause for which the church stands, loyal to his friends, loyal to his home.

While my heart goes out in sympathy to the sons and daughters, I congratulate them on having had such a father to guide them in getting a right start in life.

T. M. JOHNSON.

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Robert F. Wyatt

Eighty-one years, almost eighty-two, is a long time to live in the world. Such was the life-span of Robert F. Wyatt, a member of Fairview Church, near Easley, S. C. Seventy-one years of time he was a member of the church, a steward for 40 years, secretary of the Quarterly Conference for 30 or 35 years, trustee for a number of years.

To attend Quarterly Conference thirty miles away, often walked three miles to the railway station, in company with Harrison A. Foster who had walked four miles from his home to join Bother Wyatt, yet three miles to go.

He loved his church, worked overtime in winter weather assembling materials for the present structure (since remodeled and added to), continuing so far into the crop-growing time that he almost failed to make a crop one summer. "His church was his hobby," said one.

He contributed liberally of his purse and his presence to the Sunday school and church. In recent years he could hear very little of what was being said, but from the habit of years the worship was real to him and he entered into the spirit of it. His last Sunday but one on earth he wanted to go to Sunday school. The doctor advised not, and he was reconciled. A few weeks before his death he requested the Sunday school that for his funeral the school should asemble as usual and conduct worship as for the opening. That was done, the superintendent presiding. The writer, assisted by Rev. Francis Cunningham, who married a niece of the deceased, conducted the funeral. To associate with such a Christian is to have one's own character enriched, his interest quickened, his faith strengthened, his loyalty intensified.

Survivors: four sisters, four sons, six daughters, forty-six grandchildren, twenty-seven great grandchildren. To those I wish to extend sympathy, and also congratulations for having one so true in life leadership.

T. M. JOHNSON.

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHILDREN'S HOME

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tion of all our people in making this a success, and thus getting a good start in financing the Home for the year. This will call for your immediate attention when you return to your charges after conference. The dime cards and envelopes such as we used last year are now ready to be sent out.

Note From Our Board Meeting

At the anual meeting of our board of trustees, held on October 12, the board on motion recognized the fact that the presiding Bishop of the Western North Carolina Conference and the District Superintendent of the Greensboro District are ex-officio members of our board of trustees, and the pastor of Wesley Memorial church, High Point, was elected an honorary member of the board. Dr. S. W. Sharpe, of Misenheimer, N. C., was elected a member of the board to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. G. J. Cherry.

Financial Statement

Every year, save one, we have had to report to conference a deficit in current expenses. Some years it is more and some less. This year it is less, by half, than last year, being $1,864 as of October 1. We confidently expect the Thanksgiving offering to balance our budget by January 1, 1940. And by your help under the blessings of the Lord we hope to go through the coming year with a balanced budget. Our cash income for the year was $20,691.69.

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